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U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT
SAFETY COMMISSION

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1943 SUNNY CREST DR., # 242
FULLERTON, CA 92835

Major Imports

7. NUMBER AND STREET

2835 Pellissier pl.

8. CITY AND STATE (Include Zip Code)

Whittier, Ca. 90601

9. SAMPLES COLLECTED (Describe fully. List lot, serial, model numbers and other positive identification)

The following samples were collected by the Consumer Product Safety Commission pursuant to Section 27(f) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2078(f) and/or Section 11(b) of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (15 U.S.C. 1270(b) and/or Sections 5(c) and (d) of the Flammable Fabrics Act (15 U.S.C. 1194(c) and (d) and/or Section 704(c) of the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 374(c)) [Authority for sample collections made in connection with the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970 (15 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.)], and receipt for said samples is hereby acknowledged. Sections cited are quoted on the reverse side of this form.

On July 13, 99, Investigator, Lou S. Person collected ~~one~~ three box (24) of styles # 6801C Crazy Ribbon Party Celebration string & decoration Variety of colors orange, pink, green, blue & yellow.

Current warehouse stock of approx. 119 Cases ~~of~~ 17,136 Units

10. SAMPLES

a. AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR SAMPLE

b. SIGNATURE (Person from whom sample received)

7/13/99 Lou S. Person

11. SAMPLES WERE

PURCHASED

BORROWED (to be returned)

12. COLLECTOR

a. NAME (Print or type)

Lou S. Person

b. SIGNATURE

Lou S. Person

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INVOICE NO: FWA 2242

DATE: MAY. 27, 1999

MESSRS. MAJOR IMPORT, INC.

2835 PELLISSIER PLACE, WHITTIER (CITY OF INDUSTRY), CA 90601

VESSEL: PORTUGAL SENATOR V.007NF

SAILING ON/ABOUT: MAY. 29, 1999

SHIPPED FROM: KEELUNG, TAIWAN

TO: LOS ANGELES U.S.A.

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
			<u>FOB TAIWAN</u>	
F-10	GYFT PLAS. REVOLVING TACHT.	25 DZ	US75.05/DZ	US 1,876.25
YC-660P	METAL. 5 IN 1 LASER BALL PFW.	600 PC	2.73/PC	1,638.00
	<u>TOYS</u>			
0336	PLAS. 2000 BUBBLE HAMMER.	1,000 DZ	3.27/DZ	3,270.00
HD-238	PLAS. BUBBLE POWER MAN.	480 DZ	1.54/DZ	739.20
6856	PLAS. PARTY SPRAY.	800 DZ	8.08/DZ	6,464.00
6801C	PLAS. CRAZY RIBBON.	8,904 DZ	7.12/DZ	63,396.48
		11,209 DZ 600 PC		US77,383.92
THIS SHIPMENT DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY SOLID WOOD PACKING MATERIAL.				
SAY TOTAL U.S. DOLLARS SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE AND CENTS NINETY THREE ONLY.				
CHANG CHWEN TRADING CO., LTD.				
<i>Tony Lin</i>				
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SAILING ON/ABOUT:

NON-2000C.1697

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LOS ANGELES
C/NO. 1-943
MADE IN TAIWAN
R.O.C.

Item No	C/No.	Description	Quantity	Net Weight	Gross Weight	Measurement
				KGS	KGS	
F-10	71-95	<u>GIFT</u> PLAS. REVOLVING LIGHT.	@ 1 DZ 25 DZ	@ 9.00 225.00	@ 12.00 300.00	@ 3.6 90.0
YC-660P	96-101	METAL. 5 IN 1 LASER BALL PEN.	@ 100 PC 600 PC	@ 10.50 63.00	@ 11.00 66.00	@ 5.7 34.2
		<u>TOYS</u>				
0336	1-50	PLAS. 2000 BUBBLE HAMMER.	@ 20 DZ 1,000 DZ	@ 16.70 835.00	@ 17.50 875.00	@ 3.4 170.0
HD-238	51-70	PLAS. BUBBLE POWER MAN.	@ 24 DZ 480 DZ	@ 12.50 250.00	@ 14.50 290.00	@ 2.3 46.0
6856	102-201	PLAS. PARTY SPRAY.	@ 8 DZ 800 DZ	@ 14.00 1,400.00	@ 15.00 1,500.00	@ 1.1 180.0
6801C	202-943	PLAS. CRAZY RINNON.	@ 12 DZ 8,904 DZ	@ 21.00 15,852.00	@ 23.00 17,066.00	@ 2.1 1,676.1
TOTAL:	943 CINS		11,209 DZ 600 PC	18,355 KGS	20,097 KGS	2,197.

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SAY TOTAL NINE HUNDRED FORTY THREE (943) CINS ONLY.

CHANG CHWEN TRADING CO., LTD.

Tommy Lin

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Author: "Lori S. Person" <lperson@cpsc.gov> at INTERNET-MAIL

Date: 7/19/99 10:09 AM

Normal

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<ryelenik@cpsc.gov> at internet-mail,

"Norvan K. Allen" <nallen@cpsc.gov> at internet-mail,

<wporter@cpsc.gov> at internet-mail

BCC: Frank J. Krivda at CPSC-HQ2

Subject: Crazy Ribbon

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Flammability Testing
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99-860-5290-11	S	Upright	Y	Y	
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		Upside down	N	N	Flame extinguished
99-860-5290-12	U	Upright	Y	Y	
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99-860-5291-06	U	Upright	Y	Y	
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		Upside down	N	N	Flame extinguished
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Flammability Testing CFR 16 Section 1500.45

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Author: Larry S. Blend at cpsc-hq1

Date: 7/19/99 9:31 AM

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Receipt Requested

TO: Ted Doi at cpsc-hq1

CC: Frank J. Krivda at CPSC-HQ2, Ronald G. Yelenik at CPSC-HQ2,

Keven J. Barton at cpsc-hq1, Frank J. Nava at cpsc-hq1, Larry G. Cornell at cpsc-hq1

Subject: Stelex's Silly ribbon

----- Message Contents

Ted: Did you get the records last week that the firm promised. If not please contact Mr. Cheng and find out why not? Also, the firm to my knowledge has yet to address the issue of recall. Is he? Is he going to recall the 1996 shipment of 150 cases received, too. If not, why not?

Depending on the firm's answers today, I may turn this matter over to Yelenick for legal action consideration.

Thanks Ted. Call me if you have questions.

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Author: "Lori S. Person" <lperson@cpsc.gov> at INTERNET-MAIL

Date: 7/19/99 6:53 AM

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<fkrivda@cpsc.gov> at internet-mail, <fnava@cpsc.gov> at internet-mail,
<lcornell@cpsc.gov> at internet-mail

BCC: Frank J. Krivda at CPSC-HQ2

Subject: Re: Re[2]: Crazy Ribbon

----- Message Contents

Larry, I do not have all of the import documents from Major Imports. The firm stated they would have them before the end of the week. I will type the report today and scan what I have.

I visited LE SA YANG on Friday. I collected only two cans of Crazy Ribbon. (this was all the firm had)...I have the documents for three shipments, which total 242, 064 units of Crazy Ribbon. It appears to be the exact same as collected from Major Imports. The firm's President, May Yu is compiling the distribution listing and should forward it to me this week.

The two samples will be shipped today via Fed Ex directly to the Lab.

Thanks, Lori

----- Original Message -----

From: <lblend@cpsc.gov>

To: <lblend@cpsc.gov>; <wporter@cpsc.gov>; <nallen@cpsc.gov>; <lperson@cpsc.gov>

Cc: <kbarton@cpsc.gov>; <ryelenik@cpsc.gov>; <fkrivda@cpsc.gov>; <fnava@cpsc.gov>; <lcornell@cpsc.gov>

Sent: Saturday, July 17, 1999 10:26 AM

Subject: Re[2]: Crazy Ribbon

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> Lori: Please send a e-mail copy of the documents you scan to Frank
> Krivda and Ron Yelenick in addition to myself and Norvan. Please
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> lots. If my assumption is wrong, please let me know.

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> What happened at Le Sa Yang?

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> Thanks!

> _____ Reply Separator

> Subject: Re: Crazy Ribbon

> Author: "Lori S. Person" <lperson@cpsc.gov> at INTERNET-MAIL

> Date: 7/15/99 2:24 PM

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> Larry, I just received a telephone call from Mr. Eddie Chen, Major

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> Imports...Crazy Ribbon samples were obtained. He is going to send me
> approx. 40 pages of import docs & customer listing via Fed Ex. I should
> receive the docs by Monday. I will scan with the assignment and forward
the

> original documents to you per Norvan. Also, I am going to visit Le Sa
> Yang Family warehouse tomorrow, hopefully I will obtain additional Crazy
> Ribbon samples. I will keep you informed of the status. Thanks, Lori

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Larry Blend <lblend@cpssc.gov>
> To: <wporter@cpssc.gov>; <nallen@cpssc.gov>; <lperson@cpssc.gov>
> Cc: <kbarton@cpssc.gov>; <ryelenik@cpssc.gov>; <fkrivda@cpssc.gov>;
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> Sent: Thursday, July 15, 1999 4:43 PM
> Subject: Re: Crazy Ribbon

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> week
>> or so. Please send a copy to Frank Krivda.

>> Thanks!

>> Lawrence S. Blend

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>>> Cc: kbarton@cpssc.gov; lblend@cpssc.gov; ryelenik@cpssc.gov
>>> Subject: Re: Crazy Ribbon
>>> Date: Thursday, July 15, 1999 2:51 PM

>>> To Adressees:

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> > > Author: "Lori S. Person" <lperson@cpsc.gov> at INTERNET-MAIL

> > > Date: 7/14/99 11:19 AM

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> > > Crazy Ribbon Party String Samples processed on 7/14/99 #'s

> > > 99/860/5290/5291/529

> > > 5293/5294

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> > > Samples forwarded directly to the LSC Lab, they should arrive on
7/15/99

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> > > Thanks, Lori

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Author: Warren K. Porter at CPSC-LSEL

Date: 7/16/99 3:45 PM

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TO: Frank J. Krivda at CPSC-HQ2, Larry G. Cornell at cpsc-hq1, Larry S. Blend at cpsc-hq1,
Norvan K. Allen at cpsc-hq1, Ronald G. Yelenik at CPSC-HQ2

Subject: 99-860-5290 to 5294 Flame Extension

----- Message Contents

The attached document provides you with a summary of the flame extensions for these samples.

Larry,

We will send you the final reports next week along with an empty can. We will do a GC/MS scan to ensure that the contents are largely di-methyl ether (DME). DME has a flash point of -42 F. If this stuff should even be allowed to be sold it should have extremely flammable labeling.

Warren

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Flammability Testing CFR 16 Section 1500.45

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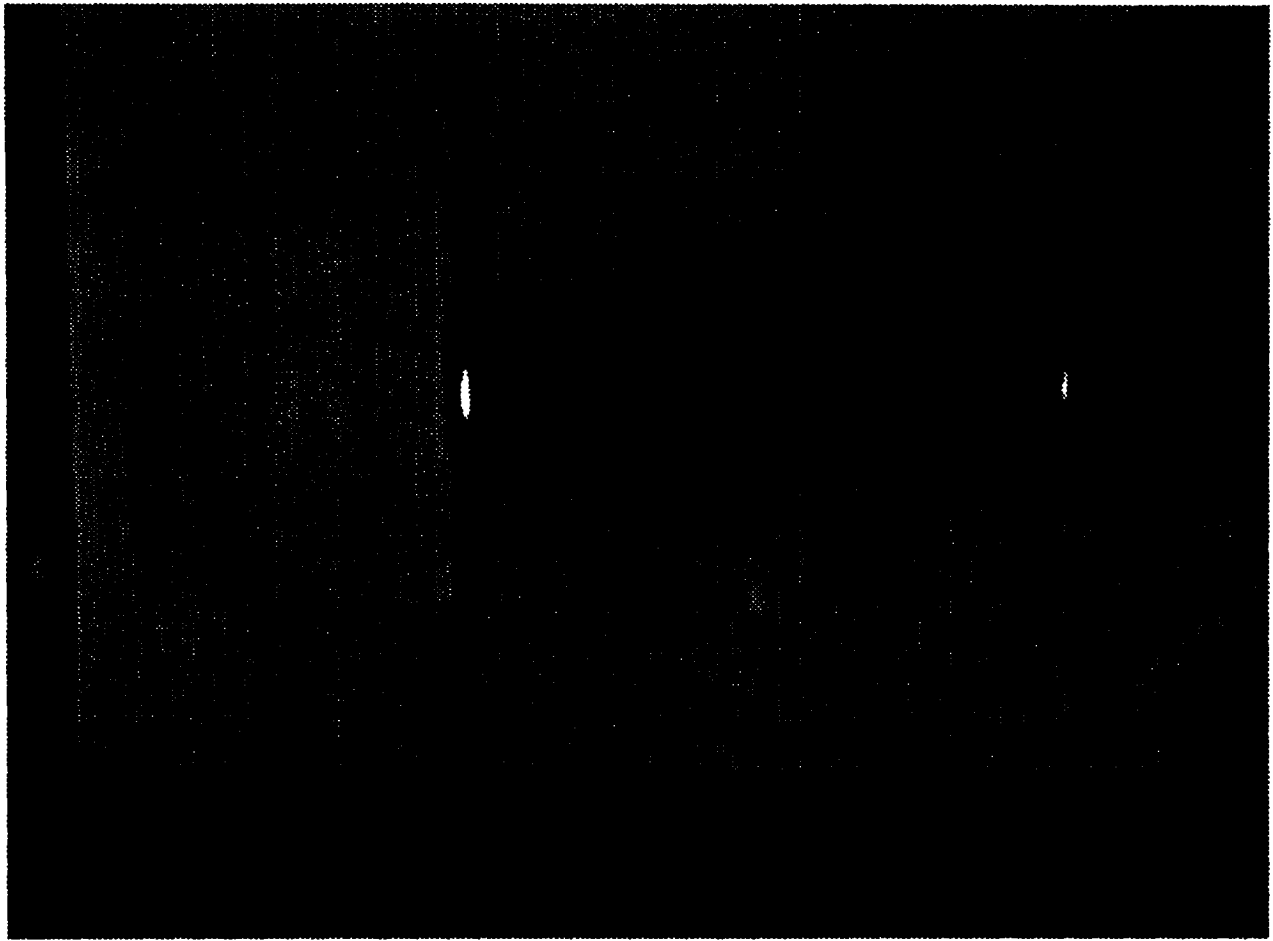
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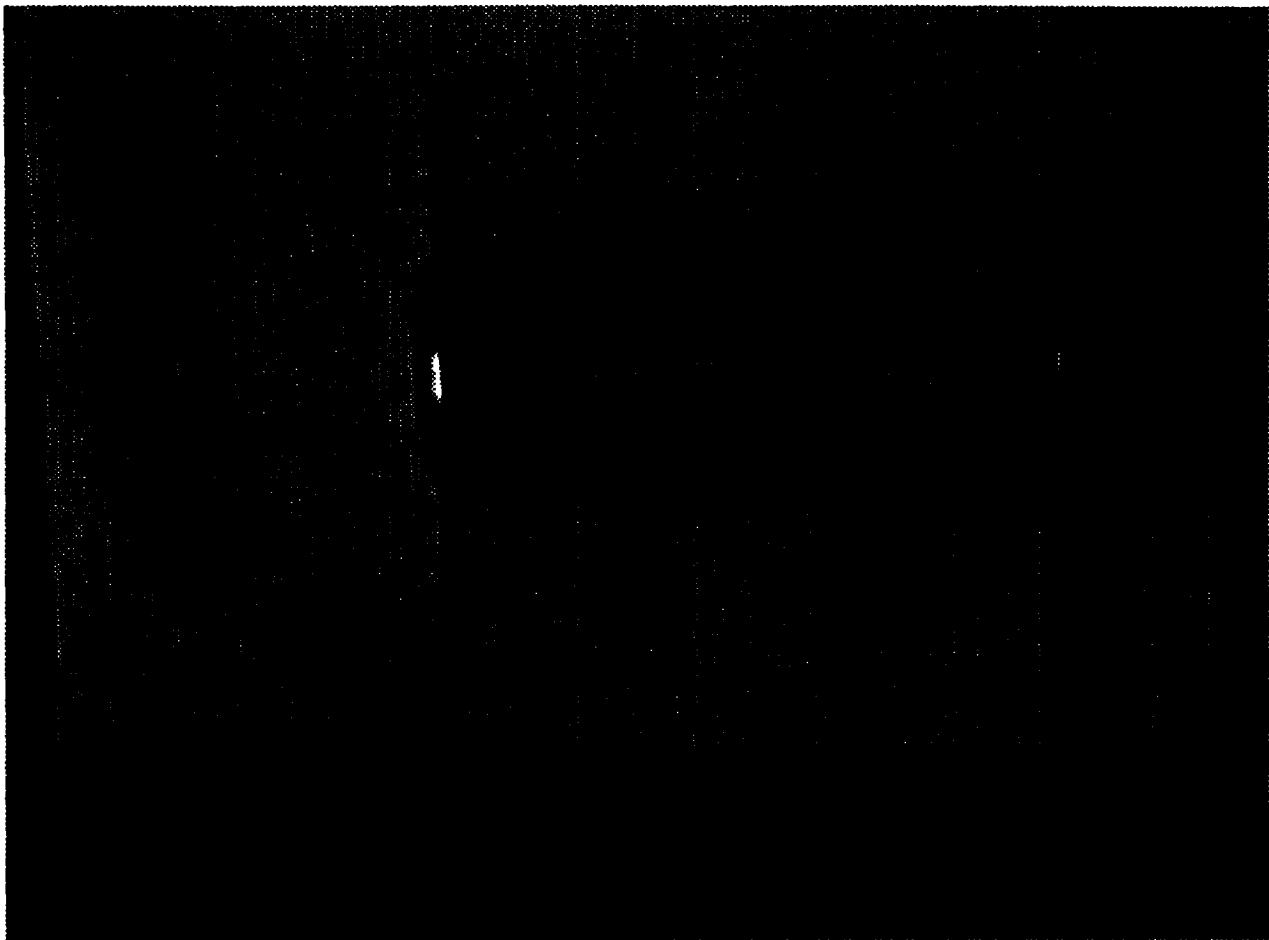
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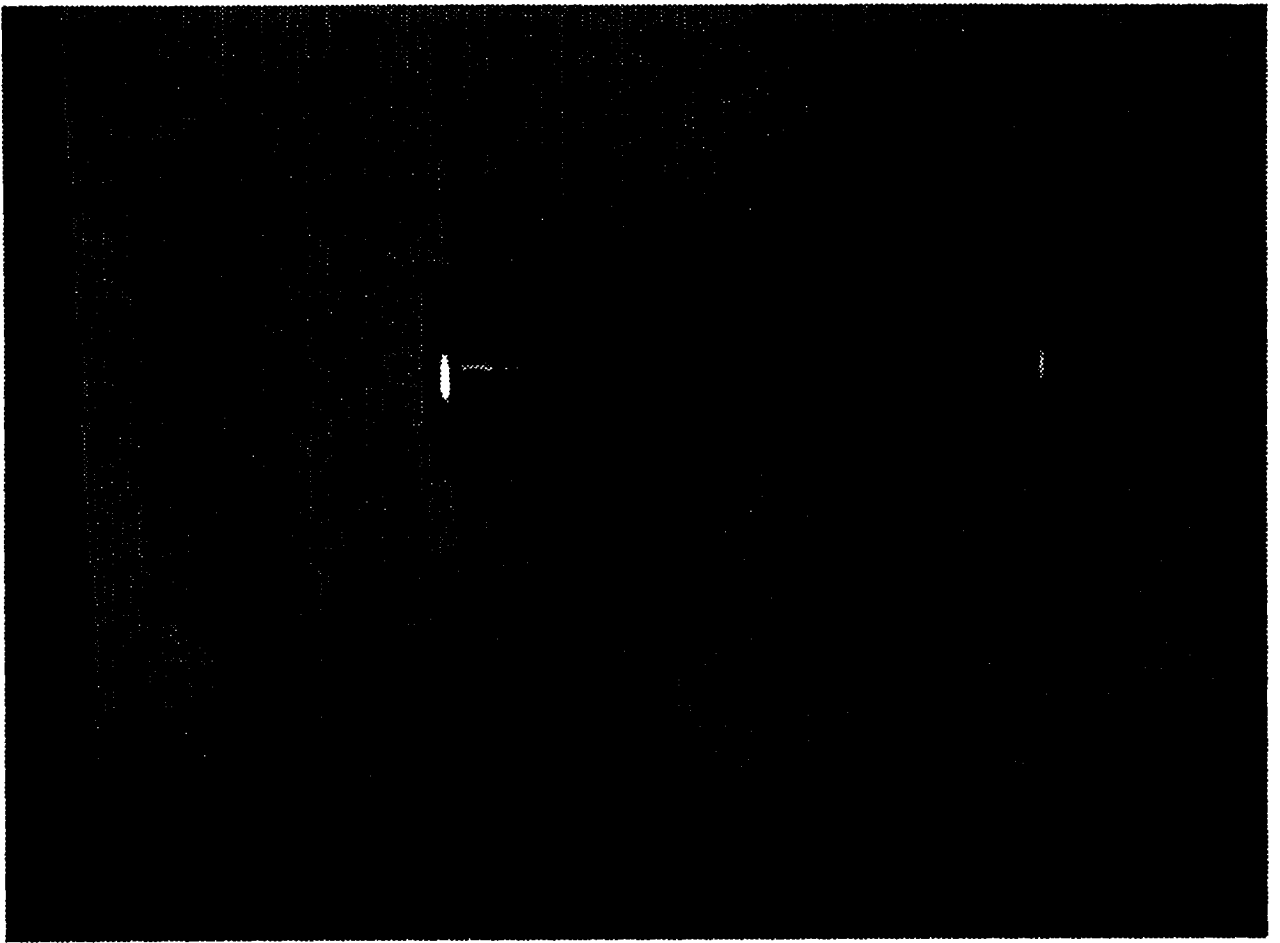
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Date: 7/14/99 8:21 AM

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<kbarton@cpsc.gov> at internet-mail, <lperson@cpsc.gov> at internet-mail,
<cosmith@cpsc.gov> at internet-mail

BCC: Frank J. Krivda at CPSC-HQ2

Subject: Re: Urgent samples of Crazy Ribbon and similar party spray p

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Normally for the chain of custody/sample integrity, samples proceed through the sample custodian for delivery to the laboratories or headquarters. Routing through the custodian normally will add about 2 working days to the delivery time.

The level of your concern may indicate a need to send them directly. It makes no difference to LSC, we can receive them and enter the data necessary through CIS/Sample tracking.

If you choose to send them directly the address is:

First:

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Chemistry Laboratory
Building H
10901 Darnestown Rd.
Gaithersburg MD 20878

Specify that the packages are to be delivered to Building H. If you do not get them delivered to Bldg H we may not see them for awhile.

Second:

Inspectors must email LSC so we know the approximate day when the samples are arriving.

Warren

Reply Separator

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Date: 7/13/99 9:29 AM

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Norvan

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Author: "Norvan K. Allen" <nallen@cpsc.gov> at INTERNET-MAIL

Date: 7/14/99 9:17 AM

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TO: "Krivda" <fkrivda@cpsc.gov> at internet-mail, <ryelenik@cpsc.gov> at internet-mail

BCC: Frank J. Krivda at CPSC-HQ2

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"Blend" <lblend@cpssc.gov> at internet-mail
BCC: Frank J. Krivda at CPSC-HQ2
Subject: Fw: LE SA YANG FAMILY, LTD

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Norvan

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From: Lori S. Person <lperson@cpssc.gov>
To: kbarton@cpssc.gov <kbarton@cpssc.gov>
Cc: Norvan K. Allen <nallen@cpssc.gov>
Date: Wednesday, July 14, 1999 5:45 AM
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BCC: Frank J. Krivda at CPSC-HQ2
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2/5293/5294

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Subject: Update on Crazy Ribbon et al

----- Message Contents

Ted Doi and Lori Person have done sterling work in following up on this matter.

Ted is continuing his inspection of Stelex by visiting the firm on 7-13 along with Mike Krause and Greg Allen. Ted reports Stelex has no inventory of either Crazy Ribbon nor Crazy String. He has already requested complete distribution and receipt of both products from Stelex and Ken Cheng has continually promised to produce these records. At this time, Stelex is still denying the sale of the suspect product to Glen Elder, owner of One Stop Party Shop, where the original product was sold and Ted collected 99-860-5375.

Lori visited 4 of the 5 firms identified by Stelex and US Customs as importing Crazy Ribbon and Crazy String. She has collected 5 samples of Crazy Ribbon from Major Import and will be processing these. She found Kinsey to be OOB according to the leasing agent for the address given to CPSC. Her attempts to inspect the residence listed as the address for Le Sa Family Ltd, who has received several shipments from Top Grease Co in the last year have been rebuffed. We will be pursuing this firm. The 4th firm, W & B or similar name had no inventory of either product, but told Lori that after their only import of Crazy Ribbon, they received a letter from Stelex stating that firm held the patent for Silly String and to continue to import and sell the product was illegal. The operator of Major reported a similar experience.

Norvan

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Author: Norvan K. Allen at CPSC-HQ1

Date: 7/13/99 1:03 PM

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CC: Frank J. Krivda at CPSC-HQ2, Eric L. Stone at CPSC-HQ2, Frank J. Nava at cpsc-hq1,
Larry G. Cornell at cpsc-hq1, Ronald G. Yelenik at CPSC-HQ2

TO: Larry S. Blend at CPSC-HQ1

CC: Ted Doi at CPSC-HQ1

Subject: Re[3]: Silly String situation

----- Message Contents

Larry,

Ted Doi only collected 11 units for 99-860-5375, so I am ASSUMING that's all there were.

Norvan

Reply Separator

Subject: Re[2]: Silly String situation

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Date: 07/13/1999 11:51 AM

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Author: Norvan K. Allen at CPSC-HQ1

Date: 7/13/99 10:28 AM

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Author: Larry S. Blend at cpsc-hq1

Date: 07/13/1999 8:10 AM

Norvan: I got your memo and as requested I am giving you my thoughts. I think Eric Stone needs to be on this matter so he is getting a copy.

Is Mr. Cheng claiming that the 4/2/99 invoice from the retailer is falsified? If not, then his claim that the product was completely

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distributed in 1996 is simply not true. There may be other customers that he is not now aware of and we should insist he do a complete search of his records from 1996 to the present to identify immediately all receiving and shipping info. We always have the option of subpoena.

Mr. Cheng has admitted he imported and distributed 150 cartons of the product. We expect a voluntary recall. We need an answer NOW as to whether he will recall.

Ask Mr. Cheng to immediately contact the foreign supplier and find out the name and address of other American importers of the product, how much received and when received.

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"Lori" <lperson@cpsc.gov> at internet-mail,

"Cecil" <cosmith@cpsc.gov> at internet-mail

BCC: Frank J. Krivda at CPSC-HQ2

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Subject: Photos for 99-860-5375, Crazy String

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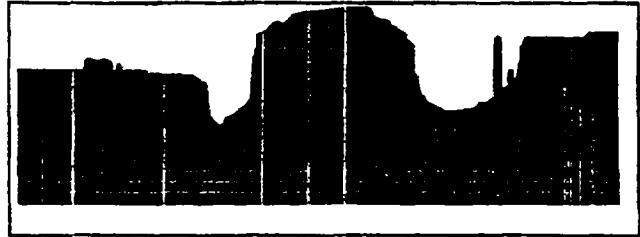
Warren,

Please recover the reserve sample from the warehouse and photograph or scan the actual aerosol cans of the Crazy Ribbon party spray. The photos accompanying the lab results are inadequate to show the product. Please send the photos via e-mail to both Larry Blend and myself. Frank Krivda and Ron Yelenik may also be interested.

Norvan

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**UNITED STATES
Consumer Product Safety
Commission
Albuquerque Resident Office**



Date : 7-13-99

TO: Larry Blend, Frank Krivda

FROM: Norvan Allen

Number Of Pages: 7 & Cover

Telephone # 505 260-1707 fax 505 260-1710 Internet nallen@cpsc.gov

I asked our LA Customs contact, Gina Stein to do a search for U.S firms receiving shipments from Top Grease Co, Taiwan the mfr of Crazy Ribbon. These records show shipments, but do not specify what products were shipped.

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FROM: FRANK KRUEDA

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BCC: Frank J. Krivda at CPSC-HQ2

Subject: 99-860-5375, Spray Ribbon, Top Products, New York

----- Message Contents

Bob,

I am faxing you the sample analysis for this sample of a toy spray ribbon product. Frank Krivda says this shows a failure that requires a consumer level recall. I will send you the original sample analysis.

The sample collection was based on a consumer complaint, H9960004A. However, our attempts to locate the supposed distributor in the Los Angeles area were unsuccessful and this sample was collected at the retailer. I checked the UPC code, "71 2288" appearing on the label and Top Products Corporation on Broadway in New York popped up. Frank Krivda advised that I should immediately call the firm, confirm their existence and request a voluntary recall. I was then to tell the firm that the request would be confirmed by FOIC. I tried to call the number listed in UPC database, but reached an answering machine. That message was the kind that says, "you have reached a phone number, leave your number and I will call you back." I did not leave my number.

From the CR, it appears no Compliance Officer sub was collected. The records were sent to Larry Blend.

Norvan

called 6/29/99 - status 1000

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COMMENTS:

Original will NOT follow.

In response to your telephone call of last week, we are faxing herewith all pertinent information pertaining to the Crazy Ribbon/Crazy String Product. To summarize what we know at this point:

1. On May 15, 1999, our client, LISA GARCIA, client purchased cans of Crazy Ribbon and Crazy String from the Retailer, One Stop Party and Rental, (Owner, Glen Elder) 16761 Valley Blvd, # A, Fontana, California, 92335. Telephone: 909-356-5611; Telefax (909) 356-2787.

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Re: Crazy String, Crazy Ribbon
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2. On May 15, 1999, JAMES ANDREW GARCIA, a minor, suffered severe burns on his face when the Crazy Ribbon/Crazy String Product ignited, when it was sprayed after he blew out the candles on his birthday cake.
3. After the little boy was injured, our office forwarded a letter to the Retailer, placing them on Notice of the injury, and requesting information. In response, owner Glen Elder, specifically advised that he purchased the products from Ken Chang at Stelex Corporation, in downtown Los Angeles. Stelex' address is: 1282 Factory Place, Los Angeles, California. Telephone: 213-627-1992. Telefax: 213-627-8618.
4. Glen Elder advised the undersigned that he filled out credit applications with Stelex when he purchased three or four cases of the product from Stelex. He also stated that Ken Chang at Stelex told him that he was the exclusive importer of the products, and that he had an exclusive contract with the manufacturer in Taiwan, Top Grease Industrial Company, Ltd., to sell the products in Southern California. Elder further stated that he purchased the products under the name of a subsidiary company, named "Party Wholesalers". He further advised that he would provide the undersigned with a copy of his invoice, showing his purchase of the products from Stelex. However, despite our repeated requests, Elder has failed to provide the supporting documentation.
5. According to Glen Elder, Ken Chang at Stelex also told him that although there were some problems with the products before, the product had been reformulated, and that it was now safe to use.
6. In response to our correspondence to Stelex Corporation, on or about May 26, 1999, Stelex' Attorney, Albert J.C. Chang, sent our firm a letter, denying Stelex' involvement with Crazy Ribbon, and denying sale of any product from Stelex to One Stop Party and Rental. We faxed this letter to Glen Elder, who stated that Stelex and their lawyers were not being truthful, and that he did, in fact, purchase the products from Stelex and Kenneth Chang.
7. On or about June 4, 1999, Albert J.C. Chang provided the undersigned with contact information for firms believed by Stelex to be selling the Crazy Ribbon/Crazy String products, as well as contact information for the product manufacturer, Top Grease Industrial Company. In response to our letters to all listed companies, several of the companies contacted us, and denied importing or selling the products. They also advised that Stelex Corporation was the exclusive distributor of the product, and advised that Stelex' lawyer had sent letters to YB Toys Inc. and other importers, alleging that Stelex had exclusive rights to these products, and threatening to sue anyone who imported or distributed them.

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8. We also did a Trademark Search, which shows that Stelex owns the Crazy String Trademark, and that Albert, J.C. Chang is the Attorney of Record.

9. Both Stelex and One Stop Party and Rental have refused to provide any additional information concerning the products, and have failed to provide information regarding liability insurance carriers. Stelex, through Mr. Chang, has failed to comply with our request to identify the chemical ingredients of the products.

10. The manufacturer, Top Grease Industrial Company, has failed to respond to our correspondence.

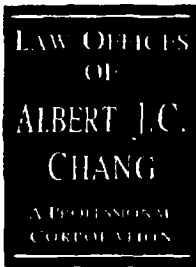
I hope that the foregoing will assist the CPSC in its investigation of the Crazy Ribbon/Crazy String Products. Could you please keep me advised of the status of the investigation, or have the appropriate persons who are handling this investigation keep me informed. I would also request, under the **Freedom of Information Act**, that your office provide me with all documents pertaining to this investigation, including reports, test results, correspondence, recall information, etc.

We are running up against a wall in our efforts to locate all responsible parties, and the governments' assistance will be greatly appreciated by our client, who has been disfigured for life, as a result of these hazardous products. If I can provide any additional information to assist with your investigation, please let me know.

Yours very truly.

TED BAUM ESQ.
Attorney for JAMES ANDREW
GARCIA, a minor

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May 26, 1999

Mr. Ted Baum
Baum and Baum Law Firm
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Palm Springs, California 92263-4543

Re: Crazy Ribbon

Dear Mr. Baum:

This firm serves as litigation counsel for Stelex Enterprises Inc. Please direct your future correspondence to my attention.

In response to your letter of May 25, 1999, please note that our client has never sold, distributed or otherwise promoted Crazy Ribbon. In addition, our client has never sold any goods to One Stop Party & Rental in Fontana, California. It appears that you have filed a claim against the wrong party. For that reason, no information will be provided.

Not only Top Grease Industrial Co. Ltd. sells to many companies in the United States, additionally it has never sold any Crazy Ribbon products to our client. At this time, we would appreciate if you can let us know who provided you with the false information that our client is "the exclusive United States Distributor" for Crazy Ribbon. The requested information is very important to our own investigation of our client's competitor(s) who are systematically trying to destroy our client. The provision of false information is just another piece of evidence that we will be using in our own unfair competition claims against those responsible parties.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

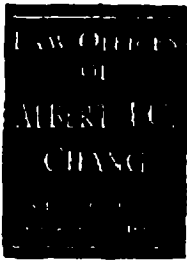
Very truly yours,



Albert J.C. Chang

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June 4, 1999

Mr. Ted Baum
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Re: Crazy Ribbon

Dear Mr. Baum:

As promised, here is a list of the companies that are known to be the importer/distributor or both Crazy String and Crazy Ribbon:

1. Kimsley Trading Co., Inc.
5500 N. Peck Road, #7
Arcadia, CA 91006
2. YB Toys Inc.
3001 W. Mission Road
Alhambra, CA 91803
3. 28 Angels Co.
413 S. Wall Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013
4. Major Import
2835 Pellissier Place
Whittier, CA 90601

There are others who purchase directly and indirectly from Top Grease in addition to the above list. It is likely that One Stop Party & Rental purchased the products in question from one of the above companies.

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As for Top Grease, you may wish to contact it at the following address:

Top Grease Co., Ltd.
8, Lane 12, Shui-chui Road
Wu-ku Hsing, Taipei Hsien, Taiwan

Tel: (02) 2928816
Fax: (02) 2927646

At this time, without a positive showing from your client that the products in question were purchased from our client, we can only provide you with the above information.

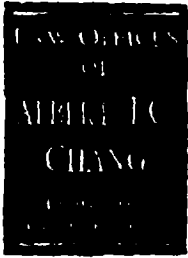
Very truly yours,



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Re: Crazy Ribbon

Dear Mr. Baum:

Our client also learnt that the following company is believed to be a major importer of Crazy Ribbon and Crazy String:

Ameri-China International, Inc.
917 S. Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90021

Please contact the undersigned if you have further question on this matter.

Very truly yours,


Albert J.C. Chang

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Attorney of Record ALBERT J C CHANG

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If you require additional information about the application status, contact the Trademark Assistance Center (703) 308-9000 (M-F 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST). You could also contact CAROLINE WEST, Trademark Examining Attorney. [Click here](#) to find out the examiner's phone number.

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June 4, 1999

Mr. Frank Krivda
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Re: Crazy Ribbon/Crazy String
Andrew James Garcia
D/Injury: May 15, 1999

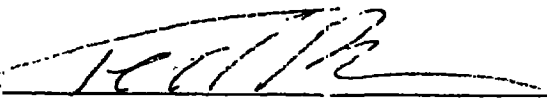
Dear Mr. Krivda:

This firm represents JAMES ANDREW GARCIA, a minor, who suffered serious burns on his face and arms on May 15, 1999, when cans of foam spray string manufactured in Taiwan, labeled "Crazy Ribbon" and "Happy String" were sprayed near his birthday cake at his parents' home in Fontana, California. After the boy blew the candles out, other children sprayed the string, and his head caught on fire. The incident was reported through the Consumer Product Safety Commission hotline, pursuant to instructions from Mr. Ken Giles. I was informed that a rush has been placed on the investigation, since this product appears to be similar to Happy String and other flammable foam spray products recalled by the Commission, which are banned hazardous substances.

In reviewing the compliance file for the product known as "Happy String", I noticed that you worked extensively on the product testing and recall effort. Could you please advise as to the procedure for having the Crazy Ribbon/Crazy String products which caused my client's injuries tested. I have the products in my possession, and would like to submit them to the Commission for testing, but am unaware of the procedure. I have an independent laboratory prepared to do the testing, but I do not want to compromise the samples, and I would prefer to have the products tested by the government lab.

Could you please advise me as to how best to proceed? Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Your immediately reply by telephone or facsimile would be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

BY: 
TED BAUM ESQ.

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Reply: Palm Springs Office

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