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RE: Cost Plus World Market Recalls Red, Blue, Green, and Yellow Speckleware Beverage Containers and Glass Water Tank – Advisory and Information Sheet

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Message:

Please see the enclosed information regarding potential lead exposure risk in Cost Plus World Market Recalls Red, Blue, Green, and Yellow Speckleware Beverage Containers and Glass Water Tanks. The items are being recalled because the metal spigot used in these containers can leach lead into lemonade and other acidic beverages stored in them. There have been no illnesses reported to date from this product.

The recall was voluntarily issued for the following products: Red, blue, green, and yellow Speckleware beverage containers with SKU numbers 370549, 391163, 378321, 978322; and glass water tank retro with spout with SKU number 378251. There were approximately 12, 592 units sold at Cost Plus/World Market stores nationwide from May 2005 through July 2007 for between \$19.98 and \$39.99.

While there have been no illnesses to date associated with Cost Plus World Market Speckleware Beverage Container and Glass Water Tanks, the Connecticut Department of Public Health is issuing this product advisory. You may contact Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Program staff at (860) 509-7299 should you have any additional lead-related health questions.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 3, 2007

Cost Plus World Market Recalls Red, Blue, Green, and Yellow Speckleware Beverage Containers and Glass Water Tank For Potential Lead Exposure Risk

Contact: Cost Plus Inc.
(877) 967-5362

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- Oakland, CA – August 3, 2007 – Cost Plus World Market, a leading retailer of casual home living and entertaining products, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer products: Red, blue, green, and yellow speckleware beverage containers with SKU numbers 370549, 391163, 378321, 378322; and glass water tank retro w/spout with SKU number 378251. These numbers appear on the customer sales receipt. These items are being recalled because the metal spigot used in these containers can leach lead into lemonade and other acidic beverages stored in them. This does not occur if water is used in the beverage containers. No illnesses have been reported to date.

There were approximately 12,592 units sold at Cost Plus/World Market stores nationwide from May 2005 through July 2007 for between \$19.98 and \$39.99. According to the FDA, lead is very toxic and dangerous to humans, especially children, women of childbearing age, pregnant women and their unborn children. Although people with lead in their blood often do not exhibit the symptoms of lead toxicity, such symptoms include the following: stomach aches, colic, nausea, vomiting, abnormal irritability, and insomnia. Lead can also permanently damage the central nervous system, resulting in learning difficulties in school children as well as cause other long-term health problems.

Customers who have purchased these beverage containers are urged to return them to any Cost Plus World Market store for a full refund.

Consumers who may have questions or concerns should contact Cost Plus Inc. at (877) 967-5362 between 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 a.m. EDT any day or at www.worldmarket.com

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