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**Message Cover Sheet**

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**TO:** Directors of Health  
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**RE:** Children's Flip Flops Recalled by Alpargatas Due to Violation of Lead in Paint Standard

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Please see the attached product recall issued by CPSC. The product (Children's flip flops) is manufactured by Alpargatas USA Inc., of New York, N.Y. Decorative paint on the sole of the flip flops can contain levels of lead in excess of the federal standard. Lead is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects.

Flip flops of the Havaianas brand containing decorative paint were sold under the following model names: Baby Estampas, Baby Pets, Kids Apple, Kids Fairy, Kids Flores, Kids Lighthouse, Kids Monsters, Kids Surf, Baby Letrinhas, Kids Sports, Kids Candies, Kids Fun, Kids Love, Kids Sereias, Kids Speed, Kids Lucky Bug, Kids Pets, Kids Rock, Kids Slim, Kids Wonder Woman, Kids Small Flowers and Kids Tropical w/Kit. A photo of a representative flip flop is provided below. Havaianas flip flops without decorative paint are not being recalled.

The flip flops were sold at department and specialty stores nationwide from November 2006 through February 2009 for about \$15 to \$24 a pair. They were manufactured in Brazil.

Please see the recall notice for specific information for consumers and contact information for the company. You may also contact the CT Department of Public Health Lead Poisoning Prevention & Control Program at 860-509-7299.

# News from CPSC

## U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

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**Firm's Recall Hotline: (888) 289-5306**

CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772

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### Children's Flip Flops Recalled by Alpargatas Due to Violation of Lead in Paint Standard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of product:** Children's flip flops

**Units:** About 210,000

**Manufacturer:** Alpargatas USA Inc., of New York, N.Y.

**Hazard:** Decorative paint on the sole of the flip flops can contain levels of lead in excess of the federal standard.

**Incidents/Injuries:** None reported

**Description:** Flip flops of the Havaianas brand containing decorative paint were sold under the following model names: Baby Estampas, Baby Pets, Kids Apple, Kids Fairy, Kids Flores, Kids Lighthouse, Kids Monsters, Kids Surf, Baby Letrinhas, Kids Sports, Kids Candies, Kids Fun, Kids Love, Kids Sereias, Kids Speed, Kids Lucky Bug, Kids Pets, Kids Rock, Kids Slim, Kids Wonder Woman, Kids Small Flowers and Kids Tropical w/Kit. A photo of a representative flip flop is provided below. Havaianas flip flops without decorative paint are not being recalled.

**Sold by:** Department and specialty stores nationwide from November 2006 through February 2009 for about \$15 to \$24 a pair.

**Manufactured in:** Brazil

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately take the recalled flip flops away from children and return them to Alpargatas USA, Inc. to receive a replacement.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, please contact Alpargatas USA at (888) 289-5306 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the company's Web site at [www.havaianasus.com](http://www.havaianasus.com)



Baby Estampas models



Kid's Flores and Kid's Monsters models