



**Statement of The International Cadmium Association
Regarding the Use of Cadmium Alloys in Children’s Jewelry**

The International Cadmium Association represents the interests of the world’s producers, users, and recyclers of cadmium metal and cadmium compounds, and strongly supports the safe use of these substances and their products. The association has noted with great concern the recent articles in the press reporting the use of cadmium-containing alloys in costume jewelry and, more particularly, in children’s jewelry such as charm bracelets and necklaces imported from China.

While some of these press reports have incorrectly overstated the health effects of cadmium in this case, the use of cadmium-containing alloys in children’s jewelry is not a normally intended application and should never have occurred.

The International Cadmium Association fully agrees with the United States Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) that cadmium-containing alloys should not be utilized by importers or manufacturers of children’s costume jewelry. ICdA and its Members promote the responsible use of cadmium which includes supporting the substitution of cadmium-free alloys in specific applications where the use of cadmium is not appropriate or poses unacceptable risks.