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**Special Legislation Acknowledgement**

**Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform Act, Section 1502, Conflict Minerals**

United States federal regulations, effective January 1, 2013, mandate publicly traded companies, such as Kroger, examine their supply chain to determine if certain minerals (gold, tin, tungsten and tantalum) are contained in product being manufactured for resale. If so, additional inquiry is required, along with mandatory reporting obligations.

Kroger requires the recording and documentation of minerals covered in this legislation used in corporate brand private label product. Compliance requires the cooperation of all our manufacturing vendor partners including the on-going maintenance of records detailing the country of origin of all raw materials used in production.

Kroger vendors need to remain knowledgeable about the legislation and make good faith efforts to support Kroger with compliance efforts. To assist with this, vendors are being asked to register through the Supplier Information Management (SIM) portal. If you are not familiar with Kroger’s Supplier Information Management Program attached is a letter with details about the program. As part of the registration process, vendors will be asked to read and answer questions specific to the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform Act and complete the EICC Conflict Minerals reporting survey. If you are receiving this letter, you have been identified as a manufacturer for Kroger which may be manufacturing product using one or more of the minerals potentially determined to be conflict based on country of origin. In the next couple of days you will receive an email containing log in credential to enter the SIM portal and complete the requested information. Please submit your responses no later than May 15, 2015.

If Kroger determines the current manufacturing process does in fact compel further action under the rules, you will be contacted directly. If you would like more information on our efforts, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Molly Malone Greg Parsons

VP/Kroger DMM Product Development

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Please complete the SIM registration process and return this signed letter via an email pdf attachment to heather.mccrary@kroger.com or fax to (503)797-5990 Attn: Heather McCrary, direct questions to greg.parsons@kroger.com.