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12 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
13 **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

14 CALSAFE RESEARCH CENTER, a California  
15 non-profit corporation,

16 Plaintiff,

17 v.

18 LEGENDARY FOODS, LLC, a California  
19 Limited Liability Company; and DOES 1 to 100,

20 Defendants.

Case No.: **26TRCV00272**

**COMPLAINT FOR CIVIL PENALTIES  
AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

*Health & Safety Code §25249.5, et seq.*

21 **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

22 1. This Complaint is a representative action brought by plaintiff in the public interest  
23 of the citizens of the State of California to enforce the People's right to be informed of the health  
24 hazards caused by exposure to Lead, a toxic chemical found in the food products identified herein  
25 sold by defendant that are purchased by or shipped to citizens in California (the "Products" as  
26 defined below). By this Complaint, plaintiff seeks to remedy defendants' continuing failure to warn  
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1 consumers and businesses not covered by California’s Occupational Safety Health Act, *Labor Code*  
2 §§ 6300 *et seq.* about the risks of exposure to Lead defendants knew or should have known are  
3 present in the Products that are manufactured, distributed, and offered for sale or use throughout the  
4 State of California.

5 **THE PARTIES**

6 2. Plaintiff, CALSAFE RESEARCH CENTER, is a California Nonprofit Corporation  
7 (hereinafter "CRC" or "Plaintiff"). CRC brings this action as a private attorney general pursuant to  
8 *Health & Safety Code* § 25249.7(d). Individuals, consumers and businesses not covered by  
9 California’s Occupational Safety Health Act, *Labor Code* §§ 6300 *et seq.* who purchase, use or  
10 handle the Products are referred to hereinafter as “consumers.”

11 3. Defendant LEGENDARY FOODS, LLC, is a California Limited Liability Company  
12 doing business in the State of California at all relevant times herein (hereinafter "SUPPLIER" or  
13 "Defendant").

14 4. Plaintiff is presently unaware of the true names and capacities of defendants DOES  
15 1-100, and therefore sues these defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will amend this  
16 Complaint to allege their true names and capacities when ascertained. Plaintiff is informed, believes,  
17 and thereon alleges that each fictitiously named defendant is responsible in some manner for the  
18 occurrences herein alleged and the damages caused thereby.

19 5. On information and belief, (i) at all times relevant to this action, each of the  
20 Defendants, including DOES 1-100, was an agent, servant, or employee of each of the other  
21 Defendants; (ii) in conducting the activities alleged in this Complaint, each of the Defendants was  
22 acting within the course and scope of this agency, service, or employment, and was acting with the  
23 consent, permission, and authorization of each of the other Defendants; (iii) all actions of each of  
24 the Defendants alleged in this Complaint were ratified and approved by every other Defendant or  
25 their officers or managing agents; and/or (iv) each of the Defendants aided, conspired with and/or  
26 facilitated the alleged wrongful conduct of each of the other Defendants.



1 1986, codified at *Health & Safety Code* § 25249.5, *et seq.* (“Proposition 65”), helps to allow  
2 consumers to make informed choices about the products they buy and to enable persons to protect  
3 themselves from toxic chemicals as they see fit.

4 11. Proposition 65 requires the Governor of California to publish a list of chemicals  
5 known to the state to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm. *Health & Safety Code*  
6 § 25249.8. The list, which the Governor updates at least once a year, contains over 900 chemicals  
7 and chemical families. Proposition 65 imposes warning requirements and other controls that apply  
8 to Proposition 65-listed chemicals.

9 12. All businesses with ten (10) or more employees that operate or sell products in  
10 California must comply with Proposition 65. Under Proposition 65, businesses are: (1) prohibited  
11 from knowingly discharging Proposition 65-listed chemicals into sources of drinking water (*Health*  
12 *& Safety Code* § 25249.5), and (2) required to provide “clear and reasonable” warnings before  
13 exposing a person, knowingly and intentionally, to a Proposition 65-listed chemical (*Health &*  
14 *Safety Code* § 25249.6).

15 13. Proposition 65 provides that any person "violating or threatening to violate" the  
16 statute may be enjoined in any court of competent jurisdiction. *Health & Safety Code* § 25249.7.  
17 "Threaten to violate" means "to create a condition in which there is a substantial probability that a  
18 violation will occur." *Health & Safety Code* § 25249.11(e). Defendants are also liable for civil  
19 penalties of up to \$2,500.00 per day per violation, recoverable in a civil action. *Health & Safety*  
20 *Code* § 25249.7(b).

21 14. On October 1, 1992, the Governor of California added Lead and Lead Compounds  
22 (“Lead”) to the list of chemicals known to the State to cause cancer (Cal. *Code Regs.* tit. 27, §  
23 27001(b)). Pursuant to *Health & Safety Code* §§ 25249.9 and 25249.10, twenty (20) months after  
24 addition of Lead to the list of chemicals known to the State to cause cancer, Lead became fully  
25 subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements and discharge prohibitions.

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1 The attorney for Plaintiff attached to the Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General the  
2 confidential factual information sufficient to establish the basis of the Certificate of Merit.

3 24. Plaintiff's notice of alleged violations also included a Certificate of Service and a  
4 document entitled "The Safe Drinking Water & Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65) A  
5 Summary." *Health & Safety Code* § 25249.7(d).

6 25. Plaintiff is commencing this action more than sixty (60) days from the dates that  
7 Plaintiff gave notice of the alleged violations to the named Defendants and the public prosecutors  
8 referenced above.

9 26. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that neither the Attorney General,  
10 nor any applicable district attorney or city attorney has commenced and is diligently prosecuting an  
11 action against the Defendants.

12 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

13 (By CRC against Defendants and DOES 1 - 100)

14 Violations of *Health & Safety Code*, §§ 2524 9.5, *et seq. Proposition 65*

15 27. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 26 of this  
16 complaint as though fully set forth herein

17 28. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that between November 15, 2024,  
18 and the present, each of the Defendants knowingly and intentionally exposed California consumers  
19 and users of the Products to Lead in excess of legal limits, which Defendants manufactured,  
20 distributed, or sold as mentioned above, without first providing any type of clear and reasonable  
21 warning of such to the exposed persons before the time of exposure.

22 29. Defendants have manufactured, produced, package, imported, supplied, distributed  
23 and/or sold the Products in California and know and intend that consumers will use and consume  
24 the Products, thereby exposing them to Lead in excess of legally permissible Lead exposure.  
25 Defendants knew or should have known that Lead has been identified by the State of California as

1 a chemical known to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity and therefore was subject to Proposition  
2 65 warning requirements.

3 30. Contrary to the express policy and statutory prohibition of Proposition 65 enacted  
4 directly by California voters, consumers exposed to lead, through dermal contact, ingestion and/or  
5 inhalation as a result of their use of the Products that Defendants sold without a “clear and  
6 reasonable” health hazard warning, have suffered, and continue to suffer, irreparable harm for which  
7 they have no plain, speedy, or adequate remedy at law.

8 31. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each of Defendants’  
9 violations of Proposition 65 as to the Products have been ongoing and continuous, as Defendants  
10 engaged and continue to engage in conduct which violates *Health and Safety Code* § 25249.6,  
11 including the manufacture, distribution, promotion, and/or sale of the Products, so that a separate  
12 and distinct violation of Proposition 65 occurred each and every time a person was exposed to Lead  
13 by the Products as mentioned herein.

14 32. Plaintiff is informed, believes, and thereon alleges that each violation of Proposition  
15 65 mentioned herein is ever continuing. Plaintiff further alleges and believes that the violations  
16 alleged herein will continue to occur into the future.

17 33. Based on the allegations herein, Defendants are liable for civil penalties of up to  
18 \$2,500.00 per day per individual exposure to Lead from the Products, pursuant to *Health and Safety*  
19 *Code* § 25249.7(b).

20 34. Plaintiff has engaged in good faith efforts to resolve the claims alleged herein prior  
21 to filing this Complaint.

22 35. Defendants knew or should have known that the Products contained Lead in amounts  
23 sufficient to implicate the requirements of Proposition 65. Defendants’ failure to warn consumers  
24 and other individuals in California of the health hazards associated with exposures to lead in  
25 conjunction with defendants’ sales of the Products are violations of Proposition 65 which subject  
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1 defendants, and each of them, to enjoinder of such conduct as well as civil penalties for each  
2 violation. *Health & Safety Code* § 25249.7(a) and (b)(1).

3 36. On information and belief, Defendants and their divisions have systems, policies and  
4 procedures that evidence awareness of Proposition 65 requirements and awareness of products  
5 similar to the Products that require Proposition 65 warnings such that they knew or should have  
6 known the Products are subject to Proposition 65's notice requirements.

7 37. For defendants' violations and threatened violations of Proposition 65, plaintiff seeks  
8 preliminary and permanent injunctive relief to compel defendants to provide purchasers and users  
9 of the Products with the required warning regarding specific health hazards associated with  
10 exposures to lead. *Health & Safety Code* §25249.7(a).

11 38. Pursuant to *Health & Safety Code* §25249.7(b), plaintiff also seeks civil penalties  
12 against defendants for their violations of Proposition 65, some of which are ongoing.

13 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

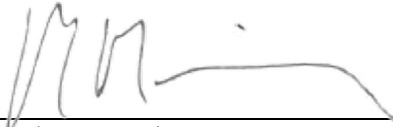
14 Plaintiff demands against each of the Defendants as follows:

- 15 1. That the Court, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(a), preliminarily  
16 and permanently enjoin Defendants from importing, manufacturing, distributing,  
17 selling, facilitating and/or offering for sale in the State of California Products that  
18 contain the Listed Chemical without first providing a "clear and reasonable warning"  
19 under Proposition 65;
- 20 2. That the Court grant Plaintiff's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit;
- 21 3. That the Court, pursuant to *Health and Safety Code* § 25249.7(b), assess civil penalties  
22 against Defendants in such amount as the Court deems appropriate; and,
- 23 4. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

24 Dated January 26, 2026

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November 15, 2024

### **NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.5 *ET SEQ.* (PROPOSITION 65)**

Dear Alleged Violators and the Appropriate Public Enforcement Agencies:

I represent CalSafe Research Center, Inc. (“CRC”), 4533 MacArthur Blvd., Ste. 165, Newport Beach, CA 92660; Tel. (949) 630-0413. CRC’s Executive Director is Eric Fairon. CRC is a California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by bringing about a reduction in the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees, and encouraging corporate responsibility.

CRC has identified violations of California’s Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (“Proposition 65”), which is codified at California Health & Safety Code §25249.5 et seq., with respect to the products identified below. These violations have occurred and continue to occur because the alleged Violators identified below failed to provide required clear and reasonable warnings with these products. This letter serves as a notice of these violations to the alleged Violators and the appropriate public enforcement agencies. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d), CRC intends to pursue a private enforcement action in the public interest 60 days after effective service of this notice unless the public enforcement agencies have commenced and are diligently prosecuting an action to rectify these violations.

**General Information about Proposition 65.** A copy of a summary of Proposition 65, prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, is enclosed with this letter served to the alleged Violators identified below.

**Alleged Violators.** The names of the person/company covered by this notice that violated Proposition 65 (hereinafter the “Violators”) are:

1. Legendary Foods, LLC
2. Albertsons Companies, Inc.



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**Consumer Products and Listed Chemical.** The products causing exposures in violation of Proposition 65 are **Chips**, including but not limited to:

**Listed Chemical: Lead**

**Legendary Foods, Barbecue Flavored Popped Protein Chips, UPC#810035972063**

**Legendary Foods, Nacho Cheese Flavored Popped Protein Chips, UPC#810035972049**

On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed lead as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity, and male and female reproductive toxicity. On October 1, 1992, the State of California officially listed lead and lead compounds as chemicals known to cause cancer.

It should be noted that CRC may continue to investigate other products that may reveal further violations and result in subsequent notices of violations.

**Route of Exposure.** The consumer exposures that are the subject of this notice result from the recommended use of these products. Consequently, the route of exposure to this chemical has been and continues to be through ingestion.

**Approximate Time Period of Violations.** Ongoing violations have occurred every day since at least **October 27, 2024**, as well as every day since the products were introduced into the California marketplace and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users or until this known toxic chemical is either removed from or reduced to allowable levels in the products. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to the identified chemical. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product label. The Violators violated Proposition 65 because they failed to provide persons ingesting these products with appropriate warnings that they are being exposed to this chemical.

Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and a desire to have these ongoing violations of California law quickly rectified, CRC is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter that includes an enforceable written agreement by the Violators to: (1) reformulate the identified products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemical, or provide appropriate warnings on the labels of these products; (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty; and (3) provide clear and reasonable warnings compliant with Proposition 65 to all persons located in California who purchased the above products in the last three years. Such a resolution will prevent further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemical, as well as an expensive and time-consuming litigation.



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In accordance with 27 CCR §25600.2(g), please “promptly” answer the questions on Exhibit A, and return with receipt confirmation to CalSafe Research Center, Inc. c/o Joseph R. Manning, Jr., Manning Law, APC, 26100 Towne Centre Drive, Foothill Ranch, CA 92610, or via email to P65@manninglawoffice.com on or before **December 16, 2024.**

CRC has retained me as legal counsel in connection with this matter. **Please direct all communications regarding this Notice of Violation to my attention at the law office address and telephone number indicated on the letterhead or at P65@ManningLawOffice.com.**

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Manning, Jr.  
P65@ManningLawOffice.com

### Attachments

- Certificate of Merit
- Certificate of Service
- OEHHA Summary (to Alleged Violators only)
- Factual Information in Support of Certificate of Merit (to AG only)



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### CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

**Re: Calsafe Research Center, Inc.'s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by Legendary Foods, LLC, and Albertsons Companies, Inc.**

I, Joseph R. Manning, Jr., declare:

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

Dated: November 15, 2024

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE PURSUANT TO 27 CCR § 25903**

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is true and correct:

I am a citizen of the United States and over the age of 18 years of age. My business address is 26100 Towne Centre Drive, Foothill Ranch, CA 92610. I am a resident or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. The envelope or package was placed in the mail at Foothill Ranch, California.

On November 15, 2024 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; “THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY”** on the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties listed below and depositing it at a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

Legendary Foods, LLC Agent Oliver Michael Mindur 2601 Colorado Avenue Santa Monica, CA 90404	Albertsons Companies, Inc. Agent C T Corporation System 330 N Brand Blvd, Ste 700 Glendale, CA 91203	CEO Vivek Sankaran or Current CEO, President, or General Counsel Albertsons Companies, Inc. 250 Parkcenter Blvd Boise, ID 83706
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On November 15, 2024 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, I verified the following documents **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT INCLUDING A SUMMARY OF CONFIDENTIAL FACTUAL INFORMATION; ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AS REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.7(d)(1)** were served on the following party when a true and correct copy thereof was uploaded on the California Attorney General’s website, which can be accessed at <https://oag.ca.gov/prop65/add-60-day-notice>:

Office of the California Attorney General  
Prop 65 Enforcement Reporting  
1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000  
Oakland, CA 94612-0550



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Executed on November 15, 2024, in Foothill Ranch, California.

Krystal Garzon



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## Exhibit A

As it relates to each of the products identified in the Notice of Violation, provide the full legal entity name and any known contact information (on or before **December 16, 2024**) for:

- (a) Any and all manufacturers
- (b) Any and all producers
- (c) Any and all packagers
- (d) Any and all direct vendors
- (e) Any and all exporters
- (f) Any and all shippers, and
- (g) Any and all sellers

On or before **December 16, 2024**, please email the above-requested information to [P65@manninglawoffice.com](mailto:P65@manninglawoffice.com).

Or send via overnight delivery to:

Calsafe Research Center, Inc.  
c/o Joseph R. Manning, Jr.,  
Manning Law, APC  
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Foothill Ranch, CA 92610

## APPENDIX A

### OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

#### THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY

The following summary has been prepared by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), the lead agency for the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (commonly known as "Proposition 65"). A copy of this summary must be included as an attachment to any notice of violation served upon an alleged violator of the Act. The summary provides basic information about the provisions of the law, and is intended to serve only as a convenient source of general information. It is not intended to provide authoritative guidance on the meaning or application of the law. The reader is directed to the statute and OEHHA implementing regulations (see citations below) for further information.

FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BASIS FOR THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE RELATED TO YOUR BUSINESS, CONTACT THE PERSON IDENTIFIED ON THE NOTICE.

The text of Proposition 65 (Health and Safety Code Sections 25249.5 through 25249.13) is available online at: <http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65law72003.html>. Regulations that provide more specific guidance on compliance, and that specify procedures to be followed by the State in carrying out certain aspects of the law, are found in Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 25102 through 27001.<sup>1</sup> These implementing regulations are available online at: <http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65Regs.html>.

#### *WHAT DOES PROPOSITION 65 REQUIRE?*

***The "Proposition 65 List."*** Under Proposition 65, the lead agency (OEHHA) publishes a list of chemicals that are known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity. Chemicals are placed on the Proposition 65 list if they are known to cause cancer and/or birth defects or other reproductive harm, such as damage to

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<sup>1</sup> All further regulatory references are to sections of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations unless otherwise indicated. The statute, regulations and relevant case law are available on the OEHHA website at: <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/index.html>.

female or male reproductive systems or to the developing fetus. This list must be updated at least once a year. The current Proposition 65 list of chemicals is available on the OEHHA website at: [http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65\\_list/Newlist.html](http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65_list/Newlist.html).

Only those chemicals that are on the list are regulated under Proposition 65. Businesses that produce, use, release or otherwise engage in activities involving listed chemicals must comply with the following:

***Clear and reasonable warnings.*** A business is required to warn a person before “knowingly and intentionally” exposing that person to a listed chemical unless an exemption applies. The warning given must be “clear and reasonable.” This means that the warning must: (1) clearly make known that the chemical involved is known to cause cancer, or birth defects or other reproductive harm; and (2) be given in such a way that it will effectively reach the person before he or she is exposed to that chemical. Some exposures are exempt from the warning requirement under certain circumstances discussed below.

***Prohibition from discharges into drinking water.*** A business must not knowingly discharge or release a listed chemical into water or onto land where it passes or probably will pass into a source of drinking water. Some discharges are exempt from this requirement under certain circumstances discussed below.

#### *DOES PROPOSITION 65 PROVIDE ANY EXEMPTIONS?*

Yes. You should consult the current version of the statute and regulations (<http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/index.html>) to determine all applicable exemptions, the most common of which are the following:

***Grace Period.*** Proposition 65 warning requirements do not apply until 12 months after the chemical has been listed. The Proposition 65 discharge prohibition does not apply to a discharge or release of a chemical that takes place less than 20 months after the listing of the chemical.

***Governmental agencies and public water utilities.*** All agencies of the federal, state or local government, as well as entities operating public water systems, are exempt.

***Businesses with nine or fewer employees.*** Neither the warning requirement nor the discharge prohibition applies to a business that employs a total of nine or fewer employees. This includes all employees, not just those present in California.

**Exposures that pose no significant risk of cancer.** For chemicals that are listed under Proposition 65 as known to the State to cause cancer, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure occurs at a level that poses “no significant risk.” This means that the exposure is calculated to result in not more than one excess case of cancer in 100,000 individuals exposed over a 70-year lifetime. The Proposition 65 regulations identify specific “No Significant Risk Levels” (NSRLs) for many listed carcinogens. Exposures below these levels are exempt from the warning requirement. See OEHHA's website at: <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html> for a list of NSRLs, and Section 25701 *et seq.* of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

**Exposures that will produce no observable reproductive effect at 1,000 times the level in question.** For chemicals known to the State to cause reproductive toxicity, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure will produce no observable effect, even at 1,000 times the level in question. In other words, the level of exposure must be below the “no observable effect level” divided by 1,000. This number is known as the Maximum Allowable Dose Level (MADL). See OEHHA's website at: <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html> for a list of MADLs, and Section 25801 *et seq.* of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

**Exposures to Naturally Occurring Chemicals in Food.** Certain exposures to chemicals that naturally occur in foods (i.e., that do not result from any known human activity, including activity by someone other than the person causing the exposure) are exempt from the warning requirements of the law. If the chemical is a contaminant<sup>2</sup> it must be reduced to the lowest level feasible. Regulations explaining this exemption can be found in Section 25501.

**Discharges that do not result in a “significant amount” of the listed chemical entering any source of drinking water.** The prohibition from discharges into drinking water does not apply if the discharger is able to demonstrate that a “significant amount” of the listed chemical has not, does not, or will not pass into or probably pass into a source of drinking water, and that the discharge complies with all other applicable laws, regulations, permits, requirements, or orders. A “significant amount” means any detectable amount, except an amount that would meet the “no significant risk” level for chemicals that cause cancer or that is 1,000 times below the “no observable effect” level for chemicals that cause reproductive toxicity, if an individual were exposed to that amount in drinking water.

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<sup>2</sup> See Section 25501(a)(4).

## *HOW IS PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCED?*

Enforcement is carried out through civil lawsuits. These lawsuits may be brought by the Attorney General, any district attorney, or certain city attorneys. Lawsuits may also be brought by private parties acting in the public interest, but only after providing notice of the alleged violation to the Attorney General, the appropriate district attorney and city attorney, and the business accused of the violation. The notice must provide adequate information to allow the recipient to assess the nature of the alleged violation. The notice must comply with the information and procedural requirements specified in Section 25903 of Title 27 and sections 3100-3103 of Title 11. A private party may not pursue an independent enforcement action under Proposition 65 if one of the governmental officials noted above initiates an enforcement action within sixty days of the notice.

A business found to be in violation of Proposition 65 is subject to civil penalties of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation. In addition, the business may be ordered by a court to stop committing the violation.

A private party may not file an enforcement action based on certain exposures if the alleged violator meets specific conditions. For the following types of exposures, the Act provides an opportunity for the business to correct the alleged violation:

- An exposure to alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent onsite consumption is permitted by law;
- An exposure to a Proposition 65 listed chemical in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises that is primarily intended for immediate consumption on- or off-premises. This only applies if the chemical was not intentionally added to the food, and was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination;
- An exposure to environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises;
- An exposure to listed chemicals in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking non-commercial vehicles.

If a private party alleges that a violation occurred based on one of the exposures described above, the private party must first provide the alleged violator a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form.

A copy of the notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form is included in Appendix B and can be downloaded from OEHHA's website at:  
<http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/p65law72003.html>.

*FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAW OR REGULATIONS...*

Contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900 or via e-mail at [P65Public.Comments@oehha.ca.gov](mailto:P65Public.Comments@oehha.ca.gov).

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NOTE: Authority cited: Section 25249.12, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 25249.5, 25249.6, 25249.7, 25249.9, 25249.10 and 25249.11, Health and Safety Code.