



## News Release

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### **Califone® Headphones and Other Audio Equipment RoHS Compliant, Meeting Strict Standards**

*Company Fully Committed to Staying Ahead of Environmental and Safety Regulations for Student Safety*

SAN FERNANDO, Calif. (Apr. 10, 2008) – In 2006, Europe passed the RoHS Directive, mandating that electrical and electronic products sold in the European market must contain restrictive levels of substances that can be hazardous in large amounts, including lead, cadmium and mercury. In addition, China, Australia and Japan have passed similar legislations, and last year, 20 states within the United States and Canada developed plans for RoHS-like regulations. Califone International, Inc., is fully committed to providing products that are as safe as possible, which is why the company has been creating educational products that follow RoHS standards for years.

“We are pleased to provide safe audio equipment to educators worldwide – products that are made with materials that we know are appropriate for extended periods of use by young children,” said Tim Ridgway, VP of Marketing for Califone. “As most educators and parents know, classroom electronics such as headphones, mice and keyboards must withstand handling by small children. We pride ourselves in offering schools safe, high-quality audio-visual equipment featuring a variety of technologies and regulatory approvals, which are beyond industry norms.” Unlike items from some consumer and school audio manufacturers, Califone products include UL and CE approvals, materials that are EPA registered, FDA listed and NSF certified, and are made with ABS plastic, which will not shatter into potentially dangerous shards.

Setting new industry requirements for environmental protection and recycling, RoHS refers to restrictions pertaining to the use of certain hazardous substances. “RoHS is changing the electronics industry,” Ridgway said. “As the education industry’s leading provider of audio-visual tools, we welcome the opportunity to share our expertise as states, districts and schools begin to comply with changing regulations.”

Califone headphones that are RoHS compliant are:

- Antimicrobial Switchable Stereo/Mono and Deluxe Monaural Headphones
- Standard Deluxe Monaural Headphones

- Stereo Headphones
- Listening First Headphones
- Superior Stereo Headphones
- Switchable Stereo/Mono Headphones
- Multimedia Stereo Headphones
- Individual Storage Headphones
- Deluxe Multimedia Stereo Headset
- USB Headset
- Multimedia Stereo Headset
- Wireless Listening System Headphones
- Infrared and Infrared/USB Headphones

In addition to all headphones, *Califone* offers many other RoHS-compliant product choices with features designed specifically for educational use, including several of the company's media players (2385, 2395, 2395IR, and 2455), presentation systems (PA282, PA285, PA300, PI30IR-SYS, and PI30 speakers) and the new *Califone* MP3 Player. These products deliver the crisp, clear audio students need to learn, which is critical for young readers who are building skills in phonemic awareness, comprehension, fluency, vocabulary and phonics, with the comfort of safety.

In addition to providing RoHS-compliant audio equipment for safe student use, *Califone* also offers two sets of antimicrobial headphones to protect against the growth of a broad range of bacteria, mold and mildew. *Califone* recently introduced two headphones using antimicrobial technology: the Anti-Microbial Switchable Stereo/Mono Headphone and the Anti-Microbial Deluxe Monaural Headphone.

To order any *Califone* products, contact a *Califone* dealer. For more information on the full line of *Califone* products that are designed for the education market and are safe for school and library use, call 1-800-722-0500, or visit <http://www.califone.com> to view and download the entire *Califone* catalog.

### **About Califone**

*Califone* was founded in 1947 and continues to be a leader in the design, development and manufacturing of audiovisual and supplemental curriculum products for use in education, presentation and professional markets. The company offers a complete line of audio solutions, wireless systems and multimedia products for small, medium and large presentation needs. *Califone* serves millions of educators and children in the PreK through higher education school environments and has expanded to serve business and industry, houses of worship, parks and recreation, and other presentation markets as well.

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