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August 27, 2007

Bobby L. Rush - Chairman
Cliff Steams – Ranking Member
U.S. House of Representatives
Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection
Washington, DC 20515-6115

cc: The Honorable John D. Dingell, Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member
Committee of Energy and Commerce

Dear Mr. Rush and Mr. Steams:

Please find the response to your letter dated August 22, 2007 in regards to the recall of 2 of our products, Eli's Small Drums and Liberty's Large Drums.

1. In addition to the approximately 4,500 toy drums recalled by the CPSC in May, please provide detailed information on any toys or other products imported by your company with lead paint or lead content that exceeds lawful safety standards.

Response: The CPSC analyzed one other product, Style #227819, Grandpa's Ol' Time Clock. They concluded that the product is not intended for use by children, nor is it an article of furniture. As such, it is not subject to the requirements of 16 CFR 1303.

2. Please provide information detailing the level of lead in the recalled toys and products, if available.

Response: Red paint on flag – 2,395 ppm

3. Please provide the name and location of the company and facility in China that manufactured the toy drums.

Response: Further Luck International, Ltd.
2/F., Building No. 8, Xin Xing Plaza, Dashi, Panyu, Guangzhou, China

4. Are there provisions in your agreements with the Chinese or other manufacturers banning the use of lead and lead paint or limiting its use to lawful safety standards in the manufacture of the products your company imports?

Response: Yes, each vendor is provided with a Vendor Handbook, which dictates all requirements set forth by the government and The Boyds Collection, Ltd. The handbook is communicated when



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new vendors are obtained, as well as when changes are made. Each vendor is required to sign an agreement annually, stating they agree and comply with all standards and requirements set forth in the handbook.

5. What steps does your company take to test and inspect imported toys or other children's products before they are sent to retail outlets in the United States to ensure compliance with lead level safety standards?

Response: The Boyds Collection, Ltd. has a dedicated Quality Assurance Department to ensure that our products are safety tested to the highest government standards. Safety testing is completed by approved and certified laboratories in the United States and China.

6. How and when did your company discover the lead in the imported toys that led to the recall announcement by the CPSC on May 30, 2007? When did you first contact the CPSC about the toy drums?

Response: The failing test report was discovered April 17, 2007. Our product was being tested for a special customer that was planning on purchasing our excess stock. The CPSC was alerted that day, April 17, 2007 of the non-compliant test results.

7. Please provide details of the recall action undertaken by your company, including steps to inform retailers and consumers of the recall because of the lead hazard posed by the toy drums. Did you provide information in a language other than English? Did you take any specific steps to provide information to your retail partners located in underserved communities?

Response: Please find attached the letter to the CPSC, which documents the actions taken for the recall. Information was only provided in English because the products in question were only sold to English speaking countries, the United States and Canada. All of our retailers that purchased the products were informed and communicated to the same way, regardless of the type of community they reside in.

8. Please provide details on consumer response to the recall since the recall announcement, including how many toys have been returned for refunds.

Response: No consumer response has been received, only questions on how to return the product. As of August 27, 2007, 180 pieces have been returned. That number does not include the 1,151 pieces that were already in inventory.

I would be happy to address any other issues or concerns you may have with respect to these matters.

Sincerely,



Robert Coccoluto