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## SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

 ADVOCATES, LLC., a Limited Liability Company, in the public interest,Plaintiff,
v.

H \& T SEAFOOD, INC., a California Corporation and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,)

Defendant(s)

##  <br> COMPLAINT FOR PENALTY AND INJUNCTION <br> Violation of Proposition 65, the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health \& Safety Code § 25249.5, et seq.)

## UNLIMITED CIVIL

Plaintiff, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVOCATES, LLC. alleges twelve (12) causes of action against Defendants, H \& T SEAFOOD, INC. and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive as follows:

## THE PARTIES

1. Plaintiff, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVOCATES, LLC. ("PHSA" or "Plaintiff") is an organization qualified to do business in the state of California. PHSA is a person within the meaning of Health \& Safety Code $\S 25249.11(a)$, and is dedicated to protecting the public from
environmental health hazards and toxic exposures. PHSA, acting as a private attorney general, brings this enforcement action in the public interest pursuant to Health \& Safety Code §25249.7(d).
2. Defendants, H \& T SEAFOOD, INC. ("H \& T Seafood" or "Defendants") is a California corporation qualified to do business in California. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff contends that the Defendants have conducted business within California at all relevant times herein.
3. Plaintiff is presently unaware of the true names and capacities of Defendants, DOES 1 through 50, and therefore sues these Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will amend this Complaint to allege the true names and capacities of said Defendants when the identities are ascertained. Plaintiff is informed, believes and thereon alleges that each fictitiously named Defendant is responsible in some manner for the occurrences herein alleged and the damages caused.
4. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges that each of the Defendants at all times mentioned herein have conducted business within the state of California.
5. Defendants own, administer, direct, control, sell, distribute, and/or operate facilities that place twelve (12) products into the stream of commerce in California. The products ("Products") are outlined herein: (1) Double Blue Whole Round Squid, UPC \# 858838005960; (2) Double Blue Loligo Squid, UPC \#8106988541590; (3) Double Blue Short-Necked Clam Meat, UPC \#810698541842; (4) Double Blue Shellfish Cooked Clam, UPC \#810698546700; (5) Double Blue Frozen Cooked Mussel Meat, UPC \#810698546564; (6) Double Blue Loligo Squid Tentacles, UPC \#810698561093; (7) Pineapple Frozen Cooked Apple Snail Meat, UPC\#610698540821; (8) Pineapple Periwinkle Meat, UPC \#810698542504; (9) Frozen Cooked Baby Clam Meat, UPC \#810698547660; (10) Pineapple Frozen Whole Clam Steamed, UPC \#810698548250; (11) Pineapple Frozen Whole Cleaned Cuttlefish, UPC \#810696361017; (12) Pineapple Frozen Tiny Shrimp, UPC \#810698561284. Due to several chemicals in the Products, the Defendants are required to provide "clear and reasonable" warnings to consumers about the chemicals under Proposition 65.
6. At all times mentioned herein, Defendants were legally responsible for compliance with the provisions of Proposition 65. Whenever an allegation regarding any act of any Defendant is made herein, such allegation shall be deemed to mean that Defendants, or its agents, officers, directors,
managers, supervisors, or employees, did or so authorize such acts while engaged in the affairs of Defendants business operations and/or while acting within the course and scope of employment.
7. Upon information and belief, at all relevant times to this action, each of the Defendants, including DOES 1-50, was an agent, servant, or employee of each of the other Defendants. In conducting the activities alleged in this Complaint, each of the Defendants was acting within the course and scope of this agency, service, or employment, and was acting with the consent, permission, and authorization of each of the other Defendants. All actions of each of the Defendants alleged in this Complaint were ratified and approved by every other Defendant or their officers or managing agents, and/or negligently failed and omitted to act or adequately and properly supervise, control, or direct its employees and agents while engaged in the management, direction, operation, or control of the affairs of the business organizations. Alternatively, each of the Defendants aided, conspired with and/or facilitated the alleged wrongful conduct of each of the other Defendants.
8. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that at all relevant times, each of the Defendants was a person doing business within the meaning of Health \& Safety Code §25249.11(b), and that each of the Defendants had ten (10) or more employees at all relevant times.

## JURISDICTION

9. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to California Constitution, Article VI, Section 10, which grants the Superior Court original jurisdiction in all causes except those given by statute to other trial courts. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7, which allows enforcement of violations of Proposition 65 in any Court of competent jurisdiction.
10. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendants named herein because Defendants either reside in California, are located in California, are foreign corporations authorized to do business in California, are registered with the California Secretary of State, do sufficient business in California, have sufficient minimum contacts with California, or otherwise intentionally avail themselves of the markets within California through their manufacture, distribution, promotion, marketing, or sale of their products within California to render the exercise of jurisdiction by the California courts
permissible under traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.
11. Venue is proper in the County of Los Angeles because one or more of the instances of wrongful conduct occurred, and continues to occur, in the County of Los Angeles and/or because the Defendants conducted, and continue to conduct business in the County of Los Angeles with respect to the consumer Products that are the subject of this action. Said Products are marketed, offered for sale, sold, used, and/or consumed without clear and reasonable warnings in the County of Los Angeles.

## BACKGROUND AND PRELIMINARY FACTS

12. In 1986, California voters approved an initiative to address growing concerns about exposure to toxic chemicals and declared their right " $[t]$ o be informed about exposures to chemicals that cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm." Ballot Pamphlet, Proposed Law, Gen. Election (Nov.4, 1986) at p.3. The initiative, the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, codified at Health \& Safety Code § 25249.5, et seq. ("Proposition 65"), helps to protect California's drinking water sources from contamination, to allow consumers to make informed choices about the products they buy, and to enable persons to protect themselves from toxic chemicals as they see fit.
13. Proposition 65 requires the Governor of California to publish a list of chemicals known to the state to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. Health \& Safety Code § 25249.8. The list, which the Governor updates at least once a year, contains over 700 chemicals and chemical families. Proposition 65 imposes warning requirements and other controls that apply to Proposition 65-listed chemicals.
14. All businesses with ten (10) or more employees that operate or sell products in California must comply with Proposition 65. Under Proposition 65, businesses are: (1) prohibited from knowingly discharging Proposition 65-listed chemicals into sources of drinking water (Health \& Safety Code, $\S 25249.5$ ) and (2) required to provide "clear and reasonable" warnings before knowingly and/ or intentionally exposing a person to a proposition 65-listed chemical (Health \& Safety Code, § 25249.6).
15. Proposition 65 provides that any person "violating or threatening to violate" the statute may be enjoined in a court of competent jurisdiction. Health \& Safety Code § 25249.7. "Threaten to violate" means "to create a condition in which there is a substantial probability that a violation will occur." Id., § 25249.11 (e). Defendants are also liable for civil penalties of up to $\$ 2,500.00$ per day per violation, recoverable in a civil action. Id., § 25249.7 (b).
16. Plaintiff identified certain practices of manufacturers and distributors of cuttlefish who both in the past and presently, knowingly and intentionally expose, persons in California to Lead and Lead Compounds ("Lead"), and Cadmium and Cadmium Compounds ("Cadmium") in such products without first providing clear and reasonable warnings of such to the exposed persons prior to the time of exposure. Plaintiff later discerned that Defendants engaged in such practice.
17. On February 27, 1987, the Governor of California added Lead to the list of chemicals known to the State to cause developmental and reproductive toxicity. Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27, $\S 27001$ (c). Lead is known to cause developmental and reproductive toxicity, in both males and females. The Proposition 65 warning requirements and discharge prohibitions became applicable to Lead within twenty (20) months after Lead was added to the list of chemicals known to cause developmental and reproductive toxicity. Health \& Safety Code $\$ \S 25249.9$ and 25249.10.
18. On October 1, 1987, the Governor of California added Cadmium to the list of chemicals known to the State to cause cancer. Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27 §27001(b). The Proposition 65 warning requirements and discharge prohibitions became applicable to Cadmium within twenty (20) months after Cadmium was added to the list of chemicals known to cause cancer. Health \& Safety Code §§ 25249.9 and 25249.10.
19. On October 1, 1992, the Governor of California added Lead to the list of chemicals known to the State to cause cancer. Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27 §27001(b). The Proposition 65 warning requirements and discharge prohibitions became applicable to Lead within twenty (20) months after Lead was added to the list of chemicals known to cause cancer. Health \& Safety Code §§ 25249.9 and 25249.10.
20. On May 1, 1997, the Governor of California added Cadmium to the list of chemicals
known to the State to cause developmental and reproductive toxicity. Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27, §27001 (c). Lead is known to cause developmental and reproductive toxicity, in both males and females. The Proposition 65 warning requirements and discharge prohibitions became applicable to Cadmium within twenty (20) months after Cadmium was added to the list of chemicals known to cause developmental and reproductive toxicity. Health \& Safety Code $\S \S 25249.9$ and 25249.10.
21. The level of exposure to a chemical causing cancer, or reproductive toxicity under Proposition 65 is determined by multiplying the level in question times the reasonably anticipated rate of exposure for an individual to a given medium. 27 C.C.R. § 25821 (b). For exposure to consumer products, the level of exposure is calculated using the reasonably anticipated rate of intake or exposure for average users of the consumer product. 27 C.C.R. § 25821(C)(2).
22. Defendants manufacture and distribute twelve (12) products, (1) Double Blue Whole Round Squid, UPC \# 858838005960; (2) Double Blue Loligo Squid, UPC \#8106988541590; (3) Double Blue Short-Necked Clam Meat, UPC \#810698541842; (4) Double Blue Shellfish Cooked Clam, UPC \#810698546700; (5) Double Blue Frozen Cooked Mussel Meat, UPC 810698546564; (6) Double Blue Loligo Squid Tentacles, UPC \#810698561093; (7) Pineapple Frozen Cooked Apple Snail Meat, UPC\#610698540821; (8) Pineapple Periwinkle Meat, UPC \#810698542504; (9) Frozen Cooked Baby Clam Meat, UPC \#810698547660; (10) Pineapple Frozen Whole Clam Steamed, UPC \#810698548250; (11) Pineapple Frozen Whole Cleaned Cuttlefish, UPC \#810696361017; (12) Pineapple Frozen Tiny Shrimp, UPC \#810698561284 ("Products") which contain sufficient quantities of Lead and/or Cadmium such that consumers, including pregnant women, who consume the Products are exposed to Lead and/or Cadmium. The primary route of exposure for the violations happens when consumers ingest the Products orally. These exposures occur in homes, workplaces and everywhere in California where the Products are consumed.
23. During the relevant one-year period herein, no clear and reasonable warning was provided to consumers when the products were manufactured and released into the stream of commerce to warn consumers about the possible exposure to cancer, developmental or reproductive 6
hazards from Lead or Cadmium when the Products are consumed.

## NOTICE OF VIOLATION

24. At all times relevant to this action, the Defendants have knowingly and intentionally exposed the users/consumers of the Products to Lead and/or Cadmium by recommending that consumers ingest the Products without first giving a clear and reasonable warning to such individuals.
25. The Defendants have sold the Products to consumers in California at least since June 22, 2019. The Products continue to be imported, distributed and sold in California without the requisite warning information. Consumers are exposed to Lead and/or Cadmium when the Products are ingested.
26. On or about June 22, 2020, Plaintiff gave notice ("Notice") of the alleged violations of Health \& Safety Code §25249.6 for the Products to Defendants, the California Attorney General, the District Attorney for each county in California and the City Attorney for San Francisco, San Diego, San Jose, Sacramento and Los Angeles. In compliance with Health and Safety Code $\S 25249.7$ (d) and 27 C.C.R. Code $\S 25903(b)$, each Notice included the following information: the name, address, and telephone number of the noticing party; the name of the alleged violator; the statute violated; the approximate time period during which violations occurred; and descriptions of the violations including the chemicals involved, the routes of toxic exposure, and the specific product or type of product causing the violations.
27. Before sending the Notice of alleged violations, Plaintiff investigated the Products to determine the likelihood that such products would cause consumers to sustain significant exposure to Lead and/or Cadmium. Plaintiff hired a well-respected and accredited testing laboratory to test the Products. This laboratory uses testing protocols established and approved by the California Attorney General.
28. Plaintiff also sent a Certificate of Merit for each Notice to the California Attorney General, the District Attorneys of every county in California, the City Attorneys of every city in California with a population greater than 750,000 and to the named Defendants. In compliance with

Health \& Safety Code§ 2521-9.7(d) and 11 C.C.R. § 3101, each Certificate certified that Plaintiffs’ counsel: (1) has consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who reviewed facts, studies or other data regarding the exposures to lead alleged in each Notice; and (2) based on the information obtained through such consultations, believes that there is a reasonable and meritorious case for a citizen enforcement action based on the facts alleged in each Notice.
29. In reliance on the expert's evaluation of the Products, Plaintiffs' counsel is informed and believes and thereon alleges that there is a reasonable and meritorious case against Defendants for this private action.
30. Any person acting in the public interest has standing to enforce violations of Proposition 65 provided that such person has supplied the requisite public enforcers with a valid 60-Day Notice of Violation and such public enforcers arc not diligently prosecuting the action within such time. Health \& Safety Code§ 25249.7(d)
31. Plaintiff's notice of alleged violations also included a Certificate of Service and a document entitled "The Safe Drinking Water \& Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986: A Summary" Health \& Safety Code § 25249.7(d)
32. Plaintiff is commencing this action more than sixty (60) days from the date Plaintiff gave notice of the alleged violations to Defendants and the public prosecutor outlined above.
33. Plaintiff is informed, believes and thereon alleges that none of the public prosecutors with the authority to prosecute violations of Proposition 65 has commenced or is diligently prosecuting an action against the Defendants under Health and Safety Code section 25249.5 , et seq. based on the allegations herein.
34. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the alleged violation prior to filing this Complaint.

## FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Violation of Proposition 65, The Sate Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health \& Safety Code §25249.5, et seq.)
35. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 34 of this Complaint as
though fully set forth herein.
36. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, importer, distributor, wholesaler, promoter, or retailer of Double Blue Whole Round Squid ("Whole Round Squid"), UPC \# 858838005960.
37. Whole Round Squid contains Lead and Cadmium.
38. Defendants knew or should have known that Lead and Cadmium have been identified by the State of California as chemicals known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and were therefore subject to Proposition 65 warnings requirement. Defendants were also informed of the presence of Lead and Cadmium in Whole Round Squid and the Proposition 65 violations when the Plaintiff served Notice to Defendants on June 22, 2020.
39. The allegations surrounding Whole Round Squid involves "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]" which "is an exposure that 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." Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27 § 25602 (b). Whole Round Squid is a consumer product, and as mentioned herein, exposures to Lead and Cadmium took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable consumption and use.
40. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that at least since February 20, 2019 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed California consumers and users of Whole Round Squid to Lead and Cadmium. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold the product Shredded Squid, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use and consume Whole Round Squid, thereby exposing them to Lead and Cadmium. Therefore, Defendants violated Proposition 65.
41. The primary exposure to the Lead and Cadmium found in Whole Round Squid
comes from dermal contact, as well as direct and indirect ingestion and inhalation of the product. Persons sustain exposures by eating and consuming Whole Round Squid and handling Whole Round Squid without wearing gloves or any other personal equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucus membrane with after handling Whole Round Squid, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from Whole Round Squid.
42. Plaintiff is informed, believes and thereon alleges that each of the Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to Whole Round Squid has been ongoing and continuous, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code $\S$ 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion and sale of Whole Round Squid, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurs each time a person is exposed to Lead and Cadmium by Whole Round Squid as mentioned herein.
43. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
44. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to $\$ 2,500.00$ per day per individual exposure to Lead and Cadmium from Whole Round Squid, pursuant to Health and Safety Code $\S 25249.7$ (b).

## SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

## Violation of Proposition 65, The Sate Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health \& Safety Code §25249.5, et seq.)

45. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 44 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
46. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, importer, distributor, wholesaler, promoter, or retailer of Double Blue Loligo Squid ("Loligo Squid"), UPC \#8106988541590.
47. Loligo Squid contains Cadmium.
48. Defendants knew or should have known that Cadmium has been identified by the State of California as chemicals known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and were therefore subject to Proposition 65 warnings requirement. Defendants were also informed of the presence of Cadmium in Loligo Squid and the Proposition 65 violations when the Plaintiff served Notice to Defendants on June 22, 2020.
49. The allegations surrounding Loligo Squid involve "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]" which "is an exposure that 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." Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27 § 25602 (b). Loligo Squid is a consumer product, and as mentioned herein, exposures to Cadmium took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable consumption and use.
50. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that at least since June 22, 2020 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed California consumers and users of Loligo Squid to Cadmium. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold the product Loligo Squid, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use and consume Loligo Squid, thereby exposing them to Cadmium. Therefore, Defendants violated Proposition 65.
51. The primary exposure to the Cadmium found in Loligo Squid comes from dermal contact, as well as direct and indirect ingestion and inhalation of the product. Persons sustain exposures by eating and consuming Loligo Squid and handling Loligo Squid without wearing gloves or any other personal equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucus membrane with after handling Loligo Squid, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from Loligo Squid.
52. Plaintiff is informed, believes and thereon alleges that each of the Defendants'
violations of Proposition 65 as to Loligo Squid has been ongoing and continuous, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code § 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion and sale of Loligo Squid, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurs each time a person is exposed to Cadmium by Loligo Squid as mentioned herein.
53. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
54. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to $\$ 2,500.00$ per day per individual exposure to Cadmium from Loligo Squid, pursuant to Health and Safety Code $\$ 25249.7$ (b).

## THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

## Violation of Proposition 65, The Sate Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health \& Safety Code §25249.5, et seq.)

55. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 54 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
56. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, importer, distributor, wholesaler, promoter, or retailer of Double Blue Short-Necked Clam Meat ("Short-Necked Clam"), UPC \#810698541842.
57. Short-Necked Clam contains Lead and Cadmium.
58. Defendants knew or should have known that Lead and Cadmium have been identified by the State of California as chemicals known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and were therefore subject to Proposition 65 warnings requirement. Defendants were also informed of the presence of Lead and Cadmium in Short-Necked Clam and the Proposition 65 violations when the Plaintiff served Notice to Defendants on June 22, 2020.
59. The allegations surrounding Short-Neck Clam involves "[c]onsumer products
exposure[s]" which "is an exposure that 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." Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27 § 25602 (b). Short-Neck Clam is a consumer product, and as mentioned herein, exposures to Lead and Cadmium took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable consumption and use.
60. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that at least since June 22, 2020 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed California consumers and users of Short-Neck Clam to Lead and Cadmium. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold the product Short-Neck Clam, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use and consume Short-Neck Clam, thereby exposing them to Lead and Cadmium. Therefore, Defendants violated Proposition 65.
61. The primary exposure to the Lead and Cadmium found in Short-Neck Clam comes from dermal contact, as well as direct and indirect ingestion and inhalation of the product. Persons sustain exposures by eating and consuming Short-Neck Clam and handling Short-Neck Clam without wearing gloves or any other personal equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucus membrane with after handling Short-Neck Clam, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from ShortNeck Clam.
62. Plaintiff is informed, believes and thereon alleges that each of the Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to Short-Neck Clam has been ongoing and continuous, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code $\S$ 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion and sale of Short-Neck Clam, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurs each time a person is exposed to Lead and Cadmium by Short-Neck Clam as mentioned herein.
63. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
64. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to $\$ 2,500.00$ per day per individual exposure to Lead and Cadmium from Short-Neck Clam, pursuant to Health and Safety Code $\$ 25249.7$ (b).

## FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

## Violation of Proposition 65, The Sate Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health \& Safety Code §25249.5, et seq.)

65. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 64 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
66. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, importer, distributor, wholesaler, promoter, or retailer of Double Blue Shellfish Cooked Clam ("Cooked Clam"), UPC \#810698546700.
67. Cooked Clam contains Lead and Cadmium.
68. Defendants knew or should have known that Lead and Cadmium have been identified by the State of California as chemicals known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and were therefore subject to Proposition 65 warnings requirement. Defendants were also informed of the presence of Lead and Cadmium in Cooked Clam and the Proposition 65 violations when the Plaintiff served Notice to Defendants on June 22, 2020.
69. The allegations surrounding Cooked Clam involves "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]" which "is an exposure that 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." Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27 § 25602 (b). Cooked Clam is a consumer product, and as mentioned herein, exposures to Lead and Cadmium took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable consumption and use.
70. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that at least since June 22, 2020 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed California consumers and users of Cooked Clam to Lead and Cadmium. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold the product Cooked Clam, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use and consume Cooked Clam, thereby exposing them to Lead and Cadmium. Therefore, Defendants violated Proposition 65.
71. The primary exposure to the Lead and Cadmium found in Cooked Clam comes from dermal contact, as well as direct and indirect ingestion and inhalation of the product. Persons sustain exposures by eating and consuming Cooked Clam and handling Cooked Clam without wearing gloves or any other personal equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucus membrane with after handling Cooked Clam, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from Cooked Clam.
72. Plaintiff is informed, believes and thereon alleges that each of the Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to Cooked Clam has been ongoing and continuous, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code § 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion and sale of Cooked Clam, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurs each time a person is exposed to Lead and Cadmium by Cooked Clam as mentioned herein.
73. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
74. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to $\$ 2,500.00$ per day per individual exposure to Lead and Cadmium from Cooked Clam, pursuant to Health and Safety Code $\$ 25249.7(b)$.

## FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

## Violation of Proposition 65, The Sate Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health \& Safety Code §25249.5, et seq.)

75. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 74 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
76. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, importer, distributor, wholesaler, promoter, or retailer of Double Blue Frozen Cooked Mussel Meat, ("Cooked Mussel") UPC \#810698546564.
77. Cooked Mussel contains Lead and Cadmium.
78. Defendants knew or should have known that Lead and Cadmium have been identified by the State of California as chemicals known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and were therefore subject to Proposition 65 warnings requirement. Defendants were also informed of the presence of Lead and Cadmium in Cooked Mussel and the Proposition 65 violations when the Plaintiff served Notice to Defendants on June 22, 2020.
79. The allegations surrounding Cooked Mussel involves "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]" which "is an exposure that 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." Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27 § 25602 (b). Cooked Mussel is a consumer product, and as mentioned herein, exposures to Lead and Cadmium took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable consumption and use.
80. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that at least since June 22, 2020 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed California consumers and users of Cooked Mussel to Lead and Cadmium. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold the product Cooked Mussel, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use and consume Cooked

Mussel, thereby exposing them to Lead and Cadmium. Therefore, Defendants violated Proposition 65.
81. The primary exposure to the Lead and Cadmium found in Cooked Mussel comes from dermal contact, as well as direct and indirect ingestion and inhalation of the product. Persons sustain exposures by eating and consuming Cooked Mussel and handling Cooked Mussel without wearing gloves or any other personal equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucus membrane with after handling Cooked Mussel, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from Cooked Mussel.
82. Plaintiff is informed, believes and thereon alleges that each of the Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to Cooked Mussel has been ongoing and continuous, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code § 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion and sale of Cooked Mussel, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurs each time a person is exposed to Lead and Cadmium by Cooked Mussel as mentioned herein.
83. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
84. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to $\$ 2,500.00$ per day per individual exposure to Lead and Cadmium from Cooked Mussel, pursuant to Health and Safety Code $\$ 25249.7$ (b).

## SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

## Violation of Proposition 65, The Sate Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health \& Safety Code $\S 25249.5$, et seq.)

85. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 84 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
86. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer,
importer, distributor, wholesaler, promoter, or retailer of Double Blue Loligo Squid Tentacles ("Squid Tentacles"), UPC \#810698561093.
87. Squid Tentacles contains Lead and Cadmium.
88. Defendants knew or should have known that Lead and Cadmium have been identified by the State of California as chemicals known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and were therefore subject to Proposition 65 warnings requirement. Defendants were also informed of the presence of Lead and Cadmium in Squid Tentacles and the Proposition 65 violations when the Plaintiff served Notice to Defendants on June 22, 2020.
89. The allegations surrounding Squid Tentacles involves "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]" which "is an exposure that 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." Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27 § 25602 (b). Squid Tentacles is a consumer product, and as mentioned herein, exposures to Lead and Cadmium took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable consumption and use.
90. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that at least since June 22, 2020 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed California consumers and users of Squid Tentacles to Lead and Cadmium. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold the product Squid Tentacles, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use and consume Squid Tentacles, thereby exposing them to Lead and Cadmium. Therefore, Defendants violated Proposition 65.
91. The primary exposure to the Lead and Cadmium found in Squid Tentacles comes from dermal contact, as well as direct and indirect ingestion and inhalation of the product. Persons sustain exposures by eating and consuming Squid Tentacles and handling Squid Tentacles without wearing gloves or any other personal equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucus membrane with
after handling Squid Tentacles, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from Squid Tentacles.
92. Plaintiff is informed, believes and thereon alleges that each of the Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to Squid Tentacles has been ongoing and continuous, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code § 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion and sale of Squid Tentacles, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurs each time a person is exposed to Lead and Cadmium by Squid Tentacles as mentioned herein.
93. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
94. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to $\$ 2,500.00$ per day per individual exposure to Lead and Cadmium from Squid Tentacles pursuant to Health and Safety Code $\$ 25249.7(b)$.

## SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

## Violation of Proposition 65, The Sate Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health \& Safety Code §25249.5, et seq.)

95. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 94 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
96. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, importer, distributor, wholesaler, promoter, or retailer of Pineapple Frozen Cooked Apple Snail Meat ("Apple Snail"), UPC\#610698540821.
97. Apple Snail contains Lead.
98. Defendants knew or should have known that Lead has been identified by the State of California as chemicals known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and were therefore subject to Proposition 65 warnings requirement. Defendants were also informed of the presence of Lead in

Apple Snail and the Proposition 65 violations when the Plaintiff served Notice to Defendants on June 22, 2020.
99. The allegations surrounding Apple Snail involve "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]" which "is an exposure that 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." Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27 § 25602 (b). Apple Snail is a consumer product, and as mentioned herein, exposures to Lead took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable consumption and use.
100. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that at least since June 22, 2020 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed California consumers and users of Apple Snail to Lead. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold the product Apple Snail, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use and consume Apple Snail, thereby exposing them to Lead. Therefore, Defendants violated Proposition 65.
101. The primary exposure to the Lead found in Apple Snail comes from dermal contact, as well as direct and indirect ingestion and inhalation of the product. Persons sustain exposures by eating and consuming Apple Snail and handling Apple Snail without wearing gloves or any other personal equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucus membrane with after handling Apple Snail, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from Apple Snail.
102. Plaintiff is informed, believes and thereon alleges that each of the Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to Apple Snail has been ongoing and continuous, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code § 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion and sale of Apple Snail, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurs each time a person is exposed to Lead by Apple Snail as
mentioned herein.
103. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
104. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to $\$ 2,500.00$ per day per individual exposure to Lead from Apple Snail pursuant to Health and Safety Code $\$ 25249.7(b)$.

## EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

## Violation of Proposition 65, The Sate Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health \& Safety Code §25249.5, et seq.)

105. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 104 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
106. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, importer, distributor, wholesaler, promoter, or retailer of Pineapple Periwinkle Meat ("Periwinkle Meat"), UPC \#810698542504.
107. Periwinkle Meat contains Lead.
108. Defendants knew or should have known that Lead has been identified by the State of California as chemicals known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and were therefore subject to Proposition 65 warnings requirement. Defendants were also informed of the presence of Lead in Periwinkle Meat and the Proposition 65 violations when the Plaintiff served Notice to Defendants on June 22, 2020.
109. The allegations surrounding Periwinkle Meat involve "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]" which "is an exposure that 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." Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27 § 25602 (b). Periwinkle Meat is a consumer product, and as mentioned herein, exposures to Lead took place as a result of such
normal and foreseeable consumption and use.
110. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that at least since June 22, 2020 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed California consumers and users of Periwinkle Meat to Lead. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold the product Periwinkle Meat, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use and consume Periwinkle Meat, thereby exposing them to Lead. Therefore, Defendants violated Proposition 65.
111. The primary exposure to the Lead found in Periwinkle Meat comes from dermal contact, as well as direct and indirect ingestion and inhalation of the product. Persons sustain exposures by eating and consuming Periwinkle Meat and handling Periwinkle Meat without wearing gloves or any other personal equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucus membrane with after handling Periwinkle Meat, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from Periwinkle Meat.
112. Plaintiff is informed, believes and thereon alleges that each of the Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to Periwinkle Meat has been ongoing and continuous, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code § 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion and sale of Periwinkle Meat, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurs each time a person is exposed to Lead by Periwinkle Meat as mentioned herein.
113. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
114. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to $\$ 2,500.00$ per day per individual exposure to Lead from Periwinkle Meat pursuant to Health and Safety Code $\$ 25249.7$ (b).

## NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION

## Violation of Proposition 65, The Sate Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health \& Safety Code §25249.5, et seq.)

115. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 114 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
116. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, importer, distributor, wholesaler, promoter, or retailer of Frozen Cooked Baby Clam Meat ("Baby Clam Meat"), UPC \#810698547660.
117. Baby Clam Meat contains Lead and Cadmium.
118. Defendants knew or should have known that Lead and Cadmium have been identified by the State of California as chemicals known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and were therefore subject to Proposition 65 warnings requirement. Defendants were also informed of the presence of Lead and Cadmium in Baby Clam Meat and the Proposition 65 violations when the Plaintiff served Notice to Defendants on June 22, 2020.
119. The allegations surrounding Baby Clam Meat involves "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]" which "is an exposure that 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." Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27 § 25602 (b). Baby Clam Meat is a consumer product, and as mentioned herein, exposures to Lead and Cadmium took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable consumption and use.
120. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that at least since June 22, 2020 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed California consumers and users of Baby Clam Meat to Lead and Cadmium. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold the product Baby Clam Meat, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use and consume

Baby Clam Meat, thereby exposing them to Lead and Cadmium. Therefore, Defendants violated Proposition 65.
121. The primary exposure to the Lead and Cadmium found in Baby Clam Meat comes from dermal contact, as well as direct and indirect ingestion and inhalation of the product. Persons sustain exposures by eating and consuming Baby Clam Meat and handling Baby Clam Meat without wearing gloves or any other personal equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucus membrane with after handling Baby Clam Meat, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from Baby Clam Meat.
122. Plaintiff is informed, believes and thereon alleges that each of the Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to Baby Clam Meat has been ongoing and continuous, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code § 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion and sale of Baby Clam Meat, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurs each time a person is exposed to Lead and Cadmium by Baby Clam Meat as mentioned herein.
123. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
124. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to $\$ 2,500.00$ per day per individual exposure to Lead and Cadmium from Baby Clam Meat pursuant to Health and Safety Code $\$ 25249.7$ (b).

## TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Violation of Proposition 65, The Sate Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health \& Safety Code §25249.5, et seq.)
125. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 124 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
126. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, importer, distributor, wholesaler, promoter, or retailer of Pineapple Frozen Whole Clam Steamed ("Whole Clam Steamed"), UPC \#810698548250.
127. Whole Clam Steamed contains Lead and Cadmium.
128. Defendants knew or should have known that Lead and Cadmium have been identified by the State of California as chemicals known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and were therefore subject to Proposition 65 warnings requirement. Defendants were also informed of the presence of Lead and Cadmium in Whole Clam Steamed and the Proposition 65 violations when the Plaintiff served Notice to Defendants on June 22, 2020.
129. The allegations surrounding Whole Clam Steamed involves "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]" which "is an exposure that 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." Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27 § 25602 (b). Whole Clam Steamed is a consumer product, and as mentioned herein, exposures to Lead and Cadmium took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable consumption and use.
130. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that at least since June 22, 2020 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed California consumers and users of Whole Clam Steamed to Lead and Cadmium. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold the product Whole Clam Steamed, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use and consume Whole Clam Steamed, thereby exposing them to Lead and Cadmium. Therefore, Defendants violated Proposition 65.
131. The primary exposure to the Lead and Cadmium found in Whole Clam Steamed comes from dermal contact, as well as direct and indirect ingestion and inhalation of the product. Persons sustain exposures by eating and consuming Whole Clam Steamed and handling Whole

Clam Steamed without wearing gloves or any other personal equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucus membrane with after handling Whole Clam Steamed, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from Whole Clam Steamed.
132. Plaintiff is informed, believes and thereon alleges that each of the Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to Whole Clam Steamed has been ongoing and continuous, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code $\S$ 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion and sale of Whole Clam Steamed, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurs each time a person is exposed to Lead and Cadmium by Whole Clam Steamed as mentioned herein.
133. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
134. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to $\$ 2,500.00$ per day per individual exposure to Lead and Cadmium from Whole Clam Steamed pursuant to Health and Safety Code §25249.7(b).

## ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

## Violation of Proposition 65, The Sate Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health \& Safety Code §25249.5, et seq.)

135. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 134 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
136. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, importer, distributor, wholesaler, promoter, or retailer of Pineapple Frozen Whole Cleaned Cuttlefish ("Whole Cleaned Cuttlefish"), UPC \#810696361017.
137. Whole Cleaned Cuttlefish contains Lead and Cadmium.
138. Defendants knew or should have known that Lead and Cadmium have been
identified by the State of California as chemicals known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and were therefore subject to Proposition 65 warnings requirement. Defendants were also informed of the presence of Lead and Cadmium in Whole Cleaned Cuttlefish and the Proposition 65 violations when the Plaintiff served Notice to Defendants on June 22, 2020.
139. The allegations surrounding Whole Cleaned Cuttlefish involves "[c]onsumer products exposure[s]" which "is an exposure that 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." Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27 § 25602 (b). Whole Cleaned Cuttlefish is a consumer product, and as mentioned herein, exposures to Lead and Cadmium took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable consumption and use.
140. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that at least since June 22, 2020 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed California consumers and users of Whole Cleaned Cuttlefish to Lead and Cadmium. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold the product Whole Cleaned Cuttlefish, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use and consume Whole Cleaned Cuttlefish, thereby exposing them to Lead and Cadmium. Therefore, Defendants violated Proposition 65.
141. The primary exposure to the Lead and Cadmium found in Whole Cleaned Cuttlefish comes from dermal contact, as well as direct and indirect ingestion and inhalation of the product. Persons sustain exposures by eating and consuming Whole Cleaned Cuttlefish and handling Whole Cleaned Cuttlefish without wearing gloves or any other personal equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucus membrane with after handling Whole Cleaned Cuttlefish, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from Whole Cleaned Cuttlefish.
142. Plaintiff is informed, believes and thereon alleges that each of the Defendants'
violations of Proposition 65 as to Whole Cleaned Cuttlefish has been ongoing and continuous, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code $\S$ 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion and sale of Whole Cleaned Cuttlefish, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurs each time a person is exposed to Lead and Cadmium by Whole Cleaned Cuttlefish as mentioned herein.
143. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
144. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to $\$ 2,500.00$ per day per individual exposure to Lead and Cadmium from Whole Cleaned Cuttlefish pursuant to Health and Safety Code $\S 25249.7$ (b).

## TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

## Violation of Proposition 65, The Sate Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Health \& Safety Code §25249.5, et seq.)

145. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 144 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
146. Each of the Defendants is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a manufacturer, importer, distributor, wholesaler, promoter, or retailer of Pineapple Frozen Tiny Shrimp ("Tiny Shrimp"), UPC \#810698561284.
147. Tiny Shrimp contains Lead and Cadmium.
148. Defendants knew or should have known that Lead and Cadmium have been identified by the State of California as chemicals known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and were therefore subject to Proposition 65 warnings requirement. Defendants were also informed of the presence of Lead and Cadmium in Tiny Shrimp and the Proposition 65 violations when the Plaintiff served Notice to Defendants on June 22, 2020.
149. The allegations surrounding Tiny Shrimp involves "[c]onsumer products
exposure[s]" which "is an exposure that 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." Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27 § 25602 (b). Tiny Shrimp is a consumer product, and as mentioned herein, exposures to Lead and Cadmium took place as a result of such normal and foreseeable consumption and use.
150. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that at least since June 22, 2020 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed California consumers and users of Tiny Shrimp to Lead and Cadmium. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that Defendants manufactured, distributed, or sold the product Tiny Shrimp, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure. Defendants know and intend that California consumers will use and consume Tiny Shrimp, thereby exposing them to Lead and Cadmium. Therefore, Defendants violated Proposition 65.
151. The primary exposure to the Lead and Cadmium found in Tiny Shrimp comes from dermal contact, as well as direct and indirect ingestion and inhalation of the product. Persons sustain exposures by eating and consuming Tiny Shrimp and handling Tiny Shrimp without wearing gloves or any other personal equipment, or by touching bare skin or mucus membrane with after handling Tiny Shrimp, as well as through direct and indirect hand to mouth contact, hand to mucous membrane, or breathing in particulate matter dispersed from Tiny Shrimp.
152. Plaintiff is informed, believes and thereon alleges that each of the Defendants' violations of Proposition 65 as to Tiny Shrimp has been ongoing and continuous, as Defendants engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates Health and Safety Code § 25249.6, including the manufacture, distribution, promotion and sale of Tiny Shrimp, so that a separate and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurs each time a person is exposed to Lead and Cadmium by Tiny Shrimp as mentioned herein.
153. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition

65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.
154. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to $\$ 2,500.00$ per day per individual exposure to Lead and Cadmium from Tiny Shrimp pursuant to Health and Safety Code $\S 25249.7(b)$.

## PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief and judgment against Defendants, as follows:

1. That the Court, pursuant to Health \& Safety Code§ 25249.7(b), assess civil penalties against the Defendants in the amount of $\$ 2,500.00$ per day for each violation of Proposition 65;
2. An injunctive order, pursuant to Health and Safety Code §25249.7(b) and CCR title 27, §25603 and 25603.1, compelling Defendants to adopt a compliance program by either (a) reformulating the products such that no Proposition 65 warnings are required, or (b) providing "clear and reasonable" warnings on the labels of the subject Products.
3. An award of reasonable attorney's fees and cost; and
4. Such other and further relief that the Court may deem just and equitable.

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