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Re: Request for Correction Under the Information Quality Act Regarding
“Report to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission by the Chronic
Hazard Advisory Panel on Phthalates and Phthalate Alternatives”

Dear Mr. Kovacs:

This letter responds to your request by letter dated April 10, 2015, seeking correction under the Information Quality Act (“IQA”) of the Report to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission by the Chronic Hazard Advisory Panel on Phthalates and Phthalate Alternatives (“CHAP Report”). Your request for correction was also submitted as a comment to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Prohibition of Children’s Toys and Child Care Articles Containing Specified Phthalates (“NPR”) , 79 Fed. Reg. 78324 (Dec. 30, 2014).

As you know, the Commission has issued guidelines implementing the IQA, found at: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Research--Statistics/Information-Quality-Guidelines/>. The Commission’s IQA guidelines set out the process for responding to IQA correction requests. Those guidelines provide that when IQA challenges are raised in connection with information that is disseminated as part of a rulemaking process, CPSC will address the request as part of CPSC’s usual process for responding to comments on the proposed rule. Specifically, the guidelines state:

The correction and appeal process that will address data quality challenges does not apply to information disseminated by the CPSC through a comprehensive public comment process, e.g., Federal Register notices of proposed rulemakings Persons questioning the quality of information disseminated in those documents, or documents referenced or relied upon in those documents, must submit comments as directed in the Federal Register or other notices requesting public comment on the given

document. CPSC will use its existing processes for responding to public comments in addressing the request for correction, and will describe the actions it has taken with regard to the request in the Federal Register notice of the final agency rule, regulatory analysis, or other final action.

In accordance with the Commission's IQA procedures, your submission has been included in the docket as a comment to the NPR. Under the IQA process described above, your request for correction regarding the CHAP Report will be addressed as part of the comprehensive public comment process associated with the rulemaking process.

Under the CPSC's Information Quality guidelines, you have the right to submit an appeal to the Office of the Executive Director within 30 calendar days of receipt of this letter. Please see the procedures for appeal described in the above web link.

Sincerely,



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