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All Garyline Tote Bags meet current Federal Guidelines for Safety

Recent stories about lead content in retail tote bags have caused concern. There is no federal regulation concerning allowable amounts of lead in tote bags, but we have set what we believe is the highest standard for the tote bags in our product line.

The current CPSC limit for Children's Products is 300 ppm (parts per million). This will change to 100 ppm in August 2011. These laws do not apply to tote bags, but we will use 100 ppm as our new standard for compliance.

Last year we purchased an XRF Heavy Metal Detector so we are able to test all bags in our current inventory in all colors. Any item /color that exceeds 100ppm for Total Lead will be quarantined from stock and will not be sold.

All test results will be posted on our website and Certificates of Compliance will be revised in a few days to reflect the most recent results.

Product Safety is a primary concern. So, while no law currently exists to regulate the lead content in tote bags, we are proactively and voluntarily holding ourselves to the 100ppm standard that will exist for children's products in August 2011.

We have stock in many colors that have already been lot tested. If you have an open order we will notify you if we find the presence of lead above 100ppm. If you have a new order, we can provide test results for any color / style. On request, we can test samples from an individual order prior to shipping.

Consumers are rightly concerned about product safety, and they deserve answers and corrective action from suppliers. Some will cite the lack of a federal standard as reason for inaction. We are taking steps to meet a new higher standard that has not even been proposed at this time. If the laws change to a new standard, we will be ready. If the laws remain as they are, then we'll feel better that we took the time and made the effort to take the safest possible course for our distributor clients and end-users.

Thanks for your business.