

March 2, 2009

SUBJECT: CPSIA requirement for lead in accessible substrate material

Dear Customer,

In January 2009, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) clarified its new Children's Product Safety Laws. Under the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA), children's products with more than 600 ppm total lead cannot lawfully be sold in the United States on or after February 10, 2009, even if they were manufactured before that date. The total lead limit drops to 300 ppm on August 14, 2009. As of February 10, 2010, manufacturers and importers of children's products will need to test or certify to these new requirements.

AbitibiBowater tested its entire range of book printing papers, as they could potentially be used in the production of children's books. The various book grades were tested for lead using Microwave Digestion Method by Specialized Technology Resources (STR) in Enfield, Connecticut.

All AbitibiBowater samples met the CPSIA requirement for lead in accessible substrate material. The results showed total lead of less than 10 ppm, which is the lowest possible detection limit of the testing equipment used by the laboratory. A certificate for each of the mills producing these grades is available.

This response to your request is a demonstration of AbitibiBowater's commitment to support our valued customers. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to call your AbitibiBowater Sales Representative or the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

ALMA DIVISION

1. IDENTIFICATION OF PRODUCT COVERED BY THIS CERTIFICATE

ABIBOW: ALT. BOOK, ALT. OFFSET, BOOK, EQUAL BOOK, EQUAL MATTE, EQUAL OFFSET, INNOVATIVE OFFSET, SELECT.

2. CITATION TO EACH CPSC PRODUCT SAFETY REGULATION TO WHICH THE PRODUCT IS BEING CERTIFIED

Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA)

3. IDENTIFICATION OF THE IMPORTER OR DOMESTIC MANUFACTURER, AS APPLICABLE, CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE OF THE PRODUCT

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5. PLACE OF MANUFACTURE

ALMA, QUEBEC, CANADA

6. DATE AND PLACE WHERE PRODUCT WAS TESTED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGULATION(S) CITED ABOVE

MONTH/YEAR: FEBRUARY 2009
CITY AND COUNTRY OR ADMINISTRATIVE REGION: Enfield, CT, USA

7. IDENTIFICATION OF ANY THIRD-PARTY LABORATORY ON WHOSE TESTING THE CERTIFICATE DEPENDS

NAME: Specialized Technology Resources (STR)
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TELEPHONE NUMBER: 1-860-265-3546

This certificate is issued pursuant by the Importer of Record for the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008, Section 14, where required. This certificate confirms that the tests reported below have been completed for the product by a third-party laboratory under a reasonable program of testing and that the product complies with rules, bans, standards or regulations applicable to the product as listed above. This certificate accompanies the product and is also available from the importer/domestic manufacturer referenced above. The information set forth herein is presented in good faith and is believed to be accurate and correct as of the date of issue and is subject to change without further notice.

CPSIA lead in accessible substrate material by microwave digestion method



CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

FORT FRANCES DIVISION

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Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA)

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BEAUPRÉ DIVISION

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