

Sears Holdings International Vendor Information Guide

Business Standards

Sears Holdings Corporation PVC Policy

Sears Holdings Corporation and its affiliates ("Sears Holdings") has adopted a policy calling for the reduction and elimination of polyvinyl chloride ("PVC") in products Sears Holdings offers for sale and the packaging for those products. The Sears Holdings PVC Policy covers products that it directly sources and purchases domestically. The policy is set forth below and describes the commitment Sears Holdings is making. As part of the policy, Sears Holdings is requesting its vendors to also commit to reducing and eliminating the use of PVC in products and packaging.

As you work towards the goal of reducing and eliminating PVC in products and packaging, please keep Sears Holdings updated on your progress via email to sustainability@searshc.com. It is important that we are notified of any reduction or elimination of PVC. Similarly, we require that you notify us if you begin using PVC in packaging or products that do not contain PVC today. If you should have any questions or concerns regarding the policy or our sustainability efforts, please contact us via the email address listed above.

PVC Policy

Some studies suggest that the manufacture, use and disposal of Polyvinyl Chloride ("PVC") is directly or indirectly linked to both environmental and health concerns. Sears Holdings Corporation is working to reduce and phase out PVC in its packaging and merchandise.

As such, Sears Holdings Corporation will:

- ✓ Identify safer, more sustainable and cost-effective alternatives to PVC and incorporate them into the design and manufacturing process for private label merchandise and packaging;
- ✓ Show preference for PVC-free materials that do not contain highly hazardous chemicals and set a long term goal of sourcing bio-based polymers that are sustainably sourced, have higher recycled content, and can be reused, recycled, or composted;
- ✓ Show preference to incorporate the Society of the Plastics Industry labeling system on private label merchandise packaging to make it easier for consumers to incorporate packaging options into their purchase decision;
- ✓ Show preference to mark private label merchandise as PVC-free when true;
- ✓ Encourage vendors to reduce or eliminate their use of PVC in merchandise and packaging;
- ✓ Encourage vendors to utilize the Society of the Plastics Industry labeling system on packaging;
- ✓ Encourage vendors to label their merchandise as PVC-free when true.