

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR NOTIFICATION  
Alternative ERISA Reporting and Disclosure Method

To: Top Hat Plan Exemption  
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration  
Room N-5644  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue N.W.  
Washington, DC 20210

In compliance with the requirements of the alternative reporting and disclosure under Part I of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 for unfunded or insured pension plans for a select group of management or highly compensated employees, specified in Department of Labor Regulations, 29 C.F.R. Sec. 2520.104-23, the following information is provided by the Plan Administrator:

Name and Address of the Employer:

99 Cents Only Stores  
4000 East Union Pacific Ave  
City of Commerce, CA 90023

Employer Identification Number: 952411605

99 Cents Only Stores maintains a plan (or plans) primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees.

Number of Plans: One

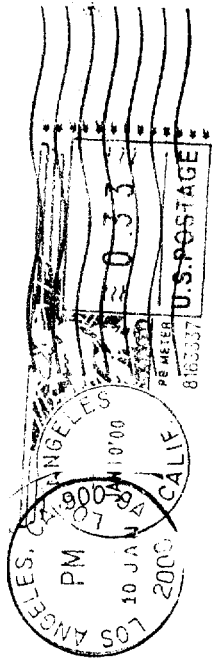
Number of Participants covered in each plan as of the date of this filing: 20

Dated: 1-10, 2000

Signed by:   
Plan Administrator

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