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Via U.S. Mail and E-Mail

December 9, 2009

Michael Abraham
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RE: Lead in Children's Product Purchased at Walmart (PHT 005)

Dear Mr. Abraham:

I sent you an e-mail on November 24, 2009, explaining that the Center for Environmental Health had reported excess lead in a children's product it had purchased at a Walmart store in Oakland, California, on September 29, 2009. The product is a "Faded Glory 3-in-3-in-1 clear, purple, pink girls' belt." The SKU is 043834725855, and our internal reference number, which we ask you to use in correspondence about this, is PHT 005. Lab results show 449 parts per million ("ppm") lead in the metal buckle on the pink belt, which exceeds the 300 ppm limit allowed under federal law. For your convenience, I am enclosing copies of the lab results and pictures of the product that were attached to my earlier e-mail.

On December 3, 2009, you left me a voice mail, in which you said Walmart had put a block-sale on the product and was in the process of pulling the product from store shelves. Please confirm that Walmart has stopped sales of the product, and describe any any other corrective measures it is taking or plans to take. Additionally, please send us any test results Walmart has, and any representations from the manufacturer or supplier, concerning the lead content in the product.

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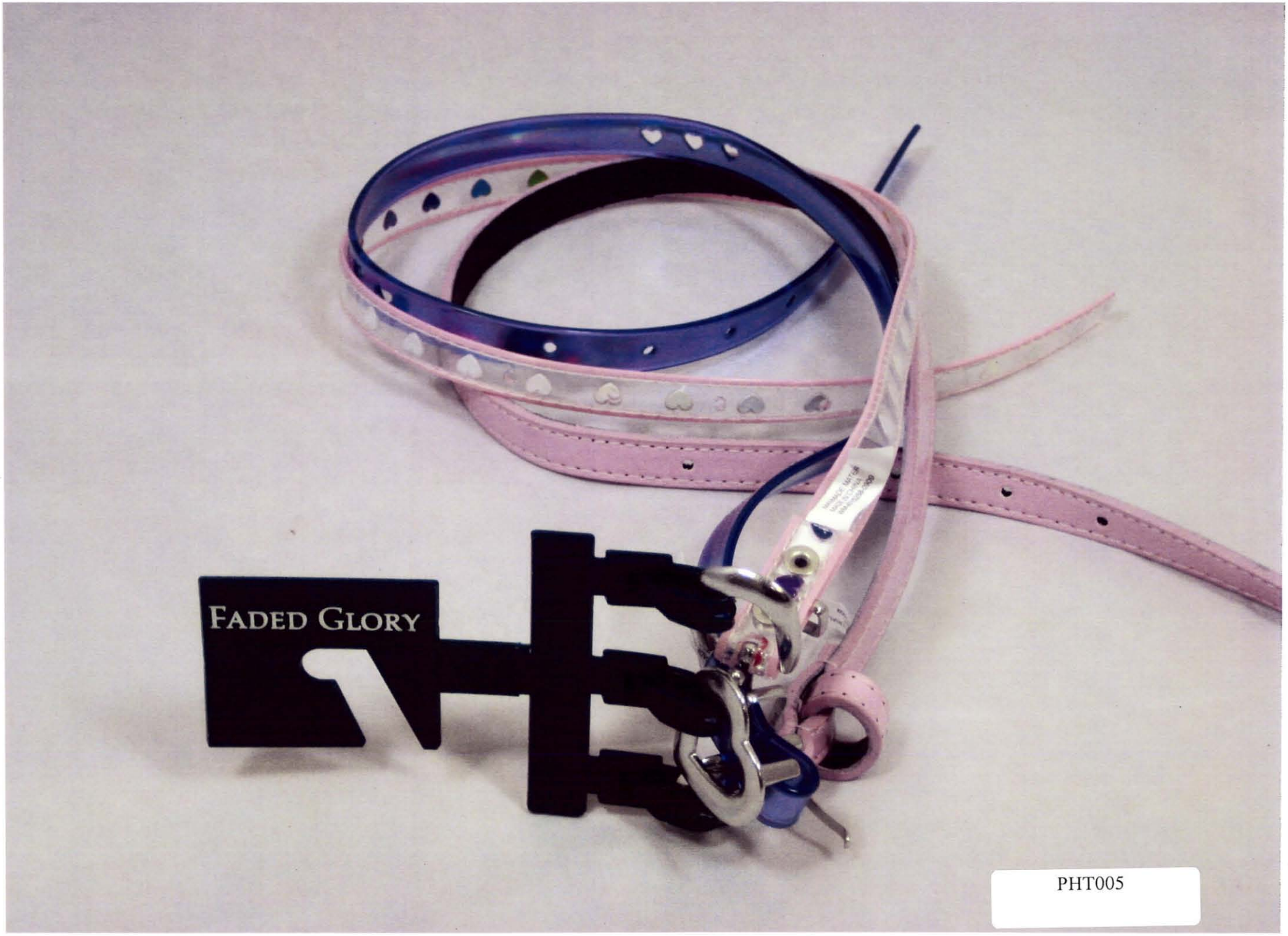


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