

*Dear Vendor,*

*Jul 27, 2010*

This letter is to inform you of some pending changes to the Lowe's product identification and traceability program.

LG Sourcing's current direction to vendors for date code markings that has been in effect for the last 10 or so years will come to an end December 31, 2010.

As such, the Product Identification and Traceability Program has been revised and will be effective from Jan 1st, 2011.

- Product would be marked using a 4 digit code, first two digits would be month, second two digits would be year (ie. 0311 is March 2011). This is in lieu of the current alpha marking scheme.
- As for LGS Direction, include the date code on both the Point of Sale Package and Master Shipping Carton...with the footnote that there isn't a single solution to address all items/scenarios in our mix (i.e. ceramic tile, hardware,). Only items that fall under Consumer Product Safety Information Act (CPSIA) guidelines have specific date code location requirements. This requirement is part of the Test Protocol used to determine CPSIA compliance.
- Any other date code schemes used by the vendor require prior approval by LG Sourcing QA.
- Unique vendor date codes already in use and approved by Lowe's will continue to be acceptable.

Enclosed is new revision of Product Identification and Traceability Program.

Please confirm receipt when you receive this email. Please feel free to let us know if you have any questions.

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