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COUNTY OF MERCED

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,**  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
**WALMART, INC.,**  
  
Defendant.

Case No. 23CV-01805

**STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF FINAL JUDGMENT AND PERMANENT INJUNCTION**

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6 L. Wold, JEFF W. REISIG, District Attorney of Yolo County, by Assistant Chief Deputy District  
7 Attorney David J. Irej, and Defendant WALMART, INC. (“Walmart” or “Defendant”),  
8 appearing through JONES DAY, hereby stipulate as follows:

9 1. The Final Judgment and Permanent Injunction (“Judgment”), a true and correct  
10 copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1, may be entered by any judge of the Merced County  
11 Superior Court.

12 2. Walmart does not admit to the People’s allegations set forth in the Complaint, and  
13 does not admit that any violation has occurred. Walmart believes its policies and procedures  
14 continue to be in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Nevertheless, in exchange  
15 for the release provided in the Judgment, Walmart is willing to enter into this Stipulation and the  
16 Judgment in order to resolve this matter, and thereby avoid the significant time and expense of  
17 litigation.

18 3. The Plaintiff may submit the Judgment to any judge of the superior court for  
19 approval and signature, based on this stipulation, during the court’s ex parte calendar or on any  
20 other ex parte basis, without notice to or any appearance by the Defendant, which notice and right  
21 to appear the Defendant hereby waives.

22 4. Simultaneous with the filing of the Judgment, Plaintiff has filed a complaint for  
23 civil penalties and injunctive relief in the Superior Court of the County of Merced, alleging  
24 unlawful business acts or practices, within the meaning of California Business and Professions  
25 Code §§17200 et seq., relating to the online sale of certain prohibited non-firearms weapons to  
26 California consumers (the “Complaint”).

27 5. Plaintiff and Defendant (collectively, “the Parties”) hereby waive their right to  
28 move for a new trial or otherwise seek to set aside the Judgment through any collateral attack, and

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further waive their right to appeal from the Judgment, except that Plaintiff and Defendant each agree that this Court shall retain jurisdiction for the purposes specified in paragraph 24 of the Judgment.

6. The Parties have stipulated and consented to the entry of the Judgment without the taking of proof and without trial or adjudication of any fact or law herein.


7. Defendant will accept service of any Notice of Entry of Judgment entered in this action by delivery of such notice to its counsel of record, and agrees that service of the Notice of Entry of Judgment will be deemed personal service upon it for all purposes.

8. The individuals signing below represent that they have been authorized by the parties they represent to sign this Stipulation.

9. This stipulation may be executed in counterparts, and the Parties agree that a facsimile or scanned PDF signature shall be deemed to be, and shall have the full force and effect as, an original signature.

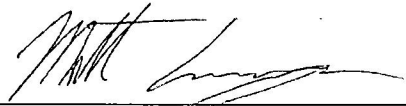
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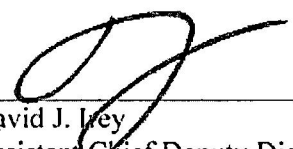
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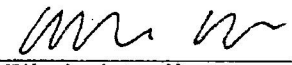
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 6 of Yolo County, by Assistant Chief Deputy District Attorney David J. Irej. Defendant  
 7 WALMART, INC. (“Walmart” or “Defendant”), appearing through JONES DAY. The People  
 8 and Walmart shall hereafter be referred to collectively as “the Parties.”

9 The Parties have stipulated and consented to the entry of this Judgment without the taking  
 10 of proof and without trial or adjudication of any fact or law herein, without this Judgment  
 11 constituting evidence of or an admission by Walmart regarding any issue of law or fact alleged in  
 12 the Complaint on file, and without Walmart admitting any liability, and with all parties having  
 13 waived their right to appeal.

14 The Court, having considered the matter and good cause appearing, **HEREBY ORDERS**  
 15 **THAT:**

16 **I. PARTIES AND JURISDICTION**

- 17 1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this lawsuit and over the Parties.
- 18 2. Venue is proper in this county.

19 **II. DEFINITIONS**

20 3. As used in this Judgment, the following words or terms shall have the following  
 21 meanings:

- 22 a. “Marketplace Retailer” shall mean any third party that offers or exposes for sale  
 23 or sells its products on Walmart.com’s online site via the Walmart.com  
 24 Marketplace.
- 25 b. “Prohibited Items” shall mean Prohibited Knuckles; Prohibited Knives; and  
 26 non-firearm weapons and devices as defined in Penal Code sections 16760,  
 27 17200, and 22210.

- 1 c. "Prohibited Knives" shall mean knives and non-firearm weapons as defined in
- 2 Penal Code sections 16140, 16220, 16260, 16340, 16830, 17160, 17235, 17290,
- 3 and 17350.
- 4 d. "Prohibited Knuckles" shall mean knuckles as defined in Penal Code sections
- 5 16405, 16680, and 16920.
- 6 e. "Walmart" shall mean Walmart, Inc. and shall not include Marketplace
- 7 Retailers.
- 8 f. "Walmart.com" shall refer to items offered for sale on www.walmart.com (as
- 9 currently named or as modified in the future).
- 10 g. "Walmart.com Marketplace" shall mean the e-commerce platform provided by
- 11 Walmart.com to permit select third party sellers ("Marketplace Retailers") to
- 12 offer or expose for sale and sell their products on Walmart.com's online site.

13 4. Whenever in this Judgment reference is made to any designation or numbered  
14 provision of the California Penal Code, such reference shall be deemed to be such provision or  
15 section as it may be redesignated or renumbered from time to time by act of the Legislature of the  
16 State of California in amending or recodifying such Penal Code provisions or sections.

17 **III. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

18 5. Nothing in this Judgment alters the requirements of federal or state law to the extent  
19 they offer greater protection to consumers.

20 6. The injunctive provisions of this Judgment shall apply to Walmart as well as its  
21 subsidiaries; its successors and the assigns of all or substantially all of the assets of its businesses;  
22 and its directors, officers, employees, agents, independent contractors, associates and  
23 representatives of each of them.

24 7. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 17203, Walmart shall comply with  
25 the injunctive provisions set forth in paragraphs 8-12.

26 8. Walmart is permanently enjoined and restrained from engaging in any conduct that  
27 violates or is punishable under California Penal Code sections 20310, 20410, 20510, 20610,  
28 20710, 20810, 20910, 21110, 21510, 21710, and 21810. Nothing in this Judgment prohibits

1 Walmart from hosting product pages of these items for sale on Walmart.com that block shipments  
2 to all California zip codes.

3 9. Walmart shall prohibit Marketplace Retailers from offering or exposing for sale or  
4 selling any Prohibited Items for shipments to California. Nothing in this Judgment shall prohibit  
5 Walmart from hosting product pages of Prohibited Items for sale by Marketplace Retailers that  
6 block shipments to all California zip codes.

7 10. Walmart shall employ procedures reasonably designed to prevent violations by  
8 Marketplace Retailers, including but not limited to, written notice and progressive discipline for  
9 violators based on the number and type of violations, up to and including termination. Walmart  
10 shall terminate a Marketplace Retailer when it determines that the Marketplace Retailer has  
11 intentionally evaded the prohibitions regarding Prohibited Items.

12 11. Walmart shall implement and maintain policies and procedures reasonably designed  
13 to prevent Marketplace Retailers from offering or exposing for sale or selling Prohibited Items on  
14 the Walmart.com Marketplace to consumers in California. These procedures shall include, but  
15 not be limited to, procedures reasonably designed to (a) identify and prevent Prohibited Items  
16 from being posted on the Walmart.com Marketplace for shipment to California, (b) remove  
17 shipment to California for Prohibited Items posted on the Walmart.com Marketplace within forty-  
18 eight (48) hours after discovering that they have been available for shipment to California, and (c)  
19 ensure those items are not offered for sale or sold on the Walmart.com Marketplace for shipment  
20 to California again. Walmart shall review, update, and improve these procedures on a continuous  
21 basis.

22 12. Within two business days of its receipt of written notice from the People stating that a  
23 Prohibited Item has been sold to a consumer in California or is being offered for sale on the  
24 Walmart.com Marketplace to consumers in California, Walmart will block the item for shipment  
25 to California. In addition, Walmart will notify the Marketplace Retailer of the violation and take  
26 reasonable steps to ensure the item is not offered for sale or sold on the Walmart.com  
27 Marketplace for shipment to California again.

28 **IV. COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING**

1           13. Walmart shall designate its Chief Compliance Officer or a similarly situated  
2 executive as the individual responsible for ensuring compliance with the terms of this Judgment.

3           14. Walmart shall provide a reasonably available mechanism on each individual product  
4 page on Walmart.com that customers may use to report the offering or exposing for sale or sale of  
5 Prohibited Items for shipments to California, such as through Walmart’s current “Report Incorrect  
6 Product Info” link or a similar reporting feature.

7           15. Walmart shall take reasonable steps to identify all California consumers who have  
8 purchased any Prohibited Knuckles or Prohibited Knives from Walmart prior to the effective date  
9 of this Judgment. Walmart shall send a notice to each consumer, with copy to the People, that:

10 (a) identifies the item; (b) notifies the purchaser that the item may be unlawful under the  
11 California Penal Code and includes the text of the relevant Penal Code provision(s); and (c)  
12 informs the purchaser that they may contact their local law enforcement agency for information  
13 on how to properly surrender the item.

14           16. After the date of entry of this Judgment, if Walmart discovers that any Prohibited  
15 Item was sold by Walmart to any California consumers, Walmart shall take reasonable steps  
16 promptly to identify the purchaser and send a notice to the purchaser, with copy to the People,  
17 that: (a) identifies the Prohibited Item; (b) notifies the purchaser that the item may be unlawful  
18 under the California Penal Code and includes the text of the relevant Penal Code provision(s); and  
19 (c) informs the purchaser that they may contact their local law enforcement agency for  
20 information on how to properly surrender the item.

21           17. Walmart shall provide compliance reports to counsel for Plaintiff documenting  
22 compliance with the terms of this Judgment for five years after the Effective Date of Judgment,  
23 on a semi-annual basis for the first year and on an annual basis thereafter. The reports shall  
24 contain a description of Walmart’s compliance policies and procedures subject to paragraphs 9-  
25 11, Walmart’s process for notifying purchasers of Prohibited Items subject to paragraphs 15 and  
26 16, and reporting metrics in the following areas:

27           a. Any Prohibited Items sold by Walmart or Marketplace Retailers in California or  
28 for shipment to California, including the number, type, and total sale price;

1           b. Any remedial action taken upon Walmart discovering the sale of any Prohibited  
2           Items in California or for shipment to California, including disciplinary action  
3           taken against Marketplace Retailers for offering or exposing for sale or selling  
4           Prohibited Items on the Walmart.com Marketplace, as set forth in paragraph 10;  
5           and

6           c. Any notification provided to purchasers of Prohibited Items sold by Walmart in  
7           California or shipped to California, as set forth in paragraphs 15 and 16,  
8           including the number and type of Prohibited Item.

9           18. To the full extent permitted by the laws of the State of California, the People  
10          shall treat all reports and sharing of information pursuant to this Judgment confidentially and as  
11          exempt from disclosure under the relevant public records laws.

12          **V. MONETARY RELIEF**

13          19. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 17206, Walmart shall pay a total  
14          amount of \$400,000.00 in civil penalties and \$100,000.00 designated toward partial  
15          reimbursement of investigative costs or crime prevention activities related to the manufacture,  
16          sale, supply, or possession of Prohibited Items.

17          20. The payment required in paragraph 19 above shall be paid within thirty (30) days of  
18          the entry of the Judgment. Payment instructions shall be provided to Walmart by the Attorney  
19          General no later than seven (7) days after the entry of the Judgment. Payment shall be  
20          apportioned as follows:

21               a. One hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) shall be paid to  
22               the California Attorney General's Office, of which one hundred thousand  
23               dollars (\$100,000.00) is allocated as civil penalties, and twenty-five thousand  
24               dollars (\$25,000.00) is designated toward partial reimbursement of  
25               investigative costs or crime prevention activities related to the manufacture,  
26               sale, supply or possession of Prohibited Items.

27               b. One hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) shall be paid to  
28               the District Attorney of Merced County, of which one hundred thousand dollars

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(\$100,000.00) is allocated as civil penalties, and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) is designated toward partial reimbursement of investigative costs or crime prevention activities related to the manufacture, sale, supply or possession of Prohibited Items.

c. One hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) shall be paid to the District Attorney of Ventura County, of which one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) is allocated as civil penalties, and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) is designated toward partial reimbursement of investigative costs or crime prevention activities related to the manufacture, sale, supply or possession of Prohibited Items.

d. One hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) shall be paid to the District Attorney of Yolo County, of which one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) is allocated as civil penalties, and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) is designated toward partial reimbursement of investigative costs or crime prevention activities related to the manufacture, sale, supply or possession of Prohibited Items.

**VI. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

21. Effective upon payment of the full amount due under Paragraph 19 of this Judgment, Plaintiff releases and discharges Defendant and its past and present employees, representatives, officers, directors, subsidiaries, operating companies, predecessors, assigns and successors, from any and all civil claims, causes of action, costs and attorney's fees, Plaintiff has asserted or could have asserted arising out of the conduct alleged in the Complaint prior to the date of the filing of the Complaint.

22. Defendant does not admit to any violations of law and does not admit any wrongdoing that was or could have been alleged by Plaintiff before the date of the Judgment under any law. No part of this Judgment, including its statements and commitments, shall constitute evidence of any liability, fault, or wrongdoing by Defendant.

1           23. This Judgment shall not be construed or used as a waiver or limitation of any defense  
2 otherwise available to Defendant in any other action or in any lawsuit of any kind, or of its right  
3 to defend itself from, or make any arguments in, any other private individual, regulatory,  
4 governmental, or putative or certified class claims, proposed or actual representative claims or  
5 suits relating to the subject matter or terms of this Judgment. This Judgment is made without trial  
6 or adjudication of any issue of fact or law or finding of liability of any kind. Nothing in this  
7 Judgment should be construed to create, waive, or limit any individual consumer's substantive  
8 claim or cause of action.

9           24. The Court shall retain jurisdiction of this Judgment and the Parties hereto for the  
10 purpose of enforcing, modifying and/or terminating this Judgment and for the purpose of granting  
11 such additional relief as may be necessary and appropriate. Grounds for modifying this Judgment  
12 shall include any that are permitted by law, including without limitation that: (i) any part of this  
13 Judgment is or has become preempted by federal law or regulation; (ii) any of the California laws  
14 relating to Prohibited Items has changed; or (iii) a material change in the facts upon which the  
15 injunction was granted.

16           25. For a period of five (5) years, Walmart shall comply with the conduct provisions in  
17 paragraphs 10, 11, 12, 14, and 16 of this Judgment.

18           26. Any notices required to be sent to the People or to Walmart under this Judgment shall  
19 be sent by email and certified mail to the following:

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c. Any additional or different notice recipients that the Parties may agree to in writing.

27. The Clerk is ordered to enter this Judgment forthwith.



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