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11 **DEPARTMENT 212**
12 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
13 COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
(Unlimited Jurisdiction)

14 MATEEL ENVIRONMENTAL
15 JUSTICE FOUNDATION,

16 Plaintiff,

17 v.

18 WEAR ME APPAREL CORP.; TRIPP NYC,
19 INC.,

20 Defendants.

CGC - 08 - 476326
CASE NO.

COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF
AND CIVIL PENALTIES

TOXIC TORT/ENVIRONMENTAL

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22 MATEEL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION alleges as follows:

23 INTRODUCTION

24 1. This Complaint seeks civil penalties and an injunction to remedy the continuing
25 failure of defendants WEAR ME APPAREL, CORP and TRIPP NYC, INC.. (hereinafter
26 "Defendants"), to give clear and reasonable warnings to those residents of California, who handle
27 and wear plastic clothing and rainwear, that handling and wearing these products causes those
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1 residents to be exposed to lead and lead compounds, lead acetate, lead phosphate, and lead
2 subacetate (hereinafter, collectively, "lead"). The types of products to which this Complaint
3 pertains are those types listed in the Product List appended to the Proposition 65 60-Day Notice
4 Letter that is attached to and incorporated by reference into this Complaint. Lead is known to
5 the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and male and female reproductive toxicity.
6 Defendants manufacture, distribute, and/or market clothing and rainwear made from leaded
7 plastic. These products cause exposures to lead and lead compounds, which are chemicals known
8 to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm.

9 2. Defendants are businesses that manufacture, market, and/or distribute leaded
10 plastic clothing and rainwear. Defendants intend that residents of California handle and use
11 leaded plastic clothing and rainwear that Defendants manufacture, market, and/or distribute.
12 When these products are handled and worn in their normally intended manner, they expose
13 people to lead. In spite of knowing that residents of California were and are being exposed to
14 these chemicals when they handle and wear leaded plastic clothing and rainwear, Defendants did
15 not and do not provide clear and reasonable warnings that these products cause exposure to
16 chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm.

17 3. Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7
18 to compel Defendants to bring their business practices into compliance with section 25249.5 et
19 seq. by providing a clear and reasonable warning to each individual who has been and who in the
20 future may be exposed to the above mentioned toxic chemicals from the use of Defendants'
21 products. Plaintiff seeks an order that defendants identify and locate each individual person who
22 in the past has purchased leaded plastic clothing and rainwear and to provide to each such
23 purchaser a clear and reasonable warning that the leaded plastic clothing and rainwear will cause
24 exposures to chemicals known to cause birth defects.

25 4. In addition to injunctive relief, plaintiff seeks civil penalties to remedy the failure
26 of Defendants to provide clear and reasonable warnings regarding exposure to chemicals known
27 to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm.

PARTIES

5. Plaintiff MATEEL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION ("Mateel") is a non-profit organization dedicated to, among other causes, the protection of the environment, promotion of human health, environmental education, and consumer rights. Mateel is based in Eureka, California, and is incorporated under the laws of the State of California. Mateel is a "person" pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25118. Mateel brings this enforcement action in the public interest pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d). Residents of California are regularly exposed to lead and lead compounds from leaded plastic clothing and rainwear manufactured, distributed or marketed by Defendants and are so exposed without a clear and reasonable Proposition 65 warning.

6. Defendants are each a person doing business within the meaning of Health & Safety Code Section 25249.11. Defendants are businesses that manufacture, distribute, and/or market leaded plastic clothing and rainwear in California, including the City and County of San Francisco. Marketing these products in the City and County of San Francisco and/or to people who live in San Francisco, causes people to be exposed to lead and lead compounds while they are physically present in the City and County of San Francisco.

7. Plaintiff brings this enforcement action against Defendants pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(d). Attached hereto and incorporated by reference is a copy of a 60-day Notice letter dated December 20, 2007, which Mateel sent to California's Attorney General. Substantially identical letters were sent to every District Attorney in the state, and to the City Attorneys of every California city with a population greater than 750,000. On that same day, Mateel sent identical 60-Day Notice letters to each defendant. Attached to the 60-Day Notice Letters sent to each defendant was a summary of Proposition 65 that was prepared by California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment. In addition, each 60-Day Notice Letter plaintiff sent was accompanied by a Certificate of Service attesting to the service of the 60-Day Notice Letter on each entity which received it. Pursuant to California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(d), a Certificate of Merit attesting to the reasonable and meritorious basis for the action was also sent with each 60-Day Notice Letter. Factual information sufficient to

1 establish the basis of the Certificate of Merit was enclosed with the 60-Day Notice letter Mateel
2 sent to the Attorney General.

3 8. Defendants are all businesses that employ more than ten people.

4 JURISDICTION

5 9. The Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to California Health & Safety
6 Code Section 25249.7. California Constitution Article VI, Section 10 grants the Superior Court
7 "original jurisdiction in all causes except those given by statute to other trial courts." Chapter 6.6
8 of the Health & Safety Code, which contains the statutes under which this action is brought, does
9 not grant jurisdiction to any other trial court.

10 10. This Court also has jurisdiction over Defendants because they are businesses that
11 have sufficient minimum contacts in California and within the City and County of San Francisco.
12 Defendants intentionally availed themselves of the California and San Francisco County markets
13 for plastic clothing and rainwear. It is thus consistent with traditional notions of fair play and
14 substantial justice for the San Francisco Superior Court to exercise jurisdiction over them.

15 11. Venue is proper in this Court because Defendants market their products in and
16 around San Francisco and thus cause people to be exposed to lead and lead compounds while
17 those people are physically present in San Francisco. Liability for Plaintiff's causes of action, or
18 some parts thereof, has accordingly arisen in San Francisco during the times relevant to this
19 Complaint and Plaintiff seeks civil penalties and forfeitures imposed by statutes.

20 FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
21 (Claim for Injunctive Relief)

22 12. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference into this First Cause of Action, as
23 if specifically set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 11, inclusive.

24 13. The People of the State of California have declared by referendum under
25 Proposition 65 (California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 et seq.) their right "[t]o be informed
26 about exposures to chemicals that cause cancer, birth defects, and reproductive harm."

27 14. To effectuate this goal, Section 25249.6 of the Health and Safety Code mandates
28 that persons who, in the course of doing business, knowingly and intentionally expose any

1 individual to a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer or birth defects must
2 first provide a clear and reasonable warning to such individual prior to the exposure.

3 15. Since at least December 20, 2004, Defendants have engaged in conduct that
4 violates Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6 et seq. This conduct includes knowingly and
5 intentionally exposing to the above mentioned toxic chemicals, those California residents who
6 handle and use leaded plastic clothing and rainwear. The normally intended handling and
7 wearing of leaded plastic clothing and rainwear causes exposure to lead and lead compounds,
8 which are chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other
9 reproductive harm. Defendants have not provided clear and reasonable warnings, within the
10 meaning of Health & Safety Code Sections 25249.6 and 25249.11.

11 16. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants knew that the leaded plastic
12 clothing and rainwear they manufactured, distributed or marketed were causing exposures to lead
13 and lead compounds. Defendants intended that residents of California handle and use leaded
14 plastic clothing and rainwear in such ways as would lead to significant exposures to these
15 chemicals.

16 17. By the above described acts, Defendants have violated Cal. Health & Safety Code
17 § 25249.6 and are therefore subject to an injunction ordering them to stop violating Proposition
18 65 and requiring them to provide warnings to their past customers who purchased defendants'
19 products without receiving a clear and reasonable warning.

20 SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
21 (Claim for Civil Penalties)

22 18. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference into this Second Cause of Action,
23 as if specifically set forth herein, paragraphs 1 through 17, inclusive.

24 20. By the above described acts, Defendants are liable and should be liable pursuant
25 to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b), for a civil penalty of \$2,500.00 per day for each
26 individual exposed without proper warning to lead and lead compounds from the handling or use
27 of Defendants' leaded plastic clothing and rainwear.
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1 PRAYER FOR RELIEF

2 Wherefore, plaintiff prays for judgment against DEFENDANTS, as follows:

3 1. Pursuant to the First Cause of Action, that all Defendants be enjoined, restrained,
4 and ordered to comply with the provisions of Section 25249.6 of the California Health & Safety
5 Code;

6 2. Pursuant to the Second Cause of Action, that Defendants be assessed a civil
7 penalty in an amount equal to \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposed, in violation of Section
8 25249.6 of the California Health & Safety Code, to lead and lead compounds as the result of
9 Defendants' manufacturing, distributing or marketing of leaded plastic clothing and rainwear;

10 3. Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5, that Plaintiff be awarded its
11 reasonable attorneys fees and costs for pursuing this enforcement action.


12 4. That Defendants be ordered to identify and locate each individual who purchased
13 leaded plastic clothing and rainwear and provide a warning to each such person that the plastic
14 clothing and rainwear the person purchased will expose that person to chemicals known to cause
15 birth defects.

16 5. For such other relief as this court deems just and proper.

17 Dated: June 10, 2008

18 KLAMATH ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
19 CENTER

20 By


William Verick

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Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation

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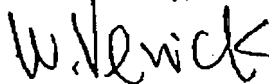
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Greetings:

This office and the Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation ("Mateel") give you notice that the private businesses listed on the attached Service List have been, are, will be and threaten to be in violation of Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6. Both this office and Mateel are private enforcers of Proposition 65, both may be contacted at the below listed address and telephone number, and I am a responsible individual at both Mateel and this office. The above referenced violations occur when California residents come into contact with clothing, such as rainjackets, pants and jackets, (collectively hereinafter "plastic clothing and rainwear"), made from polyvinyl chloride, neoprene and other plastic ("PVC"). The PVC used to manufacture this clothing and rainwear contains lead and lead compounds ("lead"), chemicals known to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. The listed companies market this plastic clothing and rainwear. Some specific examples of the products to which this notice pertains are attached on the accompanying Products List. Though a specific model or SKU or product number is given as an example, this notice pertains to all models, and all variations, of the specific type of product of which the named model is an example. People are exposed to lead at work and elsewhere when they put this plastic clothing and rainwear on, when they wear it, and when they take it off. Lead in the plastic is transferred from the plastic to their hands and to other parts of their skin. This lead is then absorbed through the skin, taken into cuts and abrasions, absorbed through mucous membranes, and transferred from the skin to the mouth via oral contact either directly with the plastic, from oral contact with the lead-contaminated skin, and when lead is transferred from contaminated skin to cigarettes and food and the contaminated cigarettes and food are smoked and/or eaten. These exposures thus occur via the dermal absorption, subcutaneous, mucus membrane, ingestion and inhalation routes. The listed private businesses did not and do not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before they exposes them to lead. These violations have occurred every day since at least December 20, 2004, and will continue every day until the lead is taken out of this plastic clothing and rainwear or until clear and reasonable warnings are given. The above-referenced violations are alleged for occupational exposures as well as for consumer and environmental exposures. We do not, however, allege occupational exposure violations as to any plastic clothing or rainwear made outside of California, except as to workplaces the private companies themselves maintain in California. Exposures constituting Proposition 65 environmental exposure violations occur both on and off the private companies' property and in each of California's 58 counties.

Cordially,



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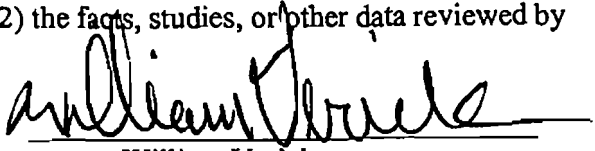
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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

I, William Verick, hereby declare: This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notices have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings. I am the attorney for the noticing party. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action. Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on all other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiffs' case can be established and the information did not prove that the alleged violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute. The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the person(s) consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: December 20, 2007



William Verick

This notice alleges the violation of Proposition 65 with respect to occupational exposures governed by the California State Plan for Occupational Safety and Health. The State Plan incorporates the provisions of Proposition 65, as approved by Federal OSHA on June 6, 1997. This approval specifically placed certain conditions on Proposition 65, including that it does not apply to the conduct of manufacturers occurring outside the State of California. The approval also provides that an employer may use the means of compliances in the general hazard communication requirements to comply with Proposition 65. It also requires that supplemental enforcement is subject to the supervision of the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Accordingly, any settlement, civil complaint, or substantive court orders in this matter must be submitted to the Attorney General.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Nicole Frank, declare:

If called, I could and would testify as follows: I am over eighteen. My business address is 424 First Street, Eureka, California, 95501. On December 20, 2007, I caused the attached 60-DAY NOTICE LETTER, or a letter identical in substance, to be served by U.S. Mail on those public enforcement agencies listed on the attached SERVICE LIST; in addition on the same date and by U.S. Mail I caused the attached 60-DAY NOTICE LETTER and PROPOSITION 65: A SUMMARY to be sent by Certified U.S. Mail to the private business entities also listed on the attached SERVICE LIST. I deposited copies of these documents in envelopes, postage pre-paid, with the U.S. Postal Service on the day on which the mail is collected. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on December 20, 2007, at Eureka, California.


Nicole Frank

PRODUCTS LIST

HOT TOPIC, INC.

TRIPP NYC, INC.

XXX TRIPP NYC BY DAANG GOODMAN VINYL PANTS STYLE: VM6656 SIZE: 1 COLOR: BLACK HOT TOPIC #275796-007; XXX TRIPP NYC BY DAANG GOODMAN VINYL PANTS STYLE: VM6995 SIZE: S COLOR: BLACK HOT TOPIC #257798-002 BLK BARBARELLA DRS VEND #5008

These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific models of the products listed, but also for all units of all models of the same types of PVC plastic rainwear and clothing products.

MERVYN'S LLC

AVIREX KIDS' JACKETS This product description pertains not only to the specific models of the products listed, but also for all units of all models of the same types of PVC plastic rainwear and clothing products.

WEAR ME APPAREL, INC.

AVIREX KIDS JACKETS; ORANGE COUNTY CHOPPERS CHILDREN'S JACKET; AVIREX SUPERIOR WARRIOR PACK ACADEMY LETTER JACKET These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific models of the products listed, but also for all units of all models of the same types of PVC plastic rainwear and clothing products.