



DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY

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Date: December 30, 2011

To: Plastic Trash Bags Manufacturers

Subject: **Plastic Trash Bag Certification for Calendar Year 2011**

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) has identified your company to be a plastic trash bag (PTB) manufacturer selling regulated plastic trash bags of .7 mil or greater in thickness within California. Regulated PTB manufacturers are required to submit an annual certification that represents the previous calendar year's (January 1st – December 31st) activities. The annual certification reports that each PTB manufacturer used the required amount of recycled plastic postconsumer material.

Annual Certification Requirements:

Please file your 2011 certification using the Plastic Trash Bag Manufacturer Certification Form (Form 57) available at www.Calrecycle.ca.gov/buyrecycled/trashbags **no later than March 1, 2012**. Manufacturers submitting late forms will not have another chance to come into compliance until the 2012 certification reporting period.

Note that to be compliant with the program you must complete all applicable sections, sign and submit the certification form whether or not you sold regulated plastic trash bags in California during 2011.

Submitting Plastic Trash Bag Certification Forms:

The certification may be submitted via FAX, e-mail, or mail to the program's direct address as follows:

FAX: (916) 319-7251;
E-mail: Plasticbag@calrecycle.ca.gov;
Mailing Address: Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery
Attn: Plastic Trash Bag Certification Program, MS 10-17-A
1001 I Street, P.O. Box 4025
Sacramento, CA 95812-4025



Public Records Act and the Information Practices Act:

CalRecycle is subject to the provisions of the Public Records Act and the Information Practices Act (14 CCR Sections 17041 – 17046 (www.Calrecycle.ca.gov/Laws/Regulations/Title14/ch1.htm#ch1a4)). If you believe that some or all of the information that you are submitting is confidential, proprietary or a trade secret, you must identify in writing the information that you believe should be maintained as confidential.

In addition, you must provide the name, address, and telephone number of an individual to be contacted if CalRecycle receives a request for disclosure of or seeks to disclose confidential information. The regulations noted above provide more details on the process to be followed and criteria to be used if there is a request for confidential information, and those requirements provide you with an opportunity to explain why the information should remain confidential in the event a request is made.

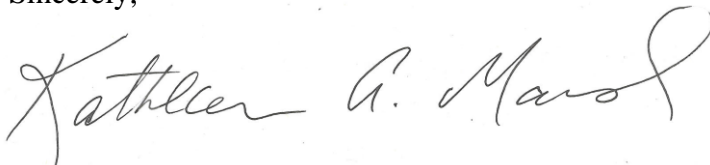
Non-Compliance:

If CalRecycle determines your company to be non-compliant with any of the requirements of the Plastic Trash Bag Law, your company will be prohibited from entering into any contract, or amending or renewing an existing contract with the State of California for the provision of any product or service. Your company will remain ineligible until after it has submitted a timely, complete, and accurate certification to CalRecycle for the 2012 compliance year.

If your company does not meet the definition of a manufacturer, does not manufacture plastic trash bags of any type for sale in California, or you feel you received this letter in error, please notify CalRecycle's Plastic Trash Bag Program staff immediately.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me at (916) 341-6475, or by e-mail at: kathy.marsh@calrecycle.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Waste Permitting Compliance and Mitigation Division