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16 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
17 **COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

18 **ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH**
19 **CENTER, INC., a California non-profit**
20 **corporation**

21 **Plaintiff,**

22 **vs.**

23 **DRINK LMNT, INC., individually and dba**
24 **LMNT ELEMENTAL LABS; and DOES 1-**
25 **100**

26 **Defendants.**

27 **CASE NO. RG21107705**

28 **STIPULATED CONSENT**
JUDGMENT

Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 *et seq.*

Action Filed: July 30, 2021

Trial Date: None set

1 **1. INTRODUCTION**

2 **1.1** On July 30, 2021, Plaintiff Environmental Research Center, Inc. (“ERC”), a
3 non-profit corporation, as a private enforcer and in the public interest, initiated this action by
4 filing a Complaint for Injunctive and Declaratory Relief and Civil Penalties (the “Complaint”)
5 pursuant to the provisions of California Health and Safety Code section 25249.5 *et seq.*
6 (“Proposition 65”), against Drink LMNT, Inc., individually and dba LMNT Elemental Labs,

1 (collectively “LMNT Elemental Labs”) and Does 1-100. In this action, ERC alleges that a
2 number of products manufactured, distributed, or sold by LMNT Elemental Labs contain lead,
3 a chemical listed under Proposition 65 as a carcinogen and reproductive toxin, and expose
4 consumers to this chemical at a level requiring a Proposition 65 warning. These products
5 (referred to hereinafter individually as a “Covered Product” or collectively as “Covered
6 Products”) are: (1) LMNT Elemental Labs Recharge Electrolyte Drink Mix Orange Salt and
7 (2) LMNT Elemental Labs Recharge Electrolyte Drink Mix Chocolate Salt.

8 **1.2** ERC and LMNT Elemental Labs are hereinafter referred to individually as a
9 “Party” or collectively as the “Parties.”

10 **1.3** ERC is a 501 (c)(3) California non-profit corporation dedicated to, among other
11 causes, helping safeguard the public from health hazards by reducing the use and misuse of
12 hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees,
13 and encouraging corporate responsibility.

14 **1.4** For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the Parties agree that LMNT Elemental
15 Labs is a business entity that has employed ten or more persons at all times relevant to this action,
16 and qualifies as a “person in the course of doing business” within the meaning of Proposition 65.
17 LMNT Elemental Labs manufactures, distributes, and/or sells the Covered Products.

18 **1.5** The Complaint is based on allegations contained in ERC’s Notice of Violation
19 dated April 2, 2021 that was served on the California Attorney General, other public enforcers,
20 and LMNT Elemental Labs (“Notice”). A true and correct copy of the 60-Day Notice dated
21 April 2, 2021 is attached hereto as *Exhibit A* and incorporated herein by reference. More than
22 60 days have passed since the Notice was served on the Attorney General, public enforcers,
23 and LMNT Elemental Labs and no designated governmental entity has filed a Complaint
24 against LMNT Elemental Labs with regard to the Covered Products or the alleged violations.

25 **1.6** ERC’s Notice and Complaint allege that use of the Covered Products by
26 California consumers exposes them to lead without first receiving clear and reasonable
27 warnings from LMNT Elemental Labs, which is in violation of California Health and Safety
28 Code section 25249.6. LMNT Elemental Labs denies all material allegations contained in the

1 Notice and Complaint.

2 **1.7** The Parties have entered into this Consent Judgment in order to settle,
3 compromise, and resolve disputed claims and thus avoid prolonged and costly litigation.
4 Nothing in this Consent Judgment nor compliance with this Consent Judgment shall constitute
5 or be construed as an admission by any of the Parties or by any of their respective officers,
6 directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions,
7 franchisees, licensees, customers, suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, or retailers of any fact,
8 issue of law, or violation of law.

9 **1.8** Except as expressly set forth herein, nothing in this Consent Judgment shall
10 prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy, argument, or defense the Parties may have in
11 any current or future legal proceeding unrelated to these proceedings.

12 **1.9** The Effective Date of this Consent Judgment is the date on which it is entered
13 as a Judgment by this Court.

14 **2. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

15 For purposes of this Consent Judgment and any further court action that may become
16 necessary to enforce this Consent Judgment, the Parties stipulate that this Court has subject matter
17 jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the Complaint and personal jurisdiction
18 over LMNT Elemental Labs as to the acts alleged in the Complaint, that venue is proper in
19 Alameda County, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Judgment as a full and
20 final resolution of all claims up through and including the Effective Date that were or could have
21 been asserted in this action based on the facts alleged in the Notice and Complaint.

22 **3. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, REFORMULATION, TESTING AND WARNINGS**

23 **3.1** Beginning on the Effective Date, LMNT Elemental Labs shall be permanently
24 enjoined from manufacturing for sale in the State of California, “Distributing into the State of
25 California,” or directly selling in the State of California, any Covered Product that exposes a
26 person to a “Daily Lead Exposure Level” of more than 0.5 micrograms of lead per day unless it
27 meets the warning requirements under Section 3.2.

28 **3.1.1** As used in this Consent Judgment, the term “Distributing into the State of

1 California” shall mean to directly ship a Covered Product into California for sale in California or
2 to sell a Covered Product to a distributor that LMNT Elemental Labs knows or has reason to
3 know will sell the Covered Product in California.

4 **3.1.2** For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the “Daily Lead Exposure Level”
5 shall be measured in micrograms, and shall be calculated using the following formula:
6 micrograms of lead per gram of product, multiplied by grams of product per serving of the
7 product (using the largest serving size appearing on the product label), multiplied by servings of
8 the product per day (using the largest number of recommended daily servings appearing on the
9 label), which equals micrograms of lead exposure per day, excluding, pursuant to Section 3.1.3,
10 amounts of allowances of lead in the ingredients listed in **Table 1** below. If the label contains no
11 recommended daily servings, then the number of recommended daily servings shall be one.

12 **3.1.3** In calculating the Daily Lead Exposure Level for a Covered Product,
13 LMNT Elemental Labs shall be allowed to deduct the amount of lead which is deemed “naturally
14 occurring” in any ingredient listed in **Table 1** that is contained in that Covered Product under the
15 following conditions: For the first three (3) years that LMNT Elemental Labs claims entitlement
16 to a “naturally occurring” allowance, LMNT Elemental Labs shall provide ERC with the
17 following information: (a) LMNT Elemental Labs must produce to ERC a list of each ingredient
18 in the Covered Product, and the amount, measured in grams, of each such ingredient contained
19 therein, for which a “naturally occurring” allowance is claimed; (b) LMNT Elemental Labs must
20 provide ERC with documentation of laboratory testing that complies with Sections 3.4.3 and
21 3.4.4 and that shows the amount of lead, if any, contained in any ingredient listed in **Table 1** that
22 is contained in the Covered Product and for which LMNT Elemental Labs intends to deduct
23 “naturally occurring” lead; (c) If the laboratory testing reveals the presence of lead in any
24 ingredient listed in **Table 1** that is contained in the Covered Product, LMNT Elemental Labs
25 shall be entitled to deduct up to the full amount of the allowance for that ingredient, as listed in
26 **Table 1**, but not to exceed the total amount of lead actually contained in that ingredient in the
27 Covered Product; and (d) If the Covered Product does not contain an ingredient listed in **Table 1**,
28 LMNT Elemental Labs shall not be entitled to a deduction for “naturally occurring” lead in the

1 Covered Product for that ingredient. The information required by Sections 3.1.3 (a) and (b) shall
 2 be provided to ERC within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date or anniversary thereof for the
 3 first (3) three years that LMNT Elemental Labs shall claim entitlement to the “naturally
 4 occurring” allowance. After the first (3) three years, ERC may request this information, no more
 5 than once per year thereafter, and LMNT Elemental Labs shall provide the requested information
 6 to ERC within thirty (30) days of such request.

7 **TABLE 1**

INGREDIENT	ALLOWANCES OF AMOUNT OF LEAD
Cocoa Powder	Up to 1.0 microgram/gram
Chocolate Liquor	Up to 1.0 microgram/gram
Cocoa Butter	Up to 0.1 micrograms/gram
Calcium (elemental)	Up to 0.8 micrograms/gram
Ferrous Fumarate	Up to 0.4 micrograms/gram
Zinc Oxide	Up to 8.0 microgram/gram
Magnesium Oxide	Up to 0.4 micrograms/gram
Magnesium Carbonate	Up to 0.332 micrograms/gram
Magnesium Hydroxide	Up to 0.4 micrograms/gram
Zinc Gluconate	Up to 0.8 micrograms/gram
Potassium Chloride	Up to 1.1 micrograms/gram

22 **3.1.4** So long as LMNT Elemental Labs can provide documentation, if
 23 requested in writing by ERC, Covered Products shipped, sold, or Distributed into the State of
 24 California by LMNT Elemental Labs prior to the Effective Date are not bound by the injunctive
 25 terms set forth in this Section 3, including but not limited to the Daily Lead Exposure Level and
 26 warning and testing requirements, and are instead permitted to be sold as is to California
 27 Consumers and are expressly released by Section 8 of this Consent Judgment.

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1 **3.2 Clear and Reasonable Warnings**

2 If LMNT Elemental Labs is required to provide a warning pursuant to Section 3.1, one of
3 the following warnings must be utilized (“Warning”):

4 **OPTION 1:**

5 **WARNING:** Consuming this product can expose you to chemicals including [lead] which
6 is [are] known to the State of California to cause [cancer and] birth defects or other
7 reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/food.

8 OR

9 **OPTION 2:**



11 **WARNING:** [Cancer and] Reproductive Harm – www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/food

12 LMNT Elemental Labs shall use the phrase “cancer and” in the Warning if LMNT
13 Elemental Labs has reason to believe that the “Daily Lead Exposure Level” is greater than 15
14 micrograms of lead as determined pursuant to the quality control methodology set forth in Section
15 3.4 or if LMNT Elemental Labs has reason to believe that another Proposition 65 chemical is
16 present which may require a cancer warning. For the Option 2 Warning, the entire Warning must
17 be in a type size no smaller than the largest type size used for other consumer information on the
18 product. In no case shall the Warning appear in a type size smaller than 6-point type. Further, for
19 Option 2, a symbol consisting of a black exclamation point in a yellow equilateral triangle with a
20 bold black outline shall be placed to the left of the text of the Warning, in a size no smaller than
21 the height of the word “**WARNING.**” Where the sign, label or shelf tag for the product is not
22 printed using the color yellow, the symbol may be printed in black and white

23 The Warning shall be provided through one of the following methods: (1) a product-
24 specific warning provided on a posted sign, shelf tag, or shelf sign, for the consumer product at
25 each point of display of the product; or (2) a product-specific warning provided via any
26 electronic device or process that automatically provides the warning to the purchaser prior to or
27 during the purchase of the consumer product, without requiring the purchaser to seek out the
28 warning; or (3) a warning on the label that is securely affixed to or printed upon the label and

1 complies with this Section 3.2. If the Warning is printed upon the label of the Covered
2 Product, it must be set off from other surrounding information and enclosed in a box. In
3 addition, for any Covered Product sold over the internet, the Warning shall appear prior to
4 checkout on the primary product page, or as a pop-up when a California zip code is input into
5 the shipping instructions, or on the checkout page when a California delivery address is
6 indicated for any purchase of any Covered Product. Where a Warning subject to this section is
7 provided solely on the checkout page, an asterisk or other identifying method must be utilized
8 to identify which products on the checkout page are subject of the Warning. The Warning may
9 be provided with a conspicuous hyperlink stating “**WARNING**” in all capital and bold letters
10 so long as the hyperlink goes directly to a page prominently displaying the Warning without
11 content that detracts from the Warning. Given LMNT Elemental Labs’ lack of control over
12 third-party websites, the online warning requirements expressed in this Section apply only to
13 Covered Products sold through LMNT Elemental Labs’ website. With respect to any
14 downstream reseller customers of LMNT Elemental Labs who are subject to Proposition 65,
15 LMNT Elemental Labs may give written notice, including labels, labeling, shelf signs, or tags
16 bearing the Warning, and all other necessary warning materials, to the authorized agent of such
17 downstream reseller customers. Such written notice shall instruct the downstream reseller
18 customers that the labels, labeling, shelf signs, or tags bearing the Warning must be displayed
19 on or in proximity to the Covered Products with such conspicuousness, as compared with other
20 words, statements or designs as to render the Warning likely to be seen, read, and understood
21 by an ordinary individual prior to sale.

22 The Warning shall be at least the same size as the largest of any other health or safety
23 warnings also appearing on the website or on the label and the word “**WARNING**” shall be in all
24 capital letters and in bold print. No statements intended to or likely to have the effect of
25 diminishing the impact of the Warning on the average lay person shall accompany the Warning.
26 Further, no statements may accompany the Warning that state or imply that the source of the listed
27 chemical has an impact on or results in a less harmful effect of the listed chemical.

28 LMNT Elemental Labs must display the above Warning with such conspicuousness, as

1 compared with other words, statements or designs on the label, or on its website, if applicable, to
2 render the Warning likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary
3 conditions of purchase or use of the product.

4 For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term “label” means a display of written,
5 printed or graphic material that is printed on or affixed to a Covered Product or its immediate
6 container or wrapper.

7 If subsequently enacted changes to Proposition 65 or its implementing regulations require
8 the use of additional or different information on any warning specifically applicable to the
9 Covered Products (the “New Safe Harbor Warning”), the Parties agree that the New Safe Harbor
10 warning may be utilized in place of or in addition to, as applicable, the warnings set forth in this
11 Section.

12 **3.3 Conforming Covered Products**

13 A Conforming Covered Product is a Covered Product for which the “Daily Lead Exposure
14 Level” is no greater than 0.5 micrograms of lead per day as determined by the exposure
15 methodology set forth in Section 3.1.2 and the quality control methodology described in Section
16 3.4, and that is not known by LMNT Elemental Labs to contain other chemicals that violate
17 Proposition 65’s safe harbor thresholds.

18 **3.4 Testing and Quality Control Methodology**

19 **3.4.1** Beginning within one year of the Effective Date, LMNT Elemental Labs
20 shall arrange for lead testing of the Covered Products at least once a year for a minimum of
21 three (3) consecutive years by arranging for testing of three (3) randomly selected samples of
22 each of the Covered Products, in the form intended for sale to the end-user, which LMNT
23 Elemental Labs intends to sell or is manufacturing for sale in California, directly selling to a
24 consumer in California or “Distributing into the State of California.” If tests conducted
25 pursuant to this Section demonstrate that no Warning is required for a Covered Product during
26 each of three (3) consecutive years, then the testing requirements of this Section will no longer
27 be required as to that Covered Product. However, if during or after the three-year testing
28 period, LMNT Elemental Labs changes ingredient suppliers for any of the Covered Products

1 and/or reformulates any of the Covered Products, LMNT Elemental Labs shall test that
2 Covered Product annually for at least three (3) consecutive years after such change is made.

3 **3.4.2** For purposes of measuring the “Daily Lead Exposure Level,” the highest
4 lead detection result of the three (3) randomly selected samples of the Covered Products will
5 be controlling.

6 **3.4.3** All testing pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be performed using a
7 laboratory method that complies with the performance and quality control factors appropriate
8 for the method used, including limit of detection and limit of quantification, sensitivity,
9 accuracy and precision that meets the following criteria: Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass
10 Spectrometry (“ICP-MS”) achieving a limit of quantification of less than or equal to 0.005
11 mg/kg.

12 **3.4.4** All testing pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be performed by an
13 independent third party laboratory certified by the California Environmental Laboratory
14 Accreditation Program or an independent third-party laboratory that is registered with the
15 United States Food & Drug Administration.

16 **3.4.5** Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall limit LMNT Elemental Labs’
17 ability to conduct, or require that others conduct, additional testing of the Covered Products,
18 including the raw materials used in their manufacture.

19 **3.4.6** Within thirty (30) days of ERC’s written request, which request shall not
20 be made more than once per year, LMNT Elemental Labs shall deliver lab reports obtained
21 pursuant to Section 3.4 to ERC. LMNT Elemental Labs shall retain all test results and
22 documentation for a period of three years from the date of each test.

23 **3.4.7** The testing and reporting requirements of Section 3.4 do not apply to any
24 Covered Product for which LMNT Elemental Labs is providing a Warning, continuously and
25 without interruption from the Effective Date, pursuant to Section 3.2 of this Consent Judgment.
26 In the event a Warning is provided after the Effective Date but LMNT Elemental Labs thereafter
27 ceases to provide the Warning, the testing and reporting requirements of Section 3.4 of this
28 Consent Judgment shall apply beginning within one year after the date the Warning ceases to be

1 provided, unless LMNT Elemental Labs can show to the satisfaction of ERC that the cessation in
2 providing the Warning was a temporary error that was resolved when discovered.

3 **4. SETTLEMENT PAYMENT**

4 **4.1** In full satisfaction of all potential civil penalties, additional settlement
5 payments, attorney's fees, and costs, LMNT Elemental Labs shall make a total payment of
6 \$20,000.00 ("Total Settlement Amount") to ERC within 5 days of the Effective Date ("Due
7 Date"). LMNT Elemental Labs shall make this payment by wire transfer to ERC's account, for
8 which ERC will give LMNT Elemental Labs the necessary account information. The Total
9 Settlement Amount shall be apportioned as follows:

10 **4.2** \$8,375.00 shall be considered a civil penalty pursuant to California Health and
11 Safety Code section 25249.7(b)(1). ERC shall remit 75% (\$6,281.25) of the civil penalty to the
12 Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") for deposit in the Safe
13 Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Fund in accordance with California Health and Safety
14 Code section 25249.12(c). ERC will retain the remaining 25% (\$2,093.75) of the civil penalty.

15 **4.3** \$1,072.20 shall be distributed to ERC as reimbursement to ERC for reasonable
16 costs incurred in bringing this action.

17 **4.4** \$6,262.78 shall be distributed to ERC as an Additional Settlement Payment
18 ("ASP"), pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 11, sections 3203, subdivision (d)
19 and 3204. ERC will utilize the ASP for activities that address the same public harm as
20 allegedly caused by Defendants in this matter. These activities are detailed below and support
21 ERC's overarching goal of reducing and/or eliminating hazardous and toxic chemicals in
22 dietary supplement products in California. ERC's activities have had, and will continue to
23 have, a direct and primary effect within the State of California because California consumers
24 will be benefitted by the reduction and/or elimination of exposure to lead in dietary
25 supplements and/or by providing clear and reasonable warnings to California consumers prior
26 to ingestion of the products.

27 Based on a review of past years' actual budgets, ERC is providing the following list of
28 activities ERC engages in to protect California consumers through Proposition 65 citizen

1 enforcement, along with a breakdown of how ASP funds will be utilized to facilitate those
2 activities: (1) ENFORCEMENT (65-80%): obtaining, shipping, analyzing, and testing dietary
3 supplement products that may contain lead and are sold to California consumers. This work
4 includes continued monitoring and enforcement of past consent judgments and settlements to
5 ensure companies are in compliance with their obligations thereunder, with a specific focus on
6 those judgments and settlements concerning lead. This work also includes investigation of new
7 companies that ERC does not obtain any recovery through settlement or judgment; (2)
8 VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE PROGRAM (10-20%): maintaining ERC's Voluntary
9 Compliance Program by acquiring products from companies, developing and maintaining a
10 case file, testing products from these companies, providing the test results and supporting
11 documentation to the companies, and offering guidance in warning or implementing a self-
12 testing program for lead in dietary supplement products; and (3) "GOT LEAD" PROGRAM
13 (up to 5%): maintaining ERC's "Got Lead?" Program which reduces the numbers of
14 contaminated products that reach California consumers by providing access to free testing for
15 lead in dietary supplement products (Products submitted to the program are screened for
16 ingredients which are suspected to be contaminated, and then may be purchased by ERC,
17 catalogued, sent to a qualified laboratory for testing, and the results shared with the consumer
18 that submitted the product).

19 ERC shall be fully accountable in that it will maintain adequate records to document
20 and will be able to demonstrate how the ASP funds will be spent and can assure that the funds
21 are being spent only for the proper, designated purposes described in this Consent Judgment.
22 ERC shall provide the Attorney General, within thirty days of any request, copies of
23 documentation demonstrating how such funds have been spent.

24 **4.5** \$4,290.02 shall be distributed to ERC for its in-house legal fees. Except as
25 explicitly provided herein, each Party shall bear its own fees and costs.

26 **4.6** In the event that LMNT Elemental Labs fails to remit the Total Settlement
27 Amount owed under Section 4 of this Consent Judgment on or before the Due Date, LMNT
28 Elemental Labs shall be deemed to be in material breach of its obligations under this Consent

1 Judgment. ERC shall provide written notice of the delinquency to LMNT Elemental Labs via
2 electronic mail. If LMNT Elemental Labs fails to deliver the Total Settlement Amount within
3 five (5) days from the written notice, the Total Settlement Amount shall accrue interest at the
4 statutory judgment interest rate provided in the California Code of Civil Procedure section
5 685.010. Additionally, LMNT Elemental Labs agrees to pay ERC's reasonable attorney's fees
6 and costs for any efforts to collect the payment due under this Consent Judgment.

7 **5. MODIFICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT**

8 **5.1** This Consent Judgment may be modified only as to injunctive terms (i) by
9 written stipulation of the Parties and upon entry by the Court of a modified consent judgment
10 or (ii) by motion of either Party pursuant to Section 5.3 and upon entry by the Court of a
11 modified consent judgment.

12 **5.2** If LMNT Elemental Labs seeks to modify this Consent Judgment under Section
13 5.1, then LMNT Elemental Labs must provide written notice to ERC of its intent ("Notice of
14 Intent"). If ERC seeks to meet and confer regarding the proposed modification in the Notice of
15 Intent, then ERC must provide written notice to LMNT Elemental Labs within thirty (30) days
16 of receiving the Notice of Intent. If ERC notifies LMNT Elemental Labs in a timely manner of
17 ERC's intent to meet and confer, then the Parties shall meet and confer in good faith as
18 required in this Section. The Parties shall meet in person or via telephone within thirty (30)
19 days of ERC's notification of its intent to meet and confer. Within thirty (30) days of such
20 meeting, if ERC disputes the proposed modification, ERC shall provide to LMNT Elemental
21 Labs a written basis for its position. The Parties shall continue to meet and confer for an
22 additional thirty (30) days in an effort to resolve any remaining disputes. Should it become
23 necessary, the Parties may agree in writing to different deadlines for the meet-and-confer
24 period.

25 **5.3** In the event that LMNT Elemental Labs initiates or otherwise requests a
26 modification under Section 5.1, and the meet and confer process leads to a joint motion or
27 application for a modification of the Consent Judgment, LMNT Elemental Labs shall reimburse
28 ERC its costs and reasonable attorney's fees for the time spent in the meet-and-confer process

1 and filing and arguing the motion or application. ERC shall not be reimbursed for costs or
2 attorney's fees for an uncontested motion, or for a ministerial motion (such as a change in
3 name or contact information) or if ERC does not expend more than two (2) hours of attorney
4 time on the joint motion.

5 **5.4** In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed or preempted as to food products, then
6 LMNT Elemental Labs shall have no further obligation pursuant to this Consent Judgment with
7 respect to, and to the extent that the Covered Products are so affected.

8 **6. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION, ENFORCEMENT OF CONSENT**
9 **JUDGMENT**

10 **6.1** This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to enforce, modify, or
11 terminate this Consent Judgment.

12 **6.2** If ERC alleges that any Covered Product fails to qualify as a Conforming
13 Covered Product (for which ERC alleges that no Warning has been provided), then ERC shall
14 inform LMNT Elemental Labs in a reasonably prompt manner of its test results, including
15 information sufficient to permit LMNT Elemental Labs to identify the Covered Products at
16 issue. LMNT Elemental Labs shall, within thirty (30) days following such notice, provide ERC
17 with testing information, from an independent third-party laboratory meeting the requirements
18 of Sections 3.4.3 and 3.4.4, demonstrating LMNT Elemental Labs's compliance with the
19 Consent Judgment. The Parties shall first attempt to resolve the matter prior to ERC taking any
20 further legal action.

21 **7. APPLICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT**

22 This Consent Judgment may apply to, be binding upon, and benefit the Parties and their
23 respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries,
24 divisions, franchisees, licensees, customers (excluding private labelers), distributors, wholesalers,
25 retailers, predecessors, successors, and assigns. This Consent Judgment shall have no
26 application to any Covered Product that is distributed or sold exclusively outside the State of
27 California and that is not intended by LMNT Elemental Labs to be used by California consumers.

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1 **8. BINDING EFFECT, CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED**

2 **8.1** This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between ERC,
3 on behalf of itself and in the public interest, and LMNT Elemental Labs and its respective
4 officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions,
5 suppliers, franchisees, licensees, customers (not including private label customers of LMNT
6 Elemental Labs), distributors, wholesalers, retailers, and all other upstream and downstream
7 entities in the distribution chain of any Covered Product, and the predecessors, successors, and
8 assigns of any of them (collectively, “Released Parties”). ERC, on behalf of itself and in the
9 public interest, hereby fully releases and discharges the Released Parties from any and all
10 claims, actions, causes of action, suits, demands, liabilities, damages, penalties, fees, costs, and
11 expenses asserted, or that could have been asserted from the handling, use, or consumption of
12 the Covered Products, as to any alleged violation of Proposition 65 or its implementing
13 regulations arising from the failure to provide Proposition 65 warnings on the Covered
14 Products regarding lead up to and including the Effective Date.

15 **8.2** ERC on its own behalf only, and LMNT Elemental Labs on its own behalf
16 only, further waive and release any and all claims they may have against each other for all
17 actions or statements made or undertaken in the course of seeking or opposing enforcement of
18 Proposition 65 in connection with the Notice and Complaint up through and including the
19 Effective Date, provided, however, that nothing in Section 8 shall affect or limit any Party’s
20 right to seek to enforce the terms of this Consent Judgment.

21 **8.3** It is possible that other claims not known to the Parties, arising out of the facts
22 alleged in the Notice and Complaint, and relating to the Covered Products, will develop or be
23 discovered. ERC on behalf of itself only, and LMNT Elemental Labs on behalf of itself only,
24 acknowledge that this Consent Judgment is expressly intended to cover and include all such
25 claims up through and including the Effective Date, including all rights of action therefore.
26 ERC and LMNT Elemental Labs acknowledge that the claims released in Sections 8.1 and 8.2
27 above may include unknown claims, and nevertheless waive California Civil Code section
28 1542 as to any such unknown claims. California Civil Code section 1542 reads as follows:

1 A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE
2 CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO
3 EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE
4 AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY
AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED
PARTY.

5 ERC on behalf of itself only, and LMNT Elemental Labs on behalf of itself only, acknowledge
6 and understand the significance and consequences of this specific waiver of California Civil
7 Code section 1542.

8 **8.4** Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment shall be deemed to
9 constitute compliance with Proposition 65 by any of the Released Parties regarding alleged
10 exposures to lead in the Covered Products as set forth in the Notice and Complaint.

11 **8.5** Nothing in this Consent Judgment is intended to apply to any occupational or
12 environmental exposures arising under Proposition 65, nor shall it apply to any of LMNT
13 Elemental Labs' products other than the Covered Products.

14 **9. SEVERABILITY OF UNENFORCEABLE PROVISIONS**

15 In the event that any of the provisions of this Consent Judgment are held by a court to be
16 unenforceable, the validity of the remaining enforceable provisions shall not be adversely
17 affected.

18 **10. GOVERNING LAW**

19 The terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by and construed in
20 accordance with the laws of the State of California.

21 **11. PROVISION OF NOTICE**

22 All notices required to be given to either Party to this Consent Judgment by the other shall
23 be in writing and sent to the following agents listed below via first-class mail or via electronic
24 mail where required. Courtesy copies via email may also be sent.

25 **FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH CENTER, INC.:**

26 Chris Heptinstall, Executive Director, Environmental Research Center
27 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400
San Diego, CA 92108
28 Ph: (619) 500-3090
Email: chris.heptinstall@erc501c3.org

1 With a copy to:
2 Charles W. Poss
3 Environmental Research Center, Inc.
4 3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400
5 San Diego, CA 92108
6 Ph: (619) 500-3090
7 Email: charles.poss@erc501c3.org

8 **FOR DRINK LMNT, INC., individually and dba LMNT ELEMENTAL LABS;**
9 James Murphy
10 DRINK LMNT, INC.
11 50 W 40th St
12 New York, NY 10018

13 With a copy to:
14 Abhishek K. Gurnani
15 Amin Talati Wasserman LLP
16 100 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 2000
17 Chicago, IL 60606
18 Ph: (312) 327-3325
19 Email: abhishek@amintalati.com

20 12. COURT APPROVAL

21 12.1 Upon execution of this Consent Judgment by the Parties, ERC shall notice a
22 Motion for Court Approval. The Parties shall use their best efforts to support entry of this
23 Consent Judgment.

24 12.2 If the California Attorney General objects to any term in this Consent Judgment,
25 the Parties shall use their best efforts to resolve the concern in a timely manner, and if possible
26 prior to the hearing on the motion.

27 12.3 If this Stipulated Consent Judgment is not approved by the Court, it shall be
28 void and have no force or effect.

13. EXECUTION AND COUNTERPARTS

This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts, which taken together shall be
deemed to constitute one document. A facsimile or .pdf signature shall be construed to be as valid
as the original signature.

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1 **14. DRAFTING**

2 The terms of this Consent Judgment have been reviewed by the respective counsel for
3 each Party prior to its signing, and each Party has had an opportunity to fully discuss the terms
4 and conditions with legal counsel. The Parties agree that, in any subsequent interpretation and
5 construction of this Consent Judgment, no inference, assumption, or presumption shall be drawn,
6 and no provision of this Consent Judgment shall be construed against any Party, based on the fact
7 that one of the Parties and/or one of the Parties' legal counsel prepared and/or drafted all or any
8 portion of the Consent Judgment. It is conclusively presumed that all of the Parties participated
9 equally in the preparation and drafting of this Consent Judgment.

10 **15. GOOD FAITH ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE DISPUTES**

11 If a dispute arises with respect to either Party's compliance with the terms of this Consent
12 Judgment entered by the Court, the Parties shall meet and confer in person, by telephone, and/or
13 in writing and endeavor to resolve the dispute in an amicable manner. No action or motion may
14 be filed in the absence of such a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute beforehand.

15 **16. ENFORCEMENT**

16 ERC may, by motion or order to show cause before the Superior Court of Alameda
17 County, enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Consent Judgment. In any action
18 brought by ERC to enforce this Consent Judgment, ERC may seek whatever fines, costs,
19 penalties, or remedies as are provided by law for failure to comply with the Consent Judgment.
20 To the extent the failure to comply with the Consent Judgment constitutes a violation of
21 Proposition 65 or other laws, ERC shall not be limited to enforcement of this Consent
22 Judgment, but may seek in another action whatever fines, costs, penalties, or remedies as are
23 provided by law for failure to comply with Proposition 65 or other laws.

24 **17. ENTIRE AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZATION**

25 **17.1** This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and
26 understanding of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter herein, including any and
27 all prior discussions, negotiations, commitments, and understandings related thereto. No
28 representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, other than those contained herein have

1 been made by any Party. No other agreements, oral or otherwise, unless specifically referred to
2 herein, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any Party.

3 17.2 Each signatory to this Consent Judgment certifies that he or she is fully
4 authorized by the Party he or she represents to stipulate to this Consent Judgment.

5 **18. REQUEST FOR FINDINGS, APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AND ENTRY OF**
6 **CONSENT JUDGMENT**

7 This Consent Judgment has come before the Court upon the request of the Parties. The
8 Parties request the Court to fully review this Consent Judgment and, being fully informed
9 regarding the matters which are the subject of this action, to:

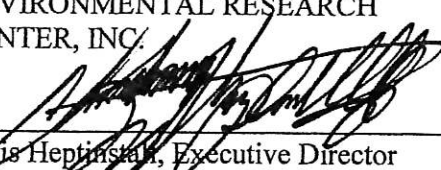
10 (1) Find that the terms and provisions of this Consent Judgment represent a fair and
11 equitable settlement of all matters raised by the allegations of the Complaint that the matter has
12 been diligently prosecuted, and that the public interest is served by such settlement; and

13 (2) Make the findings pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section
14 25249.7(f)(4), approve the Settlement, and approve this Consent Judgment.

15 **IT IS SO STIPULATED:**

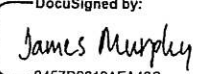
16 Dated: 8/4/, 2021

ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH
CENTER, INC.

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18 By: 
19 Chris Heptinstall, Executive Director

20 Dated: 8/2/2021, 2021

DRINK LMNT, INC., individually and dba
LMNT ELEMENTAL LABS


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22 DocuSigned by:

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24 By:
25 Its:

1 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**


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3 Dated: August 4, 2021

ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH
CENTER, INC.

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5 By: 
6 Charles W. Poss
7 In-House Counsel

8 Dated: August 4, 2021

AMIN TALATI WASSERMAN LLP

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10 By: 
11 Jennifer Adams
12 Attorney for Drink LMNT, Inc.,
13 individually and dba LMNT Elemental
14 Labs

15 **ORDER AND JUDGMENT**

16 Based upon the Parties' Stipulation, and good cause appearing, this Consent Judgment is
17 approved and Judgment is hereby entered according to its terms.

18 IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED.

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20 Dated: 12/3, 2021

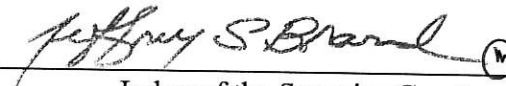

21 Judge of the Superior Court

EXHIBIT A



Environmental Research Center

3111 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 400

San Diego, CA 92108

619-500-3090

April 2, 2021

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

Dear Alleged Violators and the Appropriate Public Enforcement Agencies:

I am the Executive Director of Environmental Research Center, Inc. (“ERC”). ERC 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.

ERC 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 Section 25249.7(d) of the statute, ERC intends to file 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 attached with the copy of this letter served to the alleged Violators identified below.

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

Drink LMNT, Inc., individually and dba LMNT Elemental Labs
Elemental Labs, LLC, individually and dba LMNT Elemental Labs
Elemental Labs, Inc., individually and dba LMNT Elemental Labs

Consumer Products and Listed Chemical. The products that are the subject of this notice and the chemical in those products identified as exceeding allowable levels are:

1. LMNT Elemental Labs Recharge Electrolyte Drink Mix Orange Salt - Lead
2. LMNT Elemental Labs Recharge Electrolyte Drink Mix Chocolate Salt – Lead

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 ERC 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 April 2, 2018, 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, ERC 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.

Please direct all questions concerning this notice to ERC at the above listed address and telephone number.

Sincerely,



Chris Heptinstall
Executive Director
Environmental Research Center

Attachments

- Certificate of Merit
- Certificate of Service
- OEHHA Summary (to Drink LMNT, Inc., individually and dba LMNT Elemental Labs
Elemental Labs, LLC, individually and dba LMNT Elemental Labs, Elemental Labs, Inc.,
individually and dba LMNT Elemental Labs, and their Registered Agents for
Service of Process only)
- Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to AG only)

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Re: Environmental Research Center, Inc.'s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by Drink LMNT, Inc., individually and dba LMNT Elemental Labs and Elemental Labs, LLC, individually and dba LMNT Elemental Labs, and Elemental Labs, Inc., individually and dba LMNT Elemental Labs

I, Chris Heptinstall, declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached 60-day notice in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notice violated California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.

2. I am the Executive Director for the noticing party.

3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the notice.

4. Based on the information obtained through those consultants, and on 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 plaintiff's case can be established and that the information did not prove that the alleged Violators will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.

5. Along with the copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General is attached additional factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in California Health & Safety Code §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: April 2, 2021

Chris Heptinstall

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 306 Joy Street, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742. I am a resident or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. The envelope or package was placed in the mail at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

On April 2, 2021, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS 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 in a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by Certified Mail:

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On April 2, 2021, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, I verified the following documents **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; 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> :

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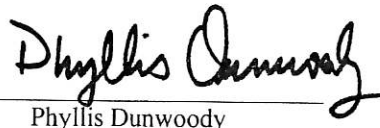
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On April 2, 2021, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, I served the following documents: **NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.;** **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT** on each of the parties on the Service List attached hereto by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties on the Service List attached hereto, and depositing it with the U.S. Postal Service with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by First Class Mail.

Executed on April 2, 2021, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.



Phyllis Dunwoody

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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 27001.¹ 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

¹ 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.

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 contaminant² 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.

² 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.

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