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DAVID STEINMAN and THE CHEMICAL	CASE NO. CIV1202604
TOXIN WORKING GROUP, INC., a	
California non-profit corporation	SECOND AMENDED COMPLAIN
Plaintiffs,	<b>RE: BUMBLE BEE FOODS, LLC</b>
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vs.	[Miscellaneous Civil Complaint (42)
BUMBLE BEE FOODS, LLC and DOES 1- 100	Proposition 65, Health & Safety Coc Section 25249.5 et seq.]
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DAVID STEINMAN and THE CHEMICAL TOXIN WORKING GROUP, INC., a California non-profit corporation	
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SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT I	RE: BUMBLE BEE FOODS, LLC

Plaintiffs David Steinman and Chemical Toxin Working Group hereby allege:

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# **INTRODUCTION**

1. Plaintiff David Steinman (hereinafter "David Steinman") and Plaintiff The Chemical Toxin Working Group, Inc. (hereinafter "CTWG") or collectively "Plaintiffs" bring this action as private attorneys general and in the public interest pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7 (d). This complaint seeks injunctive and declaratory relief and civil penalties to remedy Bumble Bee Foods, LLC ("Bumble Bee")'s failure to warn California consumers of their exposure to lead and cadmium from ingestion of certain products manufactured distributed, and/or sold by Bumble Bee. Causes of action for injunctive and declaratory relief and civil penalties are brought by David Steinman as to the product Bumble Bee Premium Select Fancy Smoked Oysters, and by CTWG as to the products Snow's by Bumble Bee Minced Clams in Clam Juice; Snow's by Bumble Bee, Chopped Clams in Clam Juice; Snow's by Bumble Bee New England Clam Chowder, Condensed; Bumble Bee Premium Select Wild Fancy Whole Baby Clams; Brunswick Smoked Oysters Fancy; Bumble Bee Premium Select Fancy Smoked Oysters; and Bumble Bee Premium Select Fancy Whole Oysters ("Covered Products"). The Covered Products expose people to lead. The product Bumble Bee Premium Select Fancy Whole Oysters also exposes people to cadmium. Lead and cadmium are chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm. Based on the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.) also known as "Proposition 65," businesses with ten or more employees must provide a "clear and reasonable warning" prior to exposing persons to certain listed chemicals, including lead and cadmium.

# II

# PARTIES

Plaintiff David Steinman is a committed environmentalist, journalist, consumer health advocate, publisher and author. His major books include Diet for a Poisoned Planet (1990, 2007); The Safe Shopper's Bible (1995); Living Healthy in a Toxic World (1996); and Safe Trip to Eden: Ten Steps to Save the Planet Earth from Global Warming Meltdown (2007). Through this legal

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action, Mr. Steinman seeks to eliminate or substantially reduce exposure to lead and cadmium by California consumers.

3. Plaintiff CTWG is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to reducing the amount of chemical toxins in consumer products. CTWG was created by David Steinman.

4. Defendant Bumble Bee is a business entity that employs ten or more persons in the course of doing business for the purpose of Proposition 65. Bumble Bee manufactures, distributes and/or sells the Covered Products.

5. Defendants Does 1-100, are named herein under fictitious names, as their true names and capacities are unknown to Plaintiffs. David Steinman and CTWG are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that each of said Does is responsible, in some actionable manner, for the events and happenings hereinafter referred to, either through said defendant's conduct, or through the conduct of its agents, servants or employees, or in some other manner, causing the harms alleged by plaintiffs in this complaint. When said true names and capacities of Does are ascertained, David Steinman and CTWG will seek leave to amend this complaint to set forth the same.

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#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

6. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to California Constitution Article VI, Section 10 because this case is a cause not given by statute to other trial courts.

7. David Steinman has performed any and all conditions precedent to the filing of a legal action pursuant to Proposition 65 by serving by mail a Notice of Violation, dated February 24, 2012 to the Attorney General of the State of California, the State's district attorneys, the appropriate city attorney's and to Bumble Bee. A true and correct copy of the Notice of Violation is attached herein as Exhibit A. More than 60 days have passed since this Notice was mailed and no public enforcement entity has filed a complaint in this case.

8. CTWG has performed any and all conditions precedent to the filing of a legal action pursuant to Proposition 65 by serving by mail Notices of Violation, dated February 20, 2013, March 5, 2013, March 29, 2013, July 9, 2013, and November 12, 2013 to the Attorney General of the State of California, the State's district attorneys, the appropriate city attorney's, and to

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Bumble Bee. True and correct copies of these Notices of Violation are attached herein as Exhibit B. More than 60 days have passed since these Notices were mailed and no public enforcement entity has filed a complaint in this case.

9. This Court is the proper venue for the action because the causes of action have arisen in the County of Marin where some of the violations of law have occurred. Furthermore, this Court is the proper venue under Code of Civil Procedure Section 395.5 and Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7.

#### IV

#### **STATUTORY BACKGROUND**

#### A. Proposition 65

10. The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 is an initiative statute passed as "Proposition 65" by an overwhelming majority vote of the people in November of 1986.

11. The warning requirement of Proposition 65 is contained in Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6, which provides:

No person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning to such individual, except as provided in Section 25249.10.

12. Implementing regulations for Proposition 65 provide that warnings are required for consumer product exposures. A "consumer product exposure is an exposure which results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service." 27 CCR Section 25601 (b).

13. Whenever a clear and reasonable warning is required under Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6, the "method employed to transmit the warning must be reasonably calculated considering the alternative methods available under the circumstances, to make the warning message available prior to exposure." 27 CCR Section 25601 (a). The warning requirement may be satisfied by a warning that appears on a product's label or other labeling, signs, a system of signs, public advertising identifying the system and toll-free information services, or any other, system,

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that provides clear and reasonable warnings. <u>Id</u>., Section 25601 (b)(1)(A)-(C).

14. Proposition 65 establishes a procedure by which the State is to develop a list of chemicals "known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity." Health & Safety Code Section 25249.8. There is no duty to provide a clear and reasonable warning until 12-months after the chemical was published on the State list. <u>Id</u>., Section 25249.10(b). Lead was listed as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer on October 1, 1992, and as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity and male and female reproductive toxicity on February 27, 1987. Title 27, Cal. Code Regs., Section 27001. Cadmium was listed as a chemical known to cause reproductive toxicity on May 1, 1997. <u>Id</u>.

15. Proposition 65 may be enforced by any person in the public interest who provides notice sixty days before filing suit to both the violator and designated law enforcement officials. The failure of law enforcement officials to file a timely complaint enables a citizen suit to be filed pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7 (c).

16. Proposition 65 provides that any person "violating or threatening to violate" Proposition 65 may be enjoined in any court of competent jurisdiction. Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7
(a). To "threaten to violate" means "to create a condition in which there is a substantial probability that a violation will occur." <u>Id.</u>, Section 25249.11 (e). Furthermore, violators are subject to a civil penalty of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation. <u>Id.</u>, <u>Section 25249.7</u> (b).

#### V

# **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

17. Defendant Bumble Bee distributes and/or sells the Covered Products to California consumers as set forth in Exhibits A and B. All of the Covered Products contain lead, and one product contains cadmium.

18. Bumble Bee has knowingly and intentionally exposed numerous consumers throughout California to lead and cadmium from the Covered Products without providing a Proposition 65 warning. The company has at all times relevant hereto been aware that the Covered Products contained lead and cadmium and that persons using these products have been exposed to the

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chemicals. Bumble Bee manufactures, distributes and markets the Covered Products with knowledge that exposures to lead and cadmium occur.

19. Bumble Bee has failed to provide users of the Covered Products with a clear and reasonable warning that they are being exposed to a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

# FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

# (Violation of Section 25249.6 of the Health and Safety Code, Failure to Provide Clear and Reasonable Warning under Proposition 65)

20. David Steinman and CTWG refer to paragraphs 1-19, inclusive, and incorporate them herein by this reference.

21. By committing the acts alleged above, Bumble Bee has, in the course of doing business, knowingly and intentionally exposed people to a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm without first giving clear and reasonable warning to such individuals, within the meaning of Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6.

22. Said violations render each defendant liable for civil penalties up to \$2,500 (two thousand, five hundred dollars) per day, for each violation.

23. Bumble Bee's continued violation of the law will irreparably harm David Steinman, CTWG, and the public interest in whose behalf plaintiffs bring this action, for which there is no adequate remedy at law.

# **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

# (Declaratory Relief)

24. David Steinman and CTWG refer to paragraphs 1-23, inclusive, and incorporate them herein by this reference.

25. There exists an actual controversy relating to the legal rights and duties of the parties, within the meaning of Code of Civil Procedure Section 1060, between plaintiffs and defendants concerning:

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a) whether Bumble Bee has exposed individuals to a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm; without providing clear and reasonable warning.

# VI

#### PRAYER

WHEREFORE plaintiffs pray for relief as follows:

1. On the First Cause of Action, for civil penalties for each and every violation according to proof;

2. On the First Cause of Action, and pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7 (a), for such temporary restraining orders, preliminary and permanent injunctive orders, or other orders, prohibiting Bumble Bee from exposing persons to lead and cadmium without providing clear and reasonable warnings;

3. On the Second Cause of Action, for a declaratory judgment pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1060 declaring that Bumble Bee has exposed individuals to a chemical known to the State of California to cause, birth defects or other reproductive harm;

4. On all Causes of Action, for reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to Section 1021.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure or the substantial benefit theory;

5. For costs of suit herein; and

6. For such other relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: March 4, 2014

By Michael Freund by RRH

Michael Freund Attorney for David Steinman and The Chemical Toxin Working Group, Inc.

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SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT RE: BUMBLE BEE FOODS, LLC

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February 24, 2012

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Office of the California Attorney General Proposition 65 Enforcement Reporting 1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000 P.O. Box 70550 Oakland, CA 94612-0550

Re: Notice of Violation Against Bumble Bee Foods, LLC for Violation of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.

Dear Addressees:

I represent David Steinman, a committed environmentalist, journalist, consumer health advocate, publisher and author. His major books include Diet for a Poisoned Planet (1990, 2007); The Safe Shopper's Bible (1995); Living Healthy in a Toxic World (1996); and Safe Trip to Eden: Ten Steps to Save the Planet Earth from Global Warming Meltdown (2007). Through this Notice of Violation, Mr. Steinman seeks to reduce consumer exposures to lead in the named product set forth herein.

This letter constitutes notification that Bumble Bee Foods, LLC ("Bumble Bee") has violated the warning requirement of Proposition 65, the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act (commencing with section 25249.5 of the Health and Safety Code). The product that is the subject of this Notice of Violation and the chemical in the product identified as exceeding allowable levels are:

# Bumble Bee Premium Select Fancy Smoked Oysters - lead

Bumble Bee. has manufactured, marketed, distributed and/or sold the listed product which has exposed and continues to expose numerous individuals within California to lead. This chemical was listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer on October 1, 1992 and as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity, and male and female reproductive toxicity on February 27, 1987. The time period of these violations commenced one year after the listed dates above. The primary route of exposure has been through ingestion.



Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to certain listed chemicals. Bumble Bee is in violation of Proposition 65 because it failed to provide a warning to consumers that they are being exposed to lead. (22 C.C.R. section 12601.) While in the course of doing business, the company is knowingly and intentionally exposing consumers to this chemical without first providing a clear and reasonable warning. (Health and Safety Code section 25249.6.) The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product's label. 22 C.C.R. section 12601 (b)(1) (A). There are no warnings currently present on the company's label for this product.

Proposition 65 requires that notice and intent to sue be given to a violator 60-days before the suit is filed. With this letter, David Steinman gives notice of the alleged violation to the noticed party and the appropriate governmental authorities. This Notice of Violation covers all violations of Proposition 65 that are currently known to Mr. Steinman from information now available to us. Mr. Steinman is continuing his investigation that may reveal further violations. A summary of Proposition 65, prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and referenced as Appendix A, has been provided to the noticed party.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Michael Freund

cc: David Steinman

Attachments:

Certificate of Merit Certificate of Service OEHHA Summary to Bumble Bee Foods, LLC Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to Attorney General only)

#### **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

#### Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7 (d)

I, Michael Freund hereby declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached Notice of Violation in which it is alleged that the party identified in the Notice has violated Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.

2. I am the attorney for the noticing party David Steinman. Mr. Steinman is a committed environmentalist, journalist, consumer health advocate, publisher and author. The Notice of Violation alleges that the party identified has exposed persons in California to lead from the specified consumer product. Please refer to the Notice of Violation for additional details regarding the product names and alleged violations.

3. 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 alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action. In particular, I have consulted with the chemists who conducted the laboratory testing for lead regarding this product and I have relied on the testing results. The testing was conducted by a reputable testing laboratory by experienced scientists. These facts, studies or other data derived through this investigation overwhelmingly demonstrate that the party identified in the Notice of Violation exposes persons to lead through ingestion.

4. Based on the information obtained through these consultants and on other information in my possession, I believe there is sufficient evidence that human exposures exist from exposure to the listed product from the noticed party. Furthermore, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for

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the private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiff's 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.

5. The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the California Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7 (h) (2), i.e., (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: February 23, 2012

Michael Freund Attorney for David Steinman

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County of Alameda. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within entitled action; my business address is 1915 Addison Street, Berkeley, California 94704. On February 27, 2012 I served the within:

Notice of Violation and Certificate of Merit Against Bumble Bee Foods, LLC for Violation of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq. (Supporting Documentation sent to Attorney General only)

on the parties in said action, by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the United States Post Office mail box in Berkeley, California as follows:

See attached Service List

I, Michael Freund, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 27, 2012 at Berkeley, California.

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# Exhibit **B**

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Sincerely,

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Dated: February 19, 2013

Michael Freund Attorney for The Chemical Toxin Working Group

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County of Alameda. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within entitled action. My business address is 1919 Addison Street, Suite 105, Berkeley, California 94704. On February 20, 2013 I served the within:

Notice of Violation Against Bumble Bee Foods, LLC for Violation of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq. and Certificate of Merit on the parties in said action, via electronic mail to the California Attorney General and by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the United States Post Office mail box in Berkeley, California addressed as follows:

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I, Michael Freund, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on February 20, 2013 at Berkeley, California

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Office of the California Attorney General Proposition 65 Enforcement Reporting 1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000 P.O. Box 70550 Oakland, CA 94612-0550

Re: Notice of Violation Against Bumble Bee Foods, LLC for Violation of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.

Dear Alleged Violator and the Appropriate Public Enforcement Agencies:

I represent The Chemical Toxin Working Group, a California non-profit corporation dedicated to reducing the amount of chemical toxins in consumer products. The Chemical Toxin Working Group was created by David Steinman, a committed environmentalist, journalist, consumer health advocate, publisher and author. His major books include Diet for a Poisoned Planet (1990, 2007); The Safe Shopper's Bible (1995); Living Healthy in a Toxic World (1996); and Safe Trip to Eden: Ten Steps to Save the Planet Earth from Global Warming Meltdown (2007). Through this Notice of Violation, The Chemical Toxin Working Group seeks to reduce exposures to lead in products ingested by consumers.

This letter constitutes notification that Bumble Bee Foods, LLC ("Bumble Bee") has violated the warning requirement of Proposition 65, the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act (commencing with section 25249.5 of the Health and Safety Code). The products subject to this Notice of Violation and the chemical in the products identified as exceeding allowable levels are:

## Snow's by Bumble Bee New England Clam Chowder, Condensed – lead Bumble Bee Premium Select Wild Fancy Whole Baby Clams - Lead

Bumble Bee has manufactured, marketed, distributed and/or sold the above products which have exposed and continue to expose numerous individuals within California to lead. This chemical was

listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer on October 1, 1992 and as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity, and male and female reproductive toxicity on February 27, 1987. The time period of these violations commenced one year after the listed dates above. The primary route of exposure has been through ingestion.

Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to certain listed chemicals. Bumble Bee is in violation of Proposition 65 because the company failed to provide a warning to consumers that they are being exposed to lead. (22 C.C.R. section 12601.) While in the course of doing business, the company is knowingly and intentionally exposing consumers to lead without first providing a clear and reasonable warning. (Health and Safety Code section 25249.6.) The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product's label. 22 C.C.R. section 12601 (b)(1) (A). There are no warnings currently present on the company's label for these products.

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If you have any questions, please contact my office at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely.

Michael Freund

cc: The Chemical Toxin Working Group

Attachments:

Certificate of Merit Certificate of Service OEHHA Summary to Bumble Bee Foods, LLC Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to Attorney General only)

# **<u>CERTIFICATE OF MERIT</u>**

# Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7 (d)

I, Michael Freund hereby declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached Notice of Violation in which it is alleged that the party identified in the Notice has violated Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.

I am the attorney for the noticing party The Chemical Toxin Working Group. The Notice of Violation alleges that the party identified has exposed persons in California to lead from specified consumer products without providing a Proposition 65 warning. Please refer to the Notice of Violation for additional details regarding the product names and alleged violations.
 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 alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action. In particular, I have consulted with the laboratory who conducted the testing for lead regarding these products and I have relied on the testing results. The testing was conducted by a reputable testing laboratory by experienced scientists. These facts, studies or other data derived through this investigation overwhelmingly demonstrate that the party identified in the Notice of Violation exposes persons to lead through ingestion.

4. Based on the information obtained through the testing laboratory and on other information in my possession, I believe there is sufficient evidence that human exposures exist from exposure to the listed products from the noticed party. Furthermore, 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 plaintiff's 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.

5. The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the California Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7 (h) (2), i.e., (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: March 5, 2013

Michael Freund Attorney for The Chemical Toxin Working Group

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County of Alameda. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within entitled action. My business address is 1919 Addison Street, Suite 105, Berkeley, California 94704. On March 5, 2013 I served the within:

Notice of Violation Against Bumble Bee Foods, LLC for Violation of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq. and Certificate of Merit on the parties in said action, via electronic mail to the California Attorney General and by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the United States Post Office mail box in Berkeley, California addressed as follows:

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I, Michael Freund, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on March 5, 2013 at Berkeley, California

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I am the attorney for the noticing party The Chemical Toxin Working Group. The Notice of Violation alleges that the party identified has exposed persons in California to lead from specified consumer products without providing a Proposition 65 warning. Please refer to the Notice of Violation for additional details regarding the product names and alleged violations.
 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 alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action. In particular, I have consulted with the laboratory who conducted the testing for lead regarding these products and I have relied on the testing results. The testing was conducted by a reputable testing laboratory by experienced scientists. These facts, studies or other data derived through this investigation overwhelmingly demonstrate that the party identified in the Notice of Violation exposes persons to lead through ingestion.

4. Based on the information obtained through the testing laboratory and on other information in my possession, I believe there is sufficient evidence that human exposures exist from exposure to the listed products from the noticed party. Furthermore, 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

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plaintiff's 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.

5. The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the California Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7 (h) (2), i.e., (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: July 3, 2013

Michael Freund Attorney for The Chemical Toxin Working Group

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County of Alameda. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within entitled action. My business address is 1919 Addison Street, Suite 105, Berkeley, California 94704. On July 9, 2013 I served the within:

Notice of Violation Against Bumble Bee Foods, LLC for Violation of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq. and Certificate of Merit (Supporting Documentation sent to Attorney General only)

by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the United States Post Office mail box in Berkeley, California addressed to the names set forth on the Notice of Violation and on the attached Service List.

I, Michael Freund, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on July 9, 2013 at Berkeley, California

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November 12, 2013

#### VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Chris Lischewski, CEO Bumble Bee Foods, LLC 9655 Granite Ridge Drive, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92123

#### VIA PRIORITY MAIL

District Attorneys of All California Counties and Select City Attorneys (See Attached Certificate of Service)

Office of the California Attorney General Proposition 65 Enforcement Reporting 1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000 P.O. Box 70550 Oakland, CA 94612-0550

#### Re: Notice of Violations of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.

Dear Alleged Violator and the Appropriate Public Enforcement Agencies:

I represent The Chemical Toxin Working Group, Inc., ("CTWG") a California non-profit corporation dedicated to reducing the amount of chemical toxins in consumer products. CTWG was created by David Steinman, a committed environmentalist, journalist, consumer health advocate, publisher and author. His major books include Diet for a Poisoned Planet (1990, 2007); The Safe Shopper's Bible (1995); Living Healthy in a Toxic World (1996); and Safe Trip to Eden: Ten Steps to Save the Planet Earth from Global Warming Meltdown (2007). Through this Notice of Violation, CTWG seeks to reduce and/or eliminate exposures to cadmium ingested by consumers from oysters.

This letter constitutes notification that Bumble Bee Foods, LLC ("Bumble Bee") has violated the warning requirement of Proposition 65, the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic enforcement Act (commencing with Section 25249.5 of the Health and Safety Code). The product subject to this Notice of Violation and the chemical in the product identified as exceeding allowable levels are:

#### **Bumble Bee Premium Select Fancy Whole Oysters - Cadmium**

Bumble Bee has manufactured, marketed, distributed and/or sold the above product which has exposed and continues to expose numerous individuals within California to cadmium. This chemical was listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer on October 1, 1987 and as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity, and male reproductive toxicity on May 1, 1997. These violations have occurred every day since at least November 12, 2010, as well as every day since the product was introduced into

the California marketplace and will continue every day until cadmium is removed from the noticed product, reduced to allowable levels or until clear and reasonable warnings are provided. The primary route of exposure has been through ingestion but may have also occurred through inhalation and/or dermal contact.

Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to certain listed chemicals. Bumble Bee is in violation of Proposition 65 because the company failed to provide a warning to consumers that they are being exposed to cadmium. While in the course of doing business, the company is knowingly and intentionally exposing consumers to this chemical without first providing a clear and reasonable warning. (Health and Safety Code § 25249.6.) The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product's label. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 27, § 25603.1, subd. (a).) Bumble Bee has not provided any Proposition 65 warnings on the company's label or any other appropriate warnings that persons handling, ingesting and/or otherwise using this product are being exposed to cadmium.

Proposition 65 requires that notice and intent to sue be given to a violator 60-days before the suit is filed. With this letter, CTWG gives notice of the alleged violations to the noticed party and the appropriate governmental authorities. This Notice of Violation covers all violations of Proposition 65 that are currently known to the noticing party from information now available. CTWG is continuing its investigation that may reveal further violations. A summary of Proposition 65, prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and referenced as Appendix A, has been provided to the noticed party.

CTWG is interested in a prompt resolution of this matter with an enforceable written agreement by Bumble Bee to (1) eliminate or reduce cadmium levels to allowable levels, or provide appropriate warnings on the labels of this product; and (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty. Such a resolution will prevent further unwarned consumer exposures and expensive and time consuming litigation.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely

Michael Freund

cc: The Chemical Toxin Working Group, Inc.

Attachments:

Certificate of Merit Certificate of Service OEHHA Summary to Bumble Bee Foods, LLC Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to Attorney General only)

#### **CERTIFICTE OF MERIT**

#### Re: The Chemical Toxin Working Group Inc.'s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by Bumble Bee Foods, LLC

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3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of this Notice. I have reviewed the laboratory testing results for the chemical subject to this Notice and relied on these results. The testing was conducted by a reputable testing laboratory by experienced scientists. The facts, studies or other data derived through this investigation overwhelmingly demonstrate that the party identified in the Notice of Violation exposes persons to the listed chemical that is the subject of this Notice.

4. Based on the information obtained through these consultants and on other information in my possession, I believe there is sufficient evidence that human exposures exist from exposure to the listed product from the noticed party. Furthermore, 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 plaintiff's 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.

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Dated: November 12, 2013

Michael Freund Attorney for The Chemical Toxin Working Group, Inc.

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