# State of California - Department of Justice - Attorney General's Office - Proposition 65 Enforcement Reporting

FORM JUS 1502 (03-01) Attention: Prop 65 Coordinator, 1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000, Oakland, CA 94612

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# REPORT OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT

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**DEFINITIONS** 

the requisite Proposition 65 warnings.

2	1.1 The products covered by this Consent Judgment shall be designated "Covered					
3	Product."					
4	1.2 "Covered Product" is defined as metal polish, such as Weiman Brass Polish;					
5	UPC 041598000362, as described in Plaintiff's February 24, 2016 60-Day Notice.					
6	1.3 The term "Effective Date" means the date the Los Angeles County Superior					
7	Court approves this Consent Judgment.					
8	1.4 The term "Proposition 65" means California Health and Safety Code section					
9	25249.5 et seq.					
10	1.5 The term "Listed Chemical" means lead and lead compounds (Pb).					
11	1.6 The terms "Shefa" or "Plaintiff" mean Plaintiff Shefa LMV, Inc.					
12	1.7 The terms "Weiman" or "Defendant" means Weiman Products LLC. Plaintiff					
13	and Defendant are collectively referred to as the "Parties."					
14	2. INTRODUCTION					
15.	2.1 This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between Plaintiff and					
16	Defendant.					
17	2.2 Plaintiff is a company residing in California that is acting as a private enforcer					
18	pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d).					
19	2.3 For purposes of this Consent Judgment, each Defendant employs 10 or more					
20	persons and is a person doing business in California for the purpose of Proposition 65.					
21	2.4 On or about February 24, 2016, Plaintiff served Defendant, various retailers					
22	and various public enforcement agencies with a document entitled "60-Day Notice of					
23	Violation" pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d) (the "Notice"), alleging that					
24	Defendant was in violation of Proposition 65.					
25	2.5 The Notice alleges that Defendant manufactured, distributed, and/or offered					
26	for sale in California the Covered Product that, during use, exposes consumers to Pb without					

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- 2.6 Lead and lead compounds (the "Listed Chemical") are listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm.
- 2.7 The Notice alleges that Defendant's conduct violates Health & Safety Code §25249.6, the warning provision of Proposition 65.
- 2.8 On February 17, 2017, Plaintiff filed the action entitled Shefa LMV, Inc. vs. 3M Company, et al., Case No. BC650959, alleging violations of Proposition 65 (the "Action").
- Defendant denies the material, factual, and legal allegations contained in the 2.9 Notice and Complaint, and maintain that all products sold, distributed, or offered for sale in California have been and are in compliance with all laws, including without limitation. Proposition 65. Defendant specifically denies that the Covered Product causes an exposure to lead above the safe harbor value when the Covered Product is used for its intended purpose and denies that it is legally obligated to provide warnings for the Covered Product for exposures resulting from the use of the Covered Product.
- 2.10 The Parties enter into this Consent Judgment to resolve all Proposition 65 claims concerning the Covered Products.
- By executing this Consent Judgment, the Parties do not admit any facts or 2.11 conclusions or law.
- 2.12 It is the Parties' intent that nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission by the Parties of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance with the Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by the Parties of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law.
- 2.13 Upon approval of this Consent Judgment, the Parties waive their respective rights to a hearing or a trial on the allegations of the Complaint.
  - 2.14 Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall prejudice, waive, or impair any right,

remedy, argument, or defense the Parties may have in any other or future legal proceedings, except as provided in this Consent Judgment.

#### 3. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF -- PRODUCT LABELING

- 3.1 Except for Covered Products for which current Proposition 65 safe harbor warnings already are provided, Weiman shall provide warnings (as described in Paragraph 3.4 of this Consent Judgment) on the Covered Product and its label produced 120 days after the Effective Date. Weiman may, at its sole discretion, implement the warning text and/or methods of transmission set forth in Title 27, California Code of Regulations, Sections 25602 and 25603, for the Covered Product as adopted on August 30, 2016 (formally effective on August 30, 2018).
- 3.2 Each warning required by Section 3.1 shall be prominently placed upon a product's label or other labeling or displayed at the retail outlet with such conspicuousness, as compared with other words, statements, designs, or devices in the label, labeling or display as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions of purchase or use.
- 3.3 Each warning required by Section 3.1 shall be provided in a manner such that the consumer or user understands to which specific Covered Product the warning applies, so as to minimize the risk of consumer confusion.
- 3.4 **Product Labeling.** Any of the following warning statements shall be applied to the Products:
  - a. "AWARNING: This product can expose you to lead, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to <a href="https://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov">www.P65Warnings.ca.gov</a>."
    - b. "WARNING: Polishing items, such as brass or pewter, may cause the release of chemicals which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. Always

above, Plaintiff shall provide the Defendant with Notice of Violation and a copy of any test

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results, which purportedly support Plaintiff's Notice of Violation. The Parties shall then meet and confer regarding the basis for Plaintiff's anticipated motion or application to resolve the matter informally, including providing Settling Defendant a reasonable opportunity of at least thirty (30) days to cure any alleged violation. Should such attempt at informal resolution fail, Plaintiff may file its enforcement motion or application. The prevailing party on any motion to enforce this Consent Judgment shall be entitled to its reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred because of such motion or application.

### 6. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

6.1 Full and Binding Resolution. This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between Plaintiff on behalf of itself, and in its representative capacity, its past and current attorneys, agents, representatives, successors, assigns, and in the public interest pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(d), on the one hand, and Defendant, and its parents, shareholders, divisions, subdivisions, subsidiaries, partners, sister companies, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, and any and all successors and assigns ("Defendant Releasees"), all entities to whom Defendant and/or Defendant Releasees directly or indirectly distribute or sell or have in the past directly or indirectly distributed or sold Covered Products, including but not limited to distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members, marketplace hosts, and Defendant's and Defendant Releasees' licensors and licensees ("Downstream Defendant Releasees"), on the other hand, regarding any violation of Proposition 65 that was or could have been asserted in the Notice and/or Complaint against Defendant, Defendant Releasees and Downstream Defendant Releasees, with respect to the alleged failure to warn about any Covered Products, and/or the use of any Covered Products, manufactured, shipped, distributed or sold by Defendant, Defendant Releasees and/or Downstream Defendant Releasees before Weiman's production of Covered Products and labels in compliance with Paragraph 3.1 herein.

6.2 Compliance. Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment

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constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to exposures to the Listed Chemical resulting from the use of the Covered Product.

- 6.3 Individual Release. In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, the injunctive relief commitments set forth in Section 3, and for the payments to be made pursuant to Section 4, Plaintiff, on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, including but not limited to Daniel Greenbaum. Esq., successors, and/or assignees and not in its representative capacity, hereby waives all rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action and releases all claims, including, without limitation, all actions, and causes of action, in law or in equity, suits, liabilities, demands, obligations, damages, costs, fines, penalties, losses, or expenses (including, but not limited to, investigation fees, expert fees, and attorneys' fees) of any nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, fixed, or contingent (collectively "Claims") that were brought or could have been brought against Defendant, Defendant Releasees and Defendant Downstream Releasees in the Notice and/or Complaint based on claims arising under Proposition 65with respect to Listed Chemicals in the Covered Product or exposures otherwise resulting from the use of the Covered Product, as such claims relate to the alleged failure to warn under California Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 or arise under any other statutory or common law.
- 6.4 General Release. In furtherance of the foregoing, Plaintiff on its own behalf and *not* in its representative capacity, hereby waives any and all rights and benefits which it now has, or in the future may have respecting the Covered Product, conferred upon it with respect to claims involving Covered Product by virtue of the provisions of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE

 By executing this Consent Judgment, Plaintiff understands and acknowledges that the significance and consequence of this waiver of California Civil Code Section 1542 is that even if Plaintiff suffers future damages arising out of or resulting from, or directly related to or indirectly to, in whole or in part, the Covered Product, including but not limited any exposure to, or failure to warn with respect to exposure to lead or lead compounds from the Covered Product, Plaintiff will not be able to make any claim for those damages against Defendant, Defendant Releasees and Defendant Downstream Releasees, and the successors and assigns of any of them, who may manufacture, use, maintain, distribute, retail, or sell the Covered Product. Furthermore, Plaintiff acknowledges that it intends these consequences for any such claim and any other claims related to the Action which may exist as of the date of this release pertaining to the Covered Product listed in the Notice but which Plaintiff does not know exist, and which, if known, would materially affect its decision to enter into this Consent Judgment, regardless of whether the lack of knowledge is the result of ignorance, oversight, error, negligence, or any other cause.

- 6.5 Defendant Release. On behalf of itself and Defendant Releasees, Defendant waives all rights to institute any form of action against Plaintiff, its attorneys, consultants, and representatives for all actions taken or statements made in the course of this Action prior to the date of the execution of this Consent Judgment.
- 6.6 Liability for Covered Products that were manufactured and/or distributed for retail sale in California before Weiman's production of Covered Products and labels in compliance with Paragraph 3.1 herein, shall be subject to the release of liability pursuant to Section 6 of this Consent Judgment, without regard to when such Covered Product were, or are in the future, sold to consumers.

# 7. MODIFICATION

7.1 This Consent Judgment may be modified from time to time by express written

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agreement of the Parties, with the approval of the Court, or by an order of this Court upon motion and in accordance with law.

7.2 A Party seeking to modify this Consent Judgment shall attempt in good faith to meet and confer with all affected Parties prior to filing a motion to modify the Consent Judgment.

#### ENTIRE AGREEMENT

- 8.1 This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter hereof, and any and all prior discussions, negotiations, commitments, or understandings related thereto, if any, are hereby merged herein and therein.
- 8.2 No representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, other than those specifically referred to in this Consent Judgment have been made by any Party hereto.
- 8.3 No supplementation, modification, waiver, or termination of this Consent Judgment shall be binding unless executed in writing by the Party to be bound thereby.
- 8.4 No waiver of any of the provisions of this Consent Judgment shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any of the other provisions hereof whether or not similar, nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

#### **GOVERNING LAW AND APPLICATION**

- 9.1 The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and shall apply only to Covered Product that are sold or offered for sale in the State of California.
- 9.2 In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed, preempted or is otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or if any of the provisions of this Consent Judgment are rendered inapplicable or no longer required as a result of any such repeal or preemption or rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally as to the Covered Product, then Defendant shall notify Plaintiff and its counsel and may have no further obligations pursuant to this Consent Judgment with respect to, and to the extent that, the Covered Product are so affected.

9.3	This Consent	Judgment shall	apply	to and	be	binding	upon	the	Parties	and
their divisions.	subdivisions.	and subsidiaries	and the	e Partie	es' s	uccessor	s and	assi	gns.	

- 9.4 The Parties, including their counsel, have participated in the preparation of this Consent Judgment and this Consent Judgment is the result of the joint efforts of the Parties.
- 9.5 This Consent Judgment was subject to revision and modification by the Parties and has been accepted and approved as to its final form by all Parties and their counsel.
- 9.6 Accordingly, any uncertainty or ambiguity existing in this Consent Judgment shall not be interpreted against any Party as a result of the manner of the preparation of this Consent Judgment.

#### 10. PROVISION OF NOTICE

All notices required pursuant to this Consent Judgment and correspondence shall be sent to the following:

#### For Plaintiff:

Daniel Greenbaum, Esq., 7120 Hayvenhurst Ave., Suite 320, Van Nuys CA 91406 For Weiman:

Paul Desrochers, Esq., 333 Bush Street, Suite 1100, San Francisco, CA 94104 Chris Bauder, Weiman Products LLC, 755 Tri-State Pkwy, Gurnee, IL 60031

### 11. ATTORNEY'S FEES

- 11.1 A Party who unsuccessfully brings or contests an action arising out of this Consent Judgment shall be required to pay the prevailing Party's reasonable attorney's fees and costs unless the unsuccessful Party has acted with substantial justification.
- 11.2 For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term substantial justification shall carry the same meaning as used in the Civil Discovery Act of 1986, Code of Civil Procedure Section 2016, et seq.
  - 11.3 Nothing in this Section 11 shall preclude a Party from seeking an award of

sanctions pursuant to law.

#### 12. EXECUTION AND COUNTERPARTS

The stipulations to this Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by means of facsimile and/or portable document format (pdf), which taken together shall be deemed to constitute one document.

# 14. COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(t)

Plaintiff agrees to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced in California Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(f).

#### 15. COURT APPROVAL

- 15.1 This Consent Judgment shall become effective upon entry by the Court.
- 15.2 Plaintiff shall prepare and file a Motion for Approval of this Consent Judgment and Defendant shall support entry of this Consent Judgment.
- 15.3 If the Court does not enter this Consent Judgment, it shall be of no force or effect and shall never be introduced into evidence or otherwise used in any proceeding for any purpose other than to allow the Court to determine if there was a material breach of the previous section.

# 16. AUTHORIZATION

Each signatory to this Consent Judgment certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the party he or she represents to stipulate to this Consent Judgment and to enter into and execute the Consent Judgment on behalf of the party represented and legally bind that party.

# 17. REQUEST FOR FINDINGS, APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AND ENTRY OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

- 17.1 This Consent Judgment came before this Court upon the request of the Parties.
- 17.2 The Parties request the Court to review this Consent Judgment and to make the following findings pursuant to Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f)(4):

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# ORDER AND JUDGMENT

Based upon the [Proposed] Consent Judgment between Plaintiff Shefa LMV, Inc. and Weiman Products LLC, the settlement is approved and the clerk is directed to enter judgment in accordance with the terms herein.

Dated:

Judge of the Superior Court

ALAN S. ROSENFIELD, JUDGE