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**Message Cover Sheet**

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**RE:** Focus Products Group International, LLC Announces a Nationwide Recall of Cocoa Latte™ Hot Drink Makers Due to Possible Lead Risk

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Please see the attached product recall issued by FDA. Focus Products Group International, LLC announces the following voluntary recall. Consumers should immediately stop using the Cocoa Latte™ Hot Drink Maker and contact the Focus Products Call Center for instructions on how to return the product and receive a replacement. The machines were sold under the following makes and model numbers:

- West Bend
  - 65032
- Back to Basics
  - CM300BK, CM300BKL, CM300BLSS, CM300BR, CM300BRBRL CM300BRL, CM300W

Focus Products of Lincolnshire, IL, is voluntarily recalling Cocoa Latte Hot Drink Makers because a small bushing inside the container has the potential to leach lead. To date, Focus Products has received no notice of any consumer complaints. However, the company's independent testing revealed the potential problem, and out of an abundance of caution, the company voluntarily decided to recall the product.

**The only affected products are the Cocoa Latte Hot Drink Makers, makes and model numbers listed above.** The Cocoa Grande™ Hot Drink Maker is **NOT** affected by this recall. The Cocoa Latte Hot Drink Makers shipped nationwide starting in 2004 through October 12, 2012. The affected products come in a variety of colors with transparent pitchers, and were sold primarily in the United States through various retailers such as Bed Bath & Beyond, through various e-retailers such as Amazon.com and through Focus Products' online store.

Consumers in possession of a Cocoa Latte Hot Drink Maker should contact Focus Products' Call Center at 1-888-943-5202. Further information will be available on Focus Products' websites, [www.focuspg.com](http://www.focuspg.com) and [www.westbend.com](http://www.westbend.com).

Please see the recall notice (<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm328554.htm?source=govdelivery>) for specific information for consumers and contact information for the company. You may also contact the CT Department of Public Health Lead and Healthy Homes Program at 860-509-7299.



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### Recall -- Firm Press Release

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### Focus Products Group International, LLC Announces a Nationwide Recall of Cocoa Latte™ Hot Drink Makers Due to Possible Lead Risk

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888-943-5202

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