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	FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR CIVIL PENALTIES AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF		

Plaintiff KEEP AMERICA SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL, acting in the public interest, alleges a cause of action against DEFENDANTS AMAZON.COM, INC. and DOES 1-75.

INTRODUCTION AND NATURE OF THE ACTION

- 1. This First Amended Complaint ("Complaint") is a representative action brought by plaintiff Keep America Safe and Beautiful ("KASB") in the public interest of the citizens of the State of California ("State" or "California") to enforce the People's right to be informed of the health hazards caused by exposures to di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate ("DEHP"), di-n-butyl phthalate ("DBP"), and diisononyl phthalate ("DINP"), toxic chemicals found in and on the products manufactured, imported, distributed, sold or offered for sale by defendants in California, including tools with vinyl/PVC components, vinyl/PVC cords, siphon hoses, vinyl storage/packaging cases, smartphone armband cases, tools with vinyl grips, tongs with vinyl/PVC grips, vinyl/PVC door hangers, tick remover kits, wrist coaches with vinyl components, vinyl cases, flexible vacuum tools, vinyl sphygmomanometer tubing, PVC bags, PVC sandbag weights, vinyl floats, vinyl steering wheel covers, vinyl/PVC balls, vinyl eyewear cases, vinyl/PVC mini boxing gloves, and vinyl/PVC greenhouses (collectively referred to, hereinafter, as the "PRODUCTS").
- 2. By this Complaint, plaintiff seeks to remedy defendants' continuing failure to warn individuals not covered by California's Occupational Safety Health Act, Labor Code § 6300 et seq. ("consumers") they are being exposed to substances known to the State to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm through exposures to DEHP, DBP, and/or DINP, chemicals present in and on the PRODUCTS manufactured, imported, distributed, shipped, marketed, sold or offered for sale throughout California by defendants and purchased by California consumers who handle or use the PRODUCTS.
- 3. Detectable levels of DEHP, DBP, and/or DINP are found in and on the PRODUCTS defendants manufacture, import, sell or distribute for sale to individuals throughout California.

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- 4. Pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, codified at Health and Safety Code § 25249.6 *et seq.* ("**Proposition 65**"), it is unlawful for a person in the course of doing business to knowingly and intentionally expose consumers in California to chemicals known to the State to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm, without first providing a "clear and reasonable" health hazard warning to such individuals prior to purchase or use.
- 5. KASB contends defendants manufacture, import, distribute, sell, and offer for sale, in and into California, PRODUCTS containing DEHP, DBP, and/or DINP without Proposition 65's requisite health hazard warning regarding the harms associated with exposures to the chemicals. Defendants' conduct subjects them to civil penalties for each violation, as well an enjoinment and preliminary and permanent injunctive relief. Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(a) and (b).
- 6. KASB further alleges, through its online marketplace, Defendant AMAZON.COM, INC. ("AMAZON") provides a platform for small businesses to sell PRODUCTS containing DEHP, DBP, and DINP to California consumers, and AMAZON profits from these sales. KASB contends AMAZON provides these small businesses with e-commerce storefronts, retail outlets in California, customer service, payment processing, warehousing, and/or shipping, enabling them to maximize sales of the PRODUCTS to California consumers, thereby increasing AMAZON's profits, particularly during the coronavirus pandemic when there has been a substantial increase in online commerce.

PARTIES

7. Plaintiff KASB is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of California and acting in the interest of the general public, dedicated to protecting the health of California citizens and the environment through the elimination or reduction of toxic chemicals utilized in manufacturing consumer products and to increasing public awareness of those chemicals through the promotion of sound environmental practices and corporate responsibility. KASB is a person within the meaning of Health & Safety Code § 25249.11(a), and it brings this action in the public interest, pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(d).

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- 8. Plaintiff is informed, believes and thereon alleges, at all relevant times, Defendant AMAZON was and is a "person" "in the course of doing business" with ten (10) or more employees, within the meanings of Health and Safety Code §§ 25249.6 and 25249.11.
- 9. AMAZON manufactures, imports, distributes, sells, and/or offers the PRODUCTS for sale or use in California, or implies by its conduct that it manufactures, imports, distributes, sells, and/or offers the PRODUCTS for sale or use in California.
- 10. Defendants DOES 1-25 ("MANUFACTURER DEFENDANTS") are each a person in the course of doing business within the meaning of Health and Safety Code §§ 25249.6 and 25249.11. MANUFACTURER DEFENDANTS, and each of them, assemble, fabricate, and manufacture, or each impliedly does so by its conduct, one or more of the PRODUCTS offered for sale or use in California.
- 11. Defendants DOES 26-50 ("**DISTRIBUTOR DEFENDANTS**") are each a person in the course of doing business within the meaning of Health and Safety Code §§ 25249.6 and 25249.11. DISTRIBUTOR DEFENDANTS, and each of them, distribute, transfer, and transport, or each impliedly does so by its conduct, one or more of the PRODUCTS to individuals, businesses, or retailers for sale or use in California
- 12. Defendants DOES 51-75 ("**RETAILER DEFENDANTS**") are each a person in the course of doing business within the meaning of Health and Safety Code §§ 25249.6 and 25249.11. RETAILER DEFENDANTS, and each of them, by and through their conduct, offer the PRODUCTS for sale to individuals in California.
- 13. At this time, the true names of Defendants DOES 1 through 75, inclusive, are unknown to plaintiff, who, therefore, sues said DOES Defendants by their fictitious names, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 474. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and on that basis alleges, each of the fictitiously named Defendants is responsible in some manner for the acts and occurrences alleged herein and the damages caused thereby. When ascertained, their true names and capacities shall be reflected in an amended complaint.

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14. At all times mentioned herein, AMAZON, MANUFACTURER DEFENDANTS, DISTRIBUTOR DEFENDANTS, and RETAILER DEFENDANTS shall, hereinafter, where appropriate, be referred to collectively as the "**DEFENDANTS**."

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 15. This Court has jurisdiction over this action, pursuant to Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, allowing enforcement by any court of competent jurisdiction. The California Superior 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." The statute under which this action is brought does not specify any other basis of subject matter jurisdiction.
- 16. The California Superior Court has jurisdiction over DEFENDANTS, based on plaintiff's information and good faith belief DEFENDANTS are each a person, firm, corporation or association that is a citizen of the State, does sufficient business in California, has sufficient minimum contacts in California, and/or otherwise purposefully and intentionally avail themselves of the California market through their manufacture, importation, distribution, shipment, promotion, marketing or sale of PRODUCTS within the State. DEFENDANTS' purposeful availment renders the exercise of personal jurisdiction by California courts consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.
- 17. Venue is proper in the Superior Court for the County of San Francisco, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure §§ 393, 395, and 395.5, because this Court is a court of competent jurisdiction, because plaintiff seeks civil penalties against DEFENDANTS, because one or more instances of wrongful conduct occurred, and continue to occur, in this county, and/or because DEFENDANTS conducted, and continue to conduct, business in the County of San Francisco with respect to the PRODUCTS that are the subject of this action.

REGULATORY BACKGROUND AND LAW

- 18. In 1986, the people of the State approved an initiative addressing the harms caused by hazardous chemicals and declared their right "[t]o be informed about exposures to chemicals that cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm." Ballot Pamp., Proposed General Law, Gen, Elec. (Nov. 4, 1986) at p.3.
- 19. Formally known as the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 and codified at Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 et seq., Proposition 65 states, in relevant part, "[n]o person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first giving a clear and reasonable warning to such individual..."
- 20. Under the Act, a "person in the course of doing business" is defined as a business with ten (10) or more employees. Health & Safety Code § 25249.11(b). Businesses are prohibited from exposing individuals to hazardous chemicals without first giving a "clear and reasonable" warning. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6.
- 21. Exposing individuals to hazardous chemicals means to cause individuals to ingest, inhale, contact via body surfaces or otherwise come into contact with a listed chemical. Title 27, California Code of Regulations ("C.C.R."), Section 25102(i). An exposure to a hazardous chemical is defined as one that "results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption or other reasonably foreseeable use of a product..."

 27 C.C.R. § 25600(h).
- 22. Under the Act, "[t]he retail seller is responsible for providing the warning required by Section 25249.6 of the Act for a consumer product exposure" when it has "actual knowledge of the potential consumer product exposure requiring the warning, and there is no manufacturer, producer, packager, importer, supplier, or distributor of the product who: (A) [i]s a "person in the course of doing business" under Section 25249.11(b) of the Act, and (B) [h]as designated an agent for service of process in California, or has a place of business in California." 27 C.C.R. § 25600.2(e)(5).
- 23. Under the statute, actual knowledge is defined as, "specific knowledge of the consumer product exposure received by the retail seller from any reliable source. If the source of this

knowledge is a notice served pursuant to Section 25249.7 (d)(1) of the Act, the retail seller shall not be deemed to have actual knowledge of any consumer product exposure that is alleged in the notice until five business days after the retail seller receives a notice that provides a description of the product with sufficient specificity for the retail seller to readily identify the product in accordance with Article 9, section 25903(b)(2)(D)." 27 C.C.R. § 25600.2(f).

- 24. Under Proposition 65, persons violating the statute may be enjoined in any court of competent jurisdiction and may be subject to civil penalties of up to \$2,500 per day, per violation. Health & Safety Code § 25249.7.
- 25. On October 24, 2003, pursuant to Proposition 65's implementing regulations, California identified and listed DEHP as a chemical known to the State cause birth defects and reproductive harm. DEHP became subject to the "clear and reasonable warning" requirements one year later on October 24, 2004. 27 C.C.R. § 27001(c); Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.8, 25249.10(b).
- 26. On December 2, 2005, pursuant to Proposition 65, California identified and listed DBP as a chemical known to cause birth defects and reproductive harm. DBP became subject to the "clear and reasonable warning" requirements one year later on December 2, 2006. 27 C.C.R. § 27001(c); Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.8, 25249.10(b).
- 27. On December 20, 2013, pursuant to Proposition 65, California identified and listed DINP as a chemical known to cause cancer. DINP became subject to the "clear and reasonable warning" requirements one year later on December 20, 2014. 27 C.C.R. § 27001(c); Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.8, 25249.10(b).
 - 28. DEHP, DBP, and DINP are collectively referred to hereinafter as "Listed Phthalates."

STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 29. Plaintiff purchased or caused to be purchased DEFENDANTS' PRODUCTS on Amazon for sale in or into California without a warning.
- 30. Plaintiff investigated and tested DEFENDANTS' PRODUCTS at an accredited lab, and consulted with a person with relevant and appropriate knowledge and expertise, who, after reviewing the collected data and analyzing the risk of exposure to one or more Listed Phthalates,

determined the PRODUCTS subject consumers in California to exposure to one or more Listed Phthalates at levels requiring a warning under the statute, based on touching, handling or otherwise utilizing the PRODUCTS in accordance with their reasonably foreseeable and intended usages.

- 31. Based on the foregoing, Plaintiff's attorneys executed certificates of merit, attesting there was a reasonable and meritorious case for this private action based on the allegations in each 60-Day Notice of Violation ("60-Day Notice(s)") and included the factual information supporting the certificates served on the Office of the California Attorney General ("OAG"), as required, with a copy of each 60-Day Notice. In the regular course of business, the OAG assigned a number to each 60-Day Notice ("Notice No."). Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d); Title 11 C.C.R. § 3102.
- 32. Amazon uses a product identifier system assigning an "ASIN" or Amazon Standard Identification Number to each product on AMAZON. Each ASIN includes a unique combination of ten (10) letters and numbers that reference a specific product. ASINs allow AMAZON to track its inventory and act as a catalogue to search and browse its website. Thus, through ASINs, consumers and DEFENDANTS alike can easily locate and identify products available on AMAZON or at Amazon 4 Star brick and mortar retail outlets.
- 33. Each Notice KASB served on AMAZON included the ASIN associated with the exemplar PRODUCT and/or additional specific PRODUCT identifying information, such as the Universal Product Code ("UPC") for the PROUCTS alleged to contain one or more Listed Chemicals sold without the requisite clear and reasonable warning to allow DEFENDANTS to locate the allegedly violative PRODUCTS easily and promptly upon receipt of the Notices.
- 34. On September 11, 2020, plaintiff served 60-Day Notices, together with corresponding certificates of merit, on AMAZON, the California Attorney General's Office, and the requisite public enforcement agencies, alleging consumers in the State were, and are, being exposed to DEHP through their reasonably foreseeable use of the PRODUCTS as intended without first receiving a "clear and reasonable warning," as required by Proposition 65, as a result of DEFENDANTS' sales of: (1) tools with vinyl/PVC components, Notice No. 2020-02330, including, but not limited to, the *Aidetek BNC to Mini Grabber Test Lead Set (Cord), Model # AP1020, ASIN B011GB13XO, UPC 6 78358 85151 5*; (2) smartphone armband cases, Notice No. 2020-02332, including the *DURAGADGET Smartphone*

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Sports Armband (Purple), SKU: 1282, GTIN 5 054019 557494, ASIN B00NWGKEBO; (3) vinyl storage/packaging cases, Notice No. 2020-02333, including the *Utopia Bedding Hypoallergenic* Mattress Protector (Twin) Product Code: X000N2BVMH, GTIN 7 54207 38053 2, ASIN B00MRH9NCK; and (4) vinyl/PVC cords, Notice No. 2020-02337, including the iMBAPrice Black Coiled Telephone Handset Cable Cord (pack of 2), Product ID # LPN PM 18589 3510, ASIN B00O4IPV9O.

- 35. On September 11, 2020, plaintiff served 60-Day Notice No. 2020-02331, together with the certificate of merit, on AMAZON, the OAG, and the requisite public enforcement agencies, alleging, consumers in California were, and are, being exposed to DEHP and DBP through their reasonably foreseeable use of the products as intended without first receiving a "clear and reasonable warning," as required by Proposition 65, as a result of DEFENDANTS' sales of siphon hoses, including but not limited to, the A ABIGAIL Gas Siphon Hose Pump Shaker Siphon for Gasoline Fuel Water Transfer Safe Multi-Purpose Self Priming Pump 6 Foot High Grade Hose 1/2" Valve, A7726F, X002B054TZ, ASIN B07XFM6KB3.
- 36. Thereafter, on September 30, 2020, plaintiff served 60-Day Notice No. 2020-02577, together with the certificate of merit, on AMAZON, the OAG and the requisite public enforcement agencies, alleging, as a result of DEFENDANTS' sales of tools with vinyl grips, including but not limited to, The Army Painter Miniature and Model Files - 3-Piece Diamond File Set of Round File, Flat File and Triangular Metal... Plastic Miniatures, Product No. X002J49KBB, ASIN B001AE7RRO, consumers in the California were, and are, being exposed to DEHP through their reasonably foreseeable use of the products as intended without first receiving a "clear and reasonable warning," as required by Proposition 65.

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37. On October 7, 2020, plaintiff served 60-Day Notice No. 2020-02635 together with the requisite certificate of merit, on AMAZON, the OAG, and the requisite public enforcement agencies, alleging consumers in the State are being exposed to DEHP, as a result of DEFENDANTS' sales of tongs with vinyl/PVC grips, including but not limited to Shark Outdoors Premium Stainless Steel Grill Tongs for Pitmasters & Serious Grillers, Red SS Grill Tongs, B07MQBWR3N, through their reasonably foreseeable use of the products as intended without first receiving clear and reasonable warnings, as required by Proposition 65.

- 38. On October 14, 2020, plaintiff served 60-Day Notices, together with corresponding certificates of merit, on AMAZON, the California Attorney General's Office, and the requisite public enforcement agencies, alleging consumers in the State were, and are, being exposed to DEHP through their reasonably foreseeable use of the PRODUCTS as intended without first receiving a "clear and reasonable warning," as required by Proposition 65, as a result of DEFENDANTS' sales of: (1) tools with grips, Notice No. 2020-02687, including the Bastex 12-Inch Oil Filter Wrench, ASIN #B073C1SXZP, Prod. Code #X001GJYHTF232; and (2) vinyl/PVC door hangers, Notice No. 2020-02690, including, but not limited to, the Quality Clever Do Not Disturb Sign (2 Pack) Executive Quality Door Hanger; Model # QCP00200; ASIN B00VY03GEW; UPC 6 37390 43786 6.
- 39. On October 21, 2020, plaintiff served 60-Day Notice No. 2020-02830, together with the certificate of merit, on AMAZON, the OAG, and the requisite public enforcement agencies, alleging, as a result of DEFENDANTS' sales of tick remover kits, including but not limited to, TickCheck.com Two-Piece Tick Remover Kit, UPC 8 60061 00204 3, ASIN B075DKL3Z6, consumers in the State were, and are, being exposed to DEHP through their reasonably foreseeable use of the products as intended without first receiving a "clear and reasonable warning," as required by Proposition 65.
- 40. On November 18, 2020, plaintiff served 60-Day Notice No. 2020-03113, together with the certificate of merit, on AMAZON, the OAG, and the requisite public enforcement agencies, alleging, as a result of DEFENDANTS' sales of vinyl floats, including but not limited to, the Storm Surface Marker and Flag for Scuba Diving or Snorkeling, X000J17FM7, SKU: FL SFB-01, UPC 8 13347 02282 2, consumers in California were, and are, being exposed to DINP through their

reasonably foreseeable use of the products as intended without first receiving a "clear and reasonable warning," as required by Proposition 65.

- 41. On November 18, 2020, plaintiff served three 60-Day Notices together with the certificates of merit, on AMAZON, the OAG, and the requisite public enforcement agencies, alleging consumers in California were, and are, being exposed to DEHP through their reasonably foreseeable use of the products as intended without first receiving a "clear and reasonable warning," as required by Proposition 65, as a result of: (1) DEFENDANTS' sales of vinyl cases, Notice No. 2020-03112, including but not limited to, the *Impressive Smile Oral Hygiene Set 4, X0020JX6WJ*; (2) DEFENDANTS' sales of flexible vacuum tools, Notice No. 2020-03114, including but not limited to, *Universal 25" Flexible Crevice Tool with Detachable Brush Head, X00106QQUN, ASIN B071YGBG5G*; (3) DEFENDANTS' sales of vinyl sphygmomanometer tubing, Notice No. 2020-03115, including but not limited to, the *Gurin Products Santa Medical Deluxe Aneroid Sphygmomanometer, Model: SP-110, X000FVBQ1R, UPC 8 58759 00541 4, ASIN B00ACBKNS6*; and (4) DEFENDANTS' sales of wrist coaches with vinyl components, Notice No. 2020-03118, including but not limited to, the *Suddora Football Wrist Coach Playbook Armband for Quarterback, X000JPEYLN, ASIN B00A2ULYB2*.
- 42. On December 9, 2020, plaintiff served 60-Day Notice No. 2020-03347, together with the certificate of merit, on AMAZON, the OAG, and the requisite public enforcement agencies, alleging, as a result of DEFENDANTS' sales of tools with vinyl/PVC grips, including but not limited to, *Flat Half Round Nose Jaws Plier*, *ASIN B011PL90Q*, consumers in California were, and are, being exposed to DEHP through their reasonably foreseeable use of the products as intended without first receiving a "clear and reasonable warning," as required by Proposition 65.
- 43. On January 20, 2021, plaintiff served 60-Day Notice No. 2021-00092, together with the certificate of merit, on AMAZON, the OAG, and the requisite public enforcement agencies, alleging, as a result of DEFENDANTS' sales of PVC bags, including but not limited to, *Peak Gear Clear Bag, UPC 8 54497 00771 0, ASIN B07V3GPZT9*, consumers in California were, and are, being exposed to DEHP through their reasonably foreseeable use of the products as intended without first receiving a "clear and reasonable warning," as required by Proposition 65.

- 44. On January 29, 2021, plaintiff served 60-Day Notice No. 2021-00204, together with the certificate of merit, on AMAZON, the OAG, and the requisite *public* enforcement agencies, alleging, as a result of DEFENDANTS' sales of PVC sandbag weights, including but not limited to, *Meister Elite Portable Sand Kettlebell 15lb, No. 1099KB15BK, ASIN B01N5ESB3U*, consumers in California were, and are, being exposed to DINP through their reasonably foreseeable use of the products as intended without first receiving a "clear and reasonable warning," as required by Proposition 65.
- 45. On January 29, 2021, plaintiff served 60-Day Notice No. 2021-00206, together with the certificate of merit, on AMAZON, the OAG, and the requisite *public* enforcement agencies, alleging, as a result of DEFENDANTS' sales of vinyl steering wheel covers, including but not limited to, *AmazonBasics Leatherette Steering Wheel Cover, 15", Black, ASIN B07X247V9K*, consumers in California were, and are, being exposed to DEHP through their reasonably foreseeable use of the products as intended without first receiving a "clear and reasonable warning," as required by Proposition 65.
- 46. On February 3, 2021, plaintiff served 60-Day Notice No. 2021-00235, together with the certificate of merit, on AMAZON, the OAG and the requisite public enforcement agencies, alleging, as a result of DEFENDANTS' sales of vinyl/PVC balls, including but not limited to, *Pro Impact Poly Soft PVC Cricket Balls, X0009ISTWF*, ASIN B002YJEIKS, and vinyl/PVC mini boxing gloves, including but not limited to, *Pro Impact Mini Boxing Gloves, B07P83MDYH, 101667435*, ASIN B07J2TMHC4, consumers in California were, and are, being exposed to DEHP and DINP through their reasonably foreseeable use of the products as intended without first receiving a "clear and reasonable warning," as required by Proposition 65.
- 47. On February 3, 2021, plaintiff served 60-Day Notice No. 2021-00239, together with the certificate of merit, on AMAZON, the OAG and the requisite public enforcement agencies, alleging, as a result of DEFENDANTS' sales of vinyl eyewear cases, including but not limited to, *JAVOedge (3 PACK) 2 Tone Style Soft Pouch Eyeglass Storage Case EYEW-00375- 3PACK, LPNRR944996727 ASIN B07QHVXN4H*, consumers in California were, and are, being exposed to

DEHP through their reasonably foreseeable use of the products as intended without first receiving a "clear and reasonable warning," as required by Proposition 65.

- 48. On March 12, 2021, plaintiff served 60-Day Notice No. 2021-00621, together with the certificate of merit, on AMAZON, the OAG, and the requisite public enforcement agencies, alleging, as a result of DEFENDANTS' sales of vinyl/PVC greenhouses, including but not limited to, *Mini Balcony Greenhouse, Model No: SH3270-12.5, UPC 7 00112 23677 8, ASIN B00JEN2A1Q*, consumers in California were, and are, being exposed to DEHP through their reasonably foreseeable use of the products as intended without first receiving a "clear and reasonable warning," as required by Proposition 65.
- 49. Five days after the receipt of each of the above referenced Notices, AMAZON continued to distribute, ship, sell and offer for sale to consumers in California each and every one of the PRODUCTS without the requisite warning.
- 50. After receiving plaintiff's Notices, no public enforcement agency has commenced and is diligently prosecuting a cause of action against DEFENDANTS under Proposition 65 to enforce the alleged violations that are the subject of the Notices.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Violation of Proposition 65 - Against All DEFENDANTS)

- 51. KASB realleges and incorporates by reference, as if fully stated herein, the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 50, inclusive.
- 52. DEFENDANTS' PRODUCTS contain one or more Listed Phthalates at levels requiring a clear and reasonable warning under Proposition 65.
- 53. DEFENDANTS know or should have known the PRODUCTS they manufacture, import, distribute, sell, and offer for sale in California contain one or more Listed Phthalates.
- 54. Through Plaintiff's Notices, DEFENDANTS were informed and have actual knowledge of the presence of one or more Listed Phthalates in the PRODUCTS.
- 55. The PRODUCTS DEFENDANTS manufacture, import, distribute, sell, and offer for sale in or into the State cause exposures to one or more Listed Phthalates, through dermal contact and both direct and indirect ingestion, based on the reasonably foreseeable use of the PRODUCTS.

- 56. The normal and reasonably foreseeable use of the PRODUCTS has caused, and continues to cause, exposures to one or more Listed Phthalates.
- 57. DEFENDANTS know, should have known, or have actual knowledge the normal and reasonably foreseeable uses of the PRODUCTS expose individuals to one or more Listed Phthalates through dermal contact and both direct and indirect ingestion.
- 58. DEFENDANTS intend exposures to one or more Listed Phthalates from the reasonably foreseeable use of the PRODUCTS will occur, by their deliberate, non-accidental participation in the California marketplace.
- 59. The exposures to one or more Listed Phthalates, caused by DEFENDANTS and endured by consumers and other individuals in California, are not exempt from the "clear and reasonable" warning requirements of Proposition 65.
- 60. DEFENDANTS failed to provide a "clear and reasonable warning" to those consumers and other individuals in California who have been, or who will be, exposed to one or more Listed Phthalates through dermal contact and both direct and indirect ingestion resulting from the use of the PRODUCTS as intended.
- 61. DEFENDANTS failed to provide "clear and reasonable warnings" to consumers, despite having actual knowledge about the Listed Phthalates in the Products and potential for consumer harms.
- 62. Contrary to the express policy and statutory prohibition of Proposition 65, consumers and other individuals, exposed to one or more Listed Phthalates through dermal contact and ingestion as a result of their use of the PRODUCTS DEFENDANTS sold without a "clear and reasonable" health hazard warning, have suffered, and continue to suffer, irreparable harm for which they have no plain, speedy, or adequate remedy at law.
- 63. DEFENDANTS manufacture, import, distribute, sell, and offer the PRODUCTS for sale or use in violation of Health and Safety Code § 25249.6, and DEFENDANTS' violations have continued beyond their receipt of plaintiff's Notices. As such, DEFENDANTS' violations are ongoing and continuous in nature and, unless enjoined, will continue in the future.

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- 64. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(b), as a consequence of the above-described acts, DEFENDANTS, and each of them, are liable for a maximum civil penalty of \$2,500 per day for each violation.
- 65. As a consequence of the above-described acts, Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(a) also specifically authorizes the Court to grant injunctive relief against DEFENDANTS.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, KASB prays for relief and judgment against DEFENDANTS, and each of them, as follows:

- 1. That the Court, pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(a), preliminarily and permanently enjoin DEFENDANTS from manufacturing, distributing, importing, marketing or otherwise offering the PRODUCTS for sale or use in California without first providing a "clear and reasonable warning" to consumers addressing the harms associated with exposures to one or more Listed Phthalates;
- 2. That the Court, pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(a), issue preliminary and permanent injunctions mandating DEFENDANTS recall all PRODUCTS sold to consumers in California and currently in the chain of commerce in California that do not bear a clear and reasonable health hazard warning;
- 3. That the Court assess civil penalties against DEFENDANTS, and each of them, in the amount of \$2,500 per day for each violation of Proposition 65, in an amount to be determined at trial;
- 4. That the Court award plaintiff its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit, incurred herein; and
 - 5. That the Court grant any further relief as it deems just and equitable.

Dated: September 17, 2021 Respectfully submitted,

SEVEN HILLS LLP

By: Kimberly Gates Johnson

Laralei Schmohl Paras Attorneys for Plaintiff

Keep America Safe and Beautiful

PROOF OF SERVICE

I am over 18 years of age and not a party to this action. I am employed in the county where the mailing took place. Seven Hills LLP's business address is 4 Embarcadero Center, Suite 1400, San Francisco, CA 94111.

On September 17, 2021, I caused the following document(s) to be served, described as:

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on each interested party as follows:

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