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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

CGC-25-625777

GABRIEL ESPINOZA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No.:

**COMPLAINT FOR CIVIL PENALTIES AND
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

**(Violation of Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 et
seq.)**

Plaintiff Gabriel Espinoza ("Plaintiff"), by and through his attorneys, alleges the following cause of action in the public interest of the citizens of the State of California.

BACKGROUND OF THE CASE

1. Plaintiff brings this representative action on behalf of all California citizens to enforce relevant portions of Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, codified at the Health and Safety Code § 25249.5 et seq ("Proposition 65"), which reads, in relevant part, "[n]o person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer without first giving clear and reasonable warning to such individual ...". Health & Safety Code § 25249.6.

2. This complaint is a representative action brought by Plaintiff in the public interest of the citizens of the State of California to enforce the People's right to be informed of the health hazards caused by exposure to lead and/or cadmium, toxic chemicals found in products sold, manufactured, and/or distributed by defendant Recreational Equipment, Inc. in California.

1 3. Cadmium is a harmful chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer
2 and birth defects or other reproductive harm. On October 1, 1987, the State of California listed
3 cadmium as a chemical known to the State to cause cancer and it has come under the purview of
4 Proposition 65 regulations since that time. Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27, § 27001(c); Health & Safety
5 Code §§ 25249.8 & 25249.10(b). On May 1, 1997, the State of California listed cadmium as a
6 chemical known to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

7 4. Lead is a harmful chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and
8 birth defects or other reproductive harm. On October 1, 1992, the state of California listed lead as
9 a chemical known to cause cancer and it has come under the purview of Proposition 65 regulations
10 since that time. Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27, § 27001(c); Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.8 &
11 25249.10(b). On February 27, 1987, the State of California listed lead as a chemical known to
12 cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

13 5. Proposition 65 requires all businesses with ten (10) or more employees that operate
14 within California or sell products therein to comply with Proposition 65 regulations. Included in
15 such regulations is the requirement that businesses must label any product containing a Proposition
16 65-listed chemical that will create an exposure above safe harbor levels with a “clear and
17 reasonable” warning before “knowingly and intentionally” exposing any person to any such listed
18 chemical.

19 6. Proposition 65 allows for civil penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per violation
20 for up to 365 days (up to a maximum civil penalty amount per violation of \$912,000.00) to be
21 imposed upon defendants in a civil action for violations of Proposition 65. Health & Safety Code
22 § 25249.7(b). Proposition 65 also allows for any court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin the
23 actions of a defendant which “violate or threaten to violate” the statute. Health & Safety Code §
24 25249.7.

25 7. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant distributes and/or offers for sale in California,
26 without a requisite exposure warning, (a) *Firepot*® dal and rice with spinach manufactured,
27 distributed, and/or sold by Outdoorfood Ltd. (lead), (b) *Solely*® organic mango halves
28 manufactured, distributed, and/or sold by Solely, Inc. (lead), (c) Nomad Nutrition southwest

breakfast skillet manufactured, distributed, and/or sold by Nomad Nutrition, Inc. (lead and cadmium), (d) Nomad Nutrition Kathmandu curry manufactured, distributed, and/or sold by Nomad Nutrition, Inc. (lead and cadmium), and (e) Heather's Choice spinach curry with chicken and rice manufactured, distributed, and/or sold by Heather's Choice LLC (lead) (collectively, the "Products" and each a "Product") that expose persons to cadmium and/or lead when consumed for their intended purpose.

8. Defendant's failure to warn consumers and other individuals in California of the health hazards associated with exposure to cadmium and/or lead in conjunction with the sale and/or distribution of the Products is a violation of Proposition 65 and subjects Defendant to the enjoinder and civil penalties described herein.

9. Plaintiff seeks civil penalties against Defendant for its violations of Proposition 65 in accordance with Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(b).

10. Plaintiff also seeks injunctive relief, preliminarily and permanently, requiring Defendant to provide purchasers or users of the Products with required warnings related to the dangers and health hazards associated with exposure to cadmium and/or lead pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(a).

11. Plaintiff further seeks a reasonable award of attorney's fees and costs.

PARTIES

12. Plaintiff is a citizen of the State of California acting in the interest of the general public to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals in products sold in California and to improve human health by reducing hazardous substances contained in such items. He brings this action in the public interest pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(d).

13. Defendant Recreational Equipment, Inc., through its business, effectively imports, distributes, sells, and/or offers the Products for sale or use in the State of California, or it implies by its conduct that it imports, distributes, sells, and/or offers the Products for sale or use in the State of California. Plaintiff alleges that defendant Recreational Equipment, Inc. is a "person" in the course of doing business within the meaning of Health & Safety Code sections 25249.6 and 25249.11.

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15. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to California Constitution Article VI, § 10, which grants the Superior Court original jurisdiction in all causes except those given by statute to other trial courts. Health and Safety Code § 25249.7 allows for the enforcement of violations of Proposition 65 in any Court of competent jurisdiction; therefore, this Court has jurisdiction over this lawsuit.

16. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant is either a citizen of the State of California, has sufficient minimum contacts with the State of California, is registered with the California Secretary of State as foreign corporations authorized to do business in the State of California, and/or has otherwise purposefully availed itself of the California market. Such purposeful availment has rendered the exercise of jurisdiction by California courts consistent and permissible with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

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18. To effect this goal, Proposition 65 requires that individuals be provided with a “clear and reasonable warning” before being exposed to substances listed by the State of California as causing cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. H&S Code § 25249.6 states, in pertinent part:

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HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5

1 19. An exposure to a chemical in a consumer product is one “which results from a
2 person’s acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption or other reasonably foreseeable use of a
3 consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service.” (27 CCR §
4 25602, para (b).) H&S Code § 25603(c) states that “a person in the course of doing business ...
5 shall provide a warning to any person to whom the product is sold or transferred unless the product
6 is packaged or labeled with a clear and reasonable warning.”

7 20. Pursuant to H&S Code § 25603.1, the warning may be provided by using one or
8 more of the following methods individually or in combination:¹

9 a. A warning that appears on a product’s label or other labeling.

10 b. Identification of the product at the retail outlet in a manner which provides
11 a warning. Identification may be through shelf labeling, signs, menus, or a combination
12 thereof.

13 c. The warnings provided pursuant to subparagraphs (a) and (b) shall be
14 prominently placed upon a product’s labels or other labeling or displayed at the retail outlet
15 with such conspicuousness, as compared with other words, statements, designs, or devices
16 in the label, labeling or display as to render it likely to be read and understood by an
17 ordinary individual under customary conditions of purchase or use.

18 d. A system of signs, public advertising identifying the system and toll-free
19 information services, or any other system that provides clear and reasonable warnings.

20 21. Proposition 65 provides that any “person who violates or threatens to violate” the
21 statute may be enjoined in a court of competent jurisdiction. (H&S Code § 25249.7.) The phrase
22 “threaten to violate” is defined to mean creating “a condition in which there is a substantial
23 probability that a violation will occur.” (H&S Code § 25249.11(e).) Violators are liable for civil
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27 ¹ Alternatively, a person in the course of doing business may elect to comply with the warning
28 requirements set out in the amended version of 27 CCR 25601, *et.seq.* as amended on August 30,
2016, and operative on August 30, 2018.

1 penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day for each violation of the Act (H&S Code § 25249.7) for up to
2 365 days (up to a maximum civil penalty amount per violation of \$912,000.00).

3 **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

4 22. On October 1, 1987, the State of California listed cadmium as a chemical known to
5 the State to cause cancer and it has come under the purview of Proposition 65 regulations since
6 that time. Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27, § 27001(c); Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.8 & 25249.10(b).
7 On May 1, 1997, the State of California listed cadmium as a chemical known to cause birth defects
8 or other reproductive harm.

9 23. On October 1, 1992, the state of California listed lead as a chemical known to cause
10 cancer and it has come under the purview of Proposition 65 regulations since that time. Cal. Code
11 Regs. Tit. 27, § 27001(c); Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.8 & 25249.10(b). On February 27,
12 1987, the State of California listed lead as a chemical known to cause birth defects or other
13 reproductive harm.

14 24. The exposures that are the subject of the Notices result from the purchase,
15 acquisition, handling, consumption, and recommended use of the Products. The primary route of
16 exposure to lead and cadmium in food products is through ingestion. When foods contaminated
17 with lead and/or cadmium are consumed, ingestion of lead and/or cadmium will occur. No clear
18 and reasonable warning is provided with the Products regarding the health hazards of exposure to
19 cadmium and/or lead.

20 25. Defendant has manufactured, processed, marketed, distributed, offered to sell
21 and/or sold the Products in California since at least May 31, 2024 with respect to the *Firepot®* dal
22 and rice with spinach; since at least September 19, 2024 with respect to the *Solely®* organic mango
23 halves; and since at least November 18, 2024 with respect to Nomad Nutrition southwest breakfast
24 skillet, Nomad Nutrition Kathmandu curry, and Heather's Choice spinach curry with chicken and
25 rice. The Products continue to be distributed and sold in California without the requisite warning
26 information.

1 26. At all times relevant to this action, Defendant has knowingly and intentionally
2 exposed users of the Products to cadmium and/or lead without first giving a clear and reasonable
3 exposure warning to such individuals.

4 27. As a proximate result of acts by Defendant, as a person in the course of doing
5 business within the meaning of H&S Code § 25249.11, individuals throughout the State of
6 California, including in San Francisco County, have been exposed to cadmium and/or lead without
7 a clear and reasonable warning on the Products. The individuals subject to the violative exposures
8 include normal and foreseeable users and consumers that use the Products, as well as all others
9 exposed to the Products.

10 **SATISFACTION OF NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

11 28. Plaintiff purchased the Product from Recreational Equipment, Inc. in California. At
12 the time of purchase, Defendant did not provide a Proposition 65 exposure warning for cadmium
13 and/or lead or any other Proposition 65 listed chemical in a manner consistent with H&S Code §
14 25603.1 as described *supra*.

15 29. The *Firepot*® dal and rice with spinach were sent to a testing laboratory to
16 determine if, and what amount of, lead a consumer would be exposed to per serving size. For the
17 *Firepot*® dal and rice with spinach, Plaintiff received a Chemical Test Report. The Chemical Test
18 Report findings determined the *Firepot*® dal and rice with spinach expose consumers to lead.
19 Plaintiff provided the Chemical Test Report and Product to an analytical chemist to determine if,
20 based on the findings of the Chemical Test Report and the reasonable and foreseeable consumption
21 of the Product, exposure to lead will occur at levels that require Proposition 65 warnings under the
22 Clear and Reasonable Warnings section 25601 of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations.
23 On May 31, 2024, Plaintiff received from the analytical chemist an exposure assessment report for
24 the *Firepot*® dal and rice with spinach that concluded that persons in California who consume the
25 *Firepot*® dal and rice with spinach will be exposed to levels of lead that require a Proposition 65
26 exposure warning.

27 30. The *Solely*® organic mango halves were sent to a testing laboratory to determine
28 if, and what amount of, lead a consumer would be exposed to per serving size. For the *Solely*®

1 organic mango halves, Plaintiff received a Chemical Test Report. The Chemical Test Report
2 findings determined the *Solely*® organic mango halves expose consumers to lead. Plaintiff
3 provided the Chemical Test Report and Product to an analytical chemist to determine if, based on
4 the findings of the Chemical Test Report and the reasonable and foreseeable consumption of the
5 Product, exposure to lead will occur at levels that require Proposition 65 warnings under the Clear
6 and Reasonable Warnings section 25601 of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations. On
7 September 19, 2024, Plaintiff received from the analytical chemist an exposure assessment report
8 for the *Solely*® organic mango halves that concluded that persons in California who consume the
9 *Solely*® organic mango halves will be exposed to levels of lead that require a Proposition 65
10 exposure warning.

11 31. The Nomad Nutrition southwest breakfast skilletts were sent to a testing laboratory
12 to determine if, and what amount of, lead and/or cadmium a consumer would be exposed to per
13 serving size. For the Nomad Nutrition southwest breakfast skilletts, Plaintiff received a Chemical
14 Test Report. The Chemical Test Report findings determined the Nomad Nutrition southwest
15 breakfast skilletts expose consumers to lead and cadmium. Plaintiff provided the Chemical Test
16 Report and Product to an analytical chemist to determine if, based on the findings of the Chemical
17 Test Report and the reasonable and foreseeable consumption of the Product, exposure to lead
18 and/or cadmium will occur at levels that require Proposition 65 warnings under the Clear and
19 Reasonable Warnings section 25601 of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations. On
20 November 18, 2024, Plaintiff received from the analytical chemist an exposure assessment report
21 for the Nomad Nutrition southwest breakfast skilletts that concluded that persons in California who
22 consume the Nomad Nutrition southwest breakfast skilletts will be exposed to levels of lead and
23 cadmium that require a Proposition 65 exposure warning.

24 32. The Nomad Nutrition Kathmandu curry was sent to a testing laboratory to
25 determine if, and what amount of, lead and/or cadmium a consumer would be exposed to per
26 serving size. For the Nomad Nutrition Kathmandu curry, Plaintiff received a Chemical Test
27 Report. The Chemical Test Report findings determined the Nomad Nutrition Kathmandu curry
28 expose consumers to lead and cadmium. Plaintiff provided the Chemical Test Report and Product

to an analytical chemist to determine if, based on the findings of the Chemical Test Report and the reasonable and foreseeable consumption of the Product, exposure to lead and/or cadmium will occur at levels that require Proposition 65 warnings under the Clear and Reasonable Warnings section 25601 of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations. On November 18, 2024, Plaintiff received from the analytical chemist an exposure assessment report for the Nomad Nutrition Kathmandu curry that concluded that persons in California who consume the Nomad Nutrition Kathmandu curry will be exposed to levels of lead and cadmium that require a Proposition 65 exposure warning.

33. The Heather's Choice spinach curry with chicken and rice was sent to a testing laboratory to determine if, and what amount of, lead a consumer would be exposed to per serving size. For the Heather's Choice spinach curry with chicken and rice, Plaintiff received a Chemical Test Report. The Chemical Test Report findings determined the Heather's Choice spinach curry with chicken and rice expose consumers to lead. Plaintiff provided the Chemical Test Report and Product to an analytical chemist to determine if, based on the findings of the Chemical Test Report and the reasonable and foreseeable consumption of the Product, exposure to lead will occur at levels that require Proposition 65 warnings under the Clear and Reasonable Warnings section 25601 of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations. On November 18, 2024, Plaintiff received from the analytical chemist an exposure assessment report for the Heather's Choice spinach curry with chicken and rice that concluded that persons in California who consume the Heather's Choice spinach curry with chicken and rice will be exposed to levels of lead that require a Proposition 65 exposure warning.

NOTICES OF VIOLATION

34. On May 31, 2024, Plaintiff gave notice of alleged violation of Health and Safety Code § 25249.6 to Defendant concerning the exposure of California citizens to lead from consumption of the *Firepot*® dal and rice with spinach without proper warning, subject to a private action to Defendant and to the California Attorney General's office and the offices of the County District attorneys and City Attorneys for each city with a population greater than 750,000 persons

1 wherein the herein violations allegedly occurred. See attached at Exhibit “A” a true and correct
2 copy of the May 31, 2024 notice of violation.

3 35. On September 19, 2024, Plaintiff gave notice of alleged violation of Health and
4 Safety Code § 25249.6 to Defendant concerning the exposure of California citizens to lead from
5 consumption of the *Solely*® organic mango halves without proper warning, subject to a private
6 action to Defendant and to the California Attorney General’s office and the offices of the County
7 District attorneys and City Attorneys for each city with a population greater than 750,000 persons
8 wherein the herein violations allegedly occurred. See attached at Exhibit “B” a true and correct
9 copy of the September 19, 2024 notice of violation.

10 36. On November 18, 2024, Plaintiff gave notice of alleged violation of Health and
11 Safety Code § 25249.6 to Defendant concerning the exposure of California citizens to lead and
12 cadmium from consumption of the Nomad Nutrition southwest breakfast skillet without proper
13 warning, subject to a private action to Defendant and to the California Attorney General’s office
14 and the offices of the County District attorneys and City Attorneys for each city with a population
15 greater than 750,000 persons wherein the herein violations allegedly occurred. See attached at
16 Exhibit “C” a true and correct copy of the November 18, 2024 notice of violation.

17 37. On November 18, 2024, Plaintiff gave notice of alleged violation of Health and
18 Safety Code § 25249.6 to Defendant concerning the exposure of California citizens to lead and
19 cadmium from consumption of the Nomad Nutrition Kathmandu curry without proper warning,
20 subject to a private action to Defendant and to the California Attorney General’s office and the
21 offices of the County District attorneys and City Attorneys for each city with a population greater
22 than 750,000 persons wherein the herein violations allegedly occurred. See attached at Exhibit “D”
23 a true and correct copy of the November 18, 2024 notice of violation.

24 38. On November 18, 2024, Plaintiff gave notice of alleged violation of Health and
25 Safety Code § 25249.6 to Defendant concerning the exposure of California citizens to lead from
26 consumption of the Heather’s Choice spinach curry with chicken and rice without proper warning,
27 subject to a private action to Defendant and to the California Attorney General’s office and the
28 offices of the County District attorneys and City Attorneys for each city with a population greater

1 than 750,000 persons wherein the herein violations allegedly occurred. See attached at Exhibit "E"
2 a true and correct copy of the November 18, 2024 notice of violation.

3 39. The Notices complied with all procedural requirements of Proposition 65 including
4 the attachment of a Certificate of Merit affirming that Plaintiff's counsel had consulted with at
5 least one person with relevant and appropriate expertise who reviewed relevant data regarding
6 cadmium and/or lead exposure, and that counsel believed there was meritorious and reasonable
7 cause for a private action.

8 40. After receiving the Notices, and to Plaintiff's best information and belief, none of
9 the noticed appropriate public enforcement agencies have commenced and diligently prosecuted a
10 cause of action against Defendant under Proposition 65 to enforce the alleged violations which are
11 the subject of the Notices.

12 41. Plaintiff is commencing this action more than sixty (60) days from the date of each
13 Notice to Defendant, as required by law.

14 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

15 **(By Plaintiff against Defendant for the Violation of Proposition 65)**

16 42. Plaintiff hereby repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 41 of
17 this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

18 43. Defendant has, at all times mentioned herein, acted as distributor, and/or retailer of
19 the Products.

20 44. Consumption of the Products will expose consumers thereof to cadmium and/or
21 lead, hazardous chemicals found on the Proposition 65 list of chemicals known to be hazardous to
22 human health.

23 45. The Products do not comply with the Proposition 65 warning requirements.

24 46. Plaintiff, based on his best information and belief, avers that at all relevant times
25 herein, and since at least May 31, 2024 with respect to the *Firepot*® dal and rice with spinach;
26 since at least September 19, 2024 with respect to the *Solely*® organic mango halves; and since at
27 least November 18, 2024 with respect to Nomad Nutrition southwest breakfast skillet, Nomad
28 Nutrition Kathmandu curry, and Heather's Choice spinach curry with chicken and rice, continuing

1 until the present, that Defendant has continued to knowingly and intentionally expose California
2 users and consumers of the Products to cadmium and/or lead without providing required warnings
3 under Proposition 65.

4 47. The exposures that are the subject of the Notices result from the purchase,
5 acquisition, handling, consumption, and recommended use of the Products. The primary route of
6 exposure to lead and cadmium in food products is through ingestion. When foods contaminated
7 with lead and/or cadmium are consumed, ingestion of lead and/or cadmium will occur. No clear
8 and reasonable warning is provided with the Products regarding the health hazards of exposure to
9 cadmium and/or lead.

10 48. Plaintiff, based on his best information and belief, avers that such exposures will
11 continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to purchasers and consumers
12 or until these known toxic chemicals are removed from the Products.

13 49. Defendant has knowledge that the normal and reasonably foreseeable use of the
14 Products exposes individuals to cadmium and/or lead, and Defendant intends that exposures to
15 cadmium and/or lead will occur by its deliberate, non-accidental participation in the importation,
16 distribution, sale and offering of the Products to consumers in California

17 50. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the herein claims prior to this
18 Complaint.

19 51. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(b), as a consequence of the above
20 described acts, Defendant is liable for a maximum civil penalty of \$2,500 per day per violation.

21 52. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(a), this Court is specifically
22 authorized to grant injunctive relief in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendant.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant and requests the following relief:

- A. That the court assess civil penalties against Defendant in the amount of \$2,500 per day for each violation for up to 365 days (up to a maximum civil penalty amount per violation of \$912,000.00) in accordance with Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(b);
- B. That the court preliminarily and permanently enjoin Defendant mandating Proposition 65 compliant warnings on the Products;
- C. That the court grant Plaintiff reasonable attorney's fees and costs of suit, in the amount of \$50,000.00.
- D. That the court grant any further relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: May 30, 2025

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60-Day Notice of Violation of California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act¹

To Whom It May Concern:

This Notice of Violation (the "Notice") is provided to you pursuant to and in compliance with California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d).

Brodsky Smith represents Gabriel Espinoza ("Espinoza"), a citizen of the State of California acting in the interest of the general public to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals from use of consumer products sold in California and to improve human health and the environment by reducing hazardous substances.

With respect to the Product herein, Espinoza has identified a violation of California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 ("Proposition 65") codified at Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, et seq. This violation has occurred and continues to occur because the alleged Violator(s) failed to provide a clear and reasonable health hazard warning in connection with the sale or use of the Product in California. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 provides that "[n]o person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first providing a clear and reasonable warning to such individual ..." Without proper warnings regarding the toxic effects of exposures to the Listed Chemical resulting from

¹ The public enforcement agencies that have been served with copies of this Notice are identified in the attached distribution list accompanying the Certificate of Service.

use of the Product, California citizens lack the information necessary to make informed decisions on whether and/or how to eliminate (or reduce) the risk of exposure to the Listed Chemical from the reasonably foreseeable use of the Product.

I. DESCRIPTION OF THE VIOLATION

1. **Enforcer:** Gabriel Espinoza, 3924 Carlin Ave. Lynwood, CA 90262; (Ph) 424-285-4896.
2. **Alleged Violator(s):** American Outdoor Products, Inc.; Recreational Equipment, Inc. dba REI Co-Op; Recreational Equipment, Inc.
3. **Time Period of Exposure:** Violations have been occurring since at least May 31, 2024 and are continuing to this day.
4. **Listed Chemical:** Lead. Lead is listed under Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.
5. **Product:**

Product ²	Non- Exclusive Examples of the Product
Dal and Rice with Spinach	Firepot Dal and Rice with Spinach UPC# 5 060517 781743

6. **Description of Exposure:** The exposures that are the subject of this Notice result from the purchase and recommended use of the Product. The primary route of exposure to the Listed Chemical is through ingestion. When foods contaminated with the Listed Chemical are consumed, ingestion of the Listed Chemical will occur which will increase BLLs. No clear and reasonable warning is provided with the Products regarding the health hazards of exposure to the Listed Chemical.

II. PROPOSITION 65 INFORMATION

For the Violators' reference, enclosed is a copy of "Proposition 65: A Summary" that has been prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"). For more information concerning the provisions of Proposition 65, contact OEHHA at 916.445.6900.

III. RESOLUTION OF THE CLAIMS

Based on the allegations set forth in this Notice, Brodsky Smith intends to file a citizen enforcement lawsuit on behalf of Espinoza against the alleged Violator(s) unless such Violator(s) agree in a binding written agreement to: (1) recall Products already sold; (2) provide Proposition 65 compliant exposure warnings for Products sold in the future or reformulate the Products to eliminate exposures to the Listed Chemical; and (3) pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b). Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and the desire to have

² The specifically identified example of the Product in this Notice is to assist the recipients' investigation of, among other things, the magnitude of potential exposures to the Listed Chemical from other items within the definition of Products. This example is not intended to be an exhaustive or comprehensive identification of each specific offending Product. It is Espinoza's position that the alleged Violators are obligated to conduct a good faith investigation into other Products that may have been manufactured, distributed, sold, shipped, stored (or otherwise within the alleged Violators' custody or control) during the relevant period to ensure that requisite health hazard warnings were and are provided to California citizens prior to purchase and use.

these violations of California law quickly rectified, Espinoza is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of the claims in this Notice without engaging in costly and protracted litigation.

Espinoza has retained me as legal counsel in connection with this Notice. **Please direct all communications regarding this Notice to my attention at Brodsky Smith, 9595 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, (877) 534-2590, esmith@brodskysmith.com.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'EJ Smith', written over a horizontal line.

Evan J. Smith

Attachments

Certificate of Merit

Certificate of Service

The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Action of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary

EXHIBIT “B”

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September 19, 2024

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60-Day Notice of Violation of California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act¹

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I. DESCRIPTION OF THE VIOLATION

1. **Enforcer:** Gabriel Espinoza, 3924 Carlin Ave., Lynwood, CA 90262-5204; (Ph) 310.863.2852.
2. **Alleged Violator(s):** Solely, Inc.; Recreational Equipment, Inc.; Recreational Equipment, Inc. dba REI co op
3. **Time Period of Exposure:** Violations have been occurring since at least September 19, 2024 and are continuing to this day.
4. **Listed Chemical:** Lead. Lead is listed under Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.
5. **Product:**

Product²	Non- Exclusive Examples of the Product
Organic Mango Halves	Solely Organic Mango Halves UPC# 856261006615

6. **Description of Exposure:** The exposures that are the subject of this Notice result from the purchase and recommended use of the Product. The primary route of exposure to the Listed Chemical is through ingestion. When foods contaminated with the Listed Chemical are consumed, ingestion of the Listed Chemical will occur which will increase BLIs. No clear and reasonable warning is provided with the Products regarding the health hazards of exposure to the Listed Chemical.

II. PROPOSITION 65 INFORMATION

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III. RESOLUTION OF THE CLAIMS

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Espinoza has retained me as legal counsel in connection with this Notice. **Please direct all communications regarding this Notice to my attention at Brodsky Smith, 9465 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 300, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, (877) 534-2590, esmith@brodskysmith.com.**

Sincerely,

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Evan J. Smith

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The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Action of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary

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November 18, 2024

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I. DESCRIPTION OF THE VIOLATION

1. **Enforcer:** Gabriel Espinoza, 3924 Carlin Ave. Lynwood, CA 90262; (Ph) 424-285-4896.
2. **Alleged Violator(s):** Nomad Nutrition, Inc.; Recreational Equipment, Inc.; Recreational Equipment, Inc. dba REI co op.
3. **Time Period of Exposure:** Violations have been occurring since at least November 18, 2024 and are continuing to this day.
4. **Listed Chemical:** Lead and Cadmium. Lead and cadmium are listed under Proposition 65 as chemicals known to the State to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.
5. **Product:**

Product²	Non- Exclusive Examples of the Product
Southwest Breakfast Skillet	Nomad Nutrition Southwest Breakfast Skillet UPC# 8 51385 00122 5

6. **Description of Exposure:** The exposures that are the subject of this Notice result from the purchase and recommended use of the Product. The primary route of exposure to the Listed Chemical is through ingestion. When foods contaminated with the Listed Chemical are consumed, ingestion of the Listed Chemical will occur which will increase BLLs. No clear and reasonable warning is provided with the Products regarding the health hazards of exposure to the Listed Chemical.

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Sincerely,


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The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Action of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary

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I. DESCRIPTION OF THE VIOLATION

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4. **Listed Chemical:** Lead and Cadmium. Lead and cadmium are listed under Proposition 65 as chemicals known to the State to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.
5. **Product:**

Product²	Non- Exclusive Examples of the Product
Kathmandu Curry	Nomad Kathmandu Curry UPC# 8 51385 00101 0

6. **Description of Exposure:** The exposures that are the subject of this Notice result from the purchase and recommended use of the Product. The primary route of exposure to the Listed Chemical is through ingestion. When foods contaminated with the Listed Chemical are consumed, ingestion of the Listed Chemical will occur which will increase BLLs. No clear and reasonable warning is provided with the Products regarding the health hazards of exposure to the Listed Chemical.

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5. **Product:**

Product ²	Non- Exclusive Examples of the Product
Spinach Curry with Chicken & Rice	Heather's Choice Spinach Curry with Chicken & Rice UPC# 8 59709 00624 6

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