



# ALTERNATIVE®

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Dear Valued Customer:

The U.S. government passed the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) on August 14, 2008, to strengthen federal consumer product safety laws enforced by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). The CPSIA requires the issuance of a General Certification of Conformity (GCC) for every consumer product that is subject to any safety rule, ban, standard, or regulation enforced by the CPSC. The GCC is required for all applicable consumer products manufactured on or after November 12, 2008. CPSC has issued a final rule requiring that all domestic manufacturers and importers provide the GCC.

Under the Flammability Standard for Apparel set forth in 16 CFR 1610, plain surface fabrics weighing 2.6 ounces per square yard or more are exempt from flammability testing. All fabrics, both plain surface and raised-fiber surface, regardless of weight, made entirely from any of the following fibers or entirely from combination of the following fibers: acrylic, modacrylic, nylon, olefin, polyester, or wool is also exempt from testing. **Since Alternative distributes products that are exempt and non-exempt from flammability testing (over and under 2.6 oz. per square yard), we will provide certificates of compliance for all products manufactured on or after November 12, 2008 upon request.**

For products made for children 12 years or under, lead limits have been established in addition to flammability testing. **Third party testing and certification is required by manufacturers and importers of children's products. Alternative will provide certifications of compliance for lead upon request as well.**

Please be advised that any certifications we provide are for the finished, blank products we sell. If a blank product we sell is later decorated, altered or treated by a third party, our testing and certifications will not apply to the decoration or additional treatments added to the garment.

We encourage you to visit the CPSC website for additional information:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/about/cpsia/cpsia.html>

We will continue to monitor CPSIA developments and to make any necessary adjustments to our program, in order to comply with any CPSC rules as they become law. Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions regarding the safety of our products.

Contact for Compliance questions: [compliance@alternativeapparel.com](mailto:compliance@alternativeapparel.com)

Sincerely,

Alternative Apparel, Inc