

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of)	
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LEACHCO, INC.)	CPSC DOCKET NO. 22-1
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Respondent.)	
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COMPLAINT COUNSEL’S NOTICE OF FILING

Pursuant to 16 C.F.R. § 1025.38(f), Complaint Counsel is filing the executed Affidavit of Service for a Subpoena served on Leah Barnes. The Subpoena was issued by the Commission on October 14, 2022. The Affidavit of Service and Subpoena are attached to this Notice as Exhibit 1.

Dated: January 09, 2023

/s/ Brett Ruff
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Office of Compliance and Field Operations
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Complaint Counsel for
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on January 09, 2023, I served Complaint Counsel’s Notice of Filing as follows:

By email to the Secretary:

Alberta E. Mills
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U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
4330 East West Highway
Bethesda, MD 20814
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Judge Michael G. Young
Presiding Officer and Administrative Law Judge
Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission
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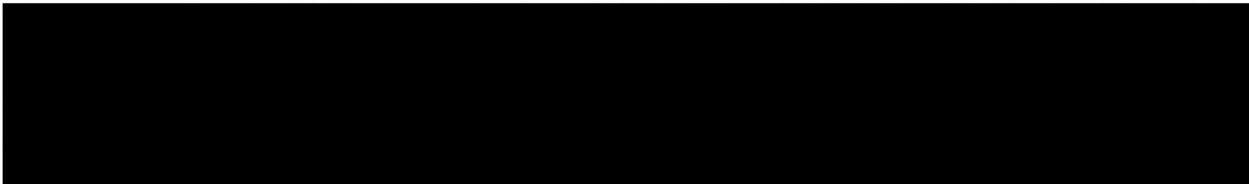
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/s/ Brett Ruff

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EXHIBIT 1



AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

COUNTY OF ORIGIN ATTORNEY/CLIENT: Montgomery County, MD / CPSC

CASE NO: CPSC Docket 22-1

PLAINTIFF(S): In the Matter of LEACHCO, Inc.

VS
DEFENDANT(S): _____

SERVED: Leah Dionne Barnes DATE SERVED: January 4, 2023

PROOF OF SERVICE

DOCUMENTS TO BE SERVED: I being duly sworn certify that I received the following to wit: _____
Subpoena to Leah Dionne Barnes

METHOD OF SERVICE: Served the same according to the Laws of the State of Oklahoma, to wit:

Personal Service

By delivering a true copy of said process personally to: Leah Dionne Barnes
at: [Redacted] on January 4, 2023 at 4:00 pm

Usual Place of Residence

_____ By leaving a copy of said process for: _____
with _____ a resident/family member, fifteen years of age
or older at _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Posted Service

_____ By affixing a true copy of said process to the premises located at: _____
Which is in possession of the defendant to wit: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Not found

_____ Said process on the following for reasons stated: _____

Other information

Subscribed and sworn to, before me this the 6th Day of January 2023


[Signature]
Notary Public



[Redacted]
Process Server

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)	Hon. Michael G. Young
Respondent.)	Presiding Officer

TO: Leah Dionne Barnes


SUBPOENA

Complaint Counsel in the above-captioned matter (“Complaint Counsel”) is seeking an Initial Decision and Order determining that various models of infant lounger pillows manufactured and distributed by Leachco, Inc. (“Leachco”) present a substantial product hazard. Complaint Counsel believes that you, as former Marketing Director for Leachco, possess information or have knowledge that will assist in that determination.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has authorized the issuance of this Subpoena in this matter pursuant to Sections 15 and 27(b)(3) & (4) of the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2064 and 2076(b)(3) & (4), and 16 C.F.R. part 1025. **The Subpoena requires that you produce documents and appear for a deposition.**

I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

A. The Commission's rules for adjudications govern this Subpoena. 16 C.F.R. § 1025.38. Title 16 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1025.38(g) sets forth procedures for motions to quash or modify the terms of this Subpoena.

B. This Subpoena shall be answered by you.

C. The public disclosure of any information provided to the Commission under this Subpoena shall be governed by the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, the Commission's regulations under that Act, 16 C.F.R. part 1015, and the April 11, 2022 Protective Order entered in this matter, available at <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/Recall-Lawsuits-Adjudicative-Proceedings>. If you wish to request confidential treatment for any information provided, you should submit a request for such treatment with responsive documents. Questions about this Subpoena should be directed to Frederick Millett, Trial Attorney, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Office of Compliance and Field Operations, Division of Enforcement and Litigation, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 504-7849; e-mail: fmillett@cpsc.gov.

D. Each document production request seeks production of all documents described herein, and any attachments thereto, in your possession, custody, or control, or in the possession, custody, or control of any of your attorneys, past or present employees or employers, agents, or representatives, and all documents and any attachments that you or any of your attorneys, past or present employees or employers, agents, or representatives have the legal right to obtain, or have the ability to obtain from sources under your or their control.

E. The words "and" and "or" shall be construed conjunctively or disjunctively, as necessary, to make the request inclusive rather than exclusive. The word "including" shall be

construed to mean without limitation. The words “any” and “all” shall be construed to make the request inclusive rather than exclusive.

F. The use of the past tense shall include the present tense, and the use of the present tense shall include the past tense, to make all definitions and discovery requests inclusive rather than exclusive. The singular shall include the plural and vice versa.

G. To the extent that you withheld, based upon a claim of privilege, any information or documents (including electronic records) that would have been responsive to any information or document production requests contained in the Subpoena, provide the following information:

1. For any document withheld, specify the privilege claimed and the factual basis you contend supports the assertion of the privilege, and identify the document as follows: (a) state the date, nature, and subject matter of the document; (b) identify each author of the document; (c) identify each preparer of the document; (d) identify each person who is an addressee or an intended recipient of the document; (e) identify each person from whom the document was received; (f) state the present location of the document and all copies thereof; (g) identify each person who has, or ever had, possession, custody, or control of the document or any copy thereof; (h) state the number of pages, attachments, appendices, and exhibits; and (i) provide all further information concerning the document and the circumstances upon which the claim of privilege is asserted.

2. Regarding any communication withheld, identify the persons or entities among whom the communication took place, the date of the communication, and the subject.

H. In an affidavit accompanying the response to the Subpoena, you must include a statement, signed under oath or affirmation, indicating that a diligent search of all files, records, and databases for responsive information and documents has been made, that the information

contained in the responses to the questions is complete and accurate, and that you have produced true copies of all the documents requested in the Subpoena.

I. Submit your response to the Subpoena to Frederick Millett and Brett Ruff, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Office of Compliance and Field Operations, Division of Enforcement and Litigation, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 504-7849; e-mail: fmillett@cpsc.gov and bruff@cpsc.gov. Documents should be provided electronically in native file format.

J. Your obligation to respond to the Subpoena is a continuing one. As additional information becomes available to you that is responsive to the Subpoena, you must submit that information immediately.

II. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of the Subpoena, the following definitions apply:

1. “You,” “your,” and “Respondent” mean the Respondent to whom these subpoena requests are directed (including if previously known under different names), including all past and present representatives, agents, and employees of the Respondent and all other past and present persons acting or purporting to act on Respondent’s behalf.

2. “Person” means any natural person, entity, group, corporation, company, partnership, joint venture, firm, association, proprietorship, agency, board, authority, commission, officer, or other business or legal entity, whether private or governmental, and whether foreign or domestic.

3. “Subject Products” means various models of infant lounging pillows that were manufactured and/or distributed in U.S. commerce by Leachco from 2008 to present, specifically the Podster, Podster Plush, Bummzie, and Podster Playtime.

4. “Document(s)” shall be interpreted as the term is used in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 34, and includes electronically stored information.

5. “Communication(s)” shall mean any transfer of information, ideas, opinions, or thoughts by any means, at any time or place, under any circumstances, including, but not limited to, any transfer of information or data in a document, or from one location to another, by electrical, electronic, digital, or other means.

6. “Relating to” or “related to” shall mean consisting of, referring to, describing, discussing, constituting, evidencing, containing, mentioning, concerning, pertaining to, citing, summarizing, analyzing, or bearing any logical or factual connection to the matter discussed.

III. SUBPOENA AD TESTIFICANDUM AND DUCES TECUM

You are ordered to appear for a virtual deposition to testify regarding the matters referred to above thirty (30) days after service of the subpoena, or on a date and at a location mutually agreeable to the parties, and continuing thereafter until your testimony is concluded.

You are also directed to produce via email to fmillett@cpsc.gov and bruff@cpsc.gov, or at a location or through means mutually agreeable to the parties, within ten (10) days of service of the subpoena and prior to testifying at the deposition above, copies of all records in your possession, custody, or control relating to:

- 1) Any and all Documents and Communications containing the terms “Podster” or “Podsters”.
- 2) Any and all Documents and Communications relating to reports of incidents, including incidents involving injuries, involving the Subject Products.
- 3) All Documents and Communications, whether formal or informal, including opinions, assessments, studies, reports, publications, written evaluations, or materials of any

kind, which discuss or refer to the effectiveness of any labels, warnings, instructions, or videos regarding the Subject Products.

- 4) All Documents and Communications, including Leachco internal communications and third-party communications to all retailers, dealers, distributors, or other third parties, relating to any guidance Leachco or You provided with respect to marketing and advertising of the Subject Products.
- 5) All Documents and Communications, including Leachco internal communications, third-party communications between Leachco and any retailer, and communications between past and present Leachco employees, that discuss or refer to any risk of injury posed by the Subject Products.
- 6) All Documents or Communications that reference the Subject Products being used for sleep or napping.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

The undersigned, an authorized official of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, has hereto set her hand and caused the seal of the Commission to be affixed at Bethesda, MD, this 14th day of

October, 2022.

ALBERTA MILLS Digitally signed by ALBERTA MILLS
Date: 2022.10.14 11:05:35 -04'00'

Alberta E. Mills
Secretary
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission