Evan Smith (Bar No. SBN 242352) 1 **BRODSKY SMITH** San Francisco County Superior Court 9465 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 300 2 Beverly Hills, CA 90212 Tel: (877) 534-2590 FEB 4 2025 3 Fax: (310) 247-0160 CLERK OF THE COURT 4 Attorneys for Plaintiff Deputy Clerk 5 6 7 8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 **COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO** 10 PRECILA BALABBO, 11 Case No.: CGC-22-602637 Plaintiff, 12 **CONSENT JUDGMENT** ٧. Judge: Joseph M. Quinn Dept.: 302 13 FRUIT OF THE EARTH, INC., FIVE BELOW, Hearing Date: February 3, 2025 Hearing Time: 9:30 AM 14 INC., 15 Complaint Filed: October 28, 2022 Defendants. 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Parties. This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between Precila Balabbo acting on behalf of the public interest (hereinafter "Balabbo") and Fruit of the Earth, Inc. ("FOTE" or "Defendant") with Balabbo and Defendant collectively referred to as the "Parties" and each of them as a "Party." Balabbo is an individual residing in California that seeks to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals and improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer products. FOTE is alleged to be a person in the course of doing business for purposes of Proposition 65, Cal. Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.6 et seq.
- 1.2 Allegations and Representations. Balabbo alleges that Defendant has exposed individuals to diethanolamine (DEA) and/or benzene from its sales of (a) Up + Up® aloe vera gels/moisturizers, UPC # 071661826131, (b) Walgreens® after sun gels/liquids, UPC # 049022507326, and (c) Fruit of the Earth® sun and after sun lotions/gels/creams, UPC # 071661612208, and (d) variations of the named products with e.g., different colors, scents, or chassis that are manufactured by FOTE and distributed, shipped into California, or offered for sale in California, without providing a clear and reasonable exposure warning pursuant to Proposition 65. DEA is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer. Benzene is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

1.3 Notices of Violation/Action.

- 1.3.1 On or about June 2, 2021, Balabbo served FOTE and various public enforcement agencies with documents entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d) (the "June Notice"), alleging that Defendant violated Proposition 65 for failing to warn consumers and customers that use of *Fruit of the Earth*® sun and after sun lotions/creams/foams, including UPC # 071661612208, expose users in California to DEA. No public enforcer has brought and is diligently prosecuting the claims alleged in the June Notice.
- 1.3.2 On or about July 19, 2022, Balabbo served Walgreen Co. ("Walgreen") and various public enforcement agencies with documents entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation"

pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d) (the "First July Notice"), alleging that Defendant violated Proposition 65 for failing to warn consumers and customers that use of Walgreens® after sun gels/liquids, including UPC # 049022507326, expose users in California to DEA. No public enforcer has brought and is diligently prosecuting the claims alleged in the July Notice.

- 1.3.3 On or about October 28, 2022, Balabbo filed the Complaint in the above-captioned case, filed in the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, and docketed to Case No. CGC-22-602637 (the "Complaint"). The Complaint brings claims regarding the allegations found in the June Notice.
- 1.3.4 On or about February 21, 2023, Balabbo served Target Corporation ("Target"), and various public enforcement agencies with documents entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d) (the "February Notice"), alleging that Defendant violated Proposition 65 for failing to warn consumers and customers that use of *Up* + *Up*® aloe vera gels/moisturizers, including UPC# 071661826131, expose users in California to DEA. No public enforcer has brought and is diligently prosecuting the claims alleged in the February Notice.
- 1.3.5 On or about May 17, 2023, Balabbo revised the First July Notice. The First July Notice are revised for the purpose of providing FOTE as manufacturer of the Walgreens® after sun gels, and various public enforcement agencies with documents entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d) (the "First May Notice"), alleging that Defendant violated Proposition 65 for failing to warn consumers and customers that the use of Walgreens® after sun gels, including UPC # 049022507326, expose users in California to DEA. No public enforcer has brought and is diligently prosecuting the claims alleged in the First May Notice.
- 1.3.6 On or about May 17, 2023, Balabbo revised the February Notice. The February Notice was revised for the purpose of providing FOTE as manufacturer of the Up + Up® aloe vera gels/moisturizers, and various public enforcement agencies with documents entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d) (the "Second May

Notice"), alleging that Defendant violated Proposition 65 for failing to warn consumers and customers that use of Up + Up® aloe vera gels/moisturizers, including UPC # 071661826131, expose users in California to DEA. No public enforcer has brought and is diligently prosecuting the claims alleged in the Second May Notice.

- 1.3.7 On or about July 7, 2023, Balabbo served FOTE and various public enforcement agencies with documents entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d) (the "Second July Notice"), alleging that Defendant violated Proposition 65 for failing to warn consumers and customers that the use of *Fruit of the Earth*® sun and after sun lotions/gels/creams/foams, including UPC # 071661612208, expose users in California to DEA and benzene. No public enforcer has brought and is diligently prosecuting the claims alleged in the Second July Notice.
- 1.3.8 The June Notice, First May Notice, Second May Notice, February Notice, First July Notice and Second July Notice are collectively referred to herein, as the "Notices."
- 1.3.9 On October 27, 2023, Balabbo filed a First Amended Complaint (the "First Amended Complaint") setting forth alleged violations of Proposition 65 as alleged in the Notices.
- 1.3.10 The Complaint and the First Amended Complaint are collectively referred to herein as, the "Action."
- 1.4 For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over Defendant as to the allegations contained in the Complaint and/or First Amended Complaint filed in this matter, that venue is proper in the County of San Francisco, and that this Court has jurisdiction to approve, enter, and oversee the enforcement of this Consent Judgment as a full and final binding resolution of all claims which were or could have been raised in the Action based on the facts alleged therein and in the Notices.
- 1.5 Defendant expressly denies the material allegations contained in the Notices, Complaint, and First Amended Complaint and maintains that it has not violated Proposition 65 or any other law or legal duty. Defendant expressly denies any liability of any of the claims asserted and the facts alleged in the Action and the Notices. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be

construed as an admission by Defendant of any fact, finding, issue of law, or violation of law; nor shall compliance with this Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by Defendant of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law, such being specifically denied by Defendant. This Consent Judgment is the product of negotiation and compromise and is accepted by the Parties solely for the purpose of settling, compromising, and resolving the issues in dispute in this Action.

2. **DEFINITIONS**

- Covered Products. The term "Covered Products" means the : (a) $Up + Up \otimes aloe$ vera gels/moisturizers, UPC # 071661826131, (b) Walgreens after sun gels/liquids, UPC # 049022507326, and (c) Fruit of the Earth sun and after sun lotions/gels/creams, UPC # 071661612208, and (d) variations of the named products with e.g., different colors, scents, or chassis that are manufactured by FOTE and distributed, shipped into California, or offered for sale in California.
- 2.2 Effective Date. The term "Effective Date" means the date this Consent Judgment is entered as a Judgment of the Court and all Parties have been provided with a copy.
- 2.3 Compliance Date. "Compliance Date" shall mean ninety (90) days after the Effective Date.

3. <u>INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: REFORMULATION AND/OR WARNINGS</u>

3.1 Reformulation Standard for Covered Products.

3.1.1 **DEA Free Reformulated Product.** "DEA Free Reformulated Products" shall mean Covered Products that meet the following standard: DEA content that is either not detectable (i.e., zero) or below the Reporting Limit (defined herein) when analyzed pursuant to liquid chromatography/tandem mass spectrometry (LC/MS/MS), inductively coupled mass-spectroscopy (ICP-MS) or other methods of analysis utilized by a laboratory accredited by the state of California, a federal agency, or the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) for qualitative and quantitative screening of cosmetics and cosmetic raw materials. If a new or distinct

¹ The Covered Product definition does not include topical products for shaving.

test method is developed to test for DEA in Covered Products that more accurately measures consumer exposure, FOTE may request a modification to this Section of the Consent Judgment pursuant to Section 10.

- 3.1.2 Reporting Limit. "Reporting Limit" shall mean the lowest concentration at which DEA can be detected in a sample of a Covered Product by an accredited testing laboratory employing LC/MS/MS analysis or other method of analysis utilized by the ISO for qualitative and quantitative screening of cosmetics and cosmetic raw materials. The Reporting Limit's for the exemplar products referenced in § 2 are as follows:
 - (a) The Reporting Limit for Up + Up® product is 100 mg/kg;
 - (b) The Reporting Limit for Walgreens ® product is 100 mg/kg; and
 - (c) The Reporting Limit for Fruit of the Earth® product is 100 mg/kg.
- 3.1.3 Benzene Free Reformulated Product. "Benzene Free Reformulated Products" shall mean Covered Products with no detectable benzene when analyzed pursuant to the United States Pharmacopeia and the National Formulary (USP-NF) methods or other methods of analysis utilized by a laboratory accredited by the state of California, a federal agency, or the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) for qualitative and quantitative screening of cosmetics and cosmetic raw materials. If a new or distinct test method is developed to test for benzene in Covered Products that more accurately measures consumer exposure, FOTE may request a modification to this Section of the Consent Judgment pursuant to Section 10.

3.2 Commitment to Warn.

3.2.1 Clear and Reasonable Warning. Commencing as of the Compliance Date, and continuing thereafter, a clear and reasonable exposure warning as set forth in § 3.2.1 must be provided for all Covered Products that Defendant manufactures, imports, distributes, sells, or offers for sale in California that is not a DEA Free Reformulated Product or a Benzene Free Reformulated Product, hereafter, collectively "Reformulated Products". There shall be no obligation for Defendant to provide a warning for Reformulated Products or for Covered Products that were

manufactured or enter the stream of commerce prior to the Compliance Date². A warning shall consist of either the Warning or Alternative Warning described in §§ 3.2.1 (a) - (f):

(a) Warning. If a Covered Product creates an exposure to benzene only, the "Warning" shall consist of the statement:

⚠ WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including benzene, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

(b) Alternative Warning: If a Covered Product creates an exposure to benzene only FOTE may, but is not required to, use the alternative short-form warning as set forth in this § 3.2.1(b) ("Alternative Warning") as follows:

△WARNING: Cancer and Reproductive Harm - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

(c) Warning. If a Covered Product creates an exposure to DEA only, the "Warning" shall consist of the statement:

⚠ WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including diethanolamine (DEA), which is known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

(d) Alternative Warning: If a Covered Product creates an exposure to DEA only FOTE may, but is not required to, use the Alternative Warning as set forth in this § 3.2.1(d) as follows:

△WARNING: Cancer - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

(e) Warning. If a Covered Product creates an exposure to DEA and benzene, the "Warning" shall consist of the statement:

² Covered Products supplied to third parties by FOTE prior to the Compliance Date that FOTE no longer has possession of and/or control of are exempt from the requirements of this Section 3 and shall be permitted to be sold through. Additionally, the injunctive requirements of Section 3 shall not apply to Covered Products that are distributed or sold exclusively outside of the State of California. Section 3 of this Consent Judgment shall only apply to Covered Products sold in California, manufactured for sale in California, or "distributed for sale in California." FOTE products distributed for sale, offered for sale, and/or sold outside the State of California are not required to conform with Section 3 of this Agreement.

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⚠ WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including [diethanolamine (DEA) / benzene]³, which is [are] known to the State of California to cause [cancer] [and] [birth defects or other reproductive harm]. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

(f) Alternative Warning: If a Covered Product creates an exposure to DEA and benzene, and FOTE opts to use an Alternative Warning, the Alternative Warning shall consist of the statement:

⚠WARNING: Cancer and Reproductive Harm - <u>www.P65.Warnings.ca.gov</u>.

3.2.2 The Warning or Alternative Warning must comply with the regulations set forth in §§ 25601 and 25603. A Warning or Alternative Warning provided pursuant to §§ 3.2.1 (a) - (f) must print the word "WARNING:" in all capital letters and in bold font, followed by a colon. The warning symbol to the left of the word "WARNING:" must be a black exclamation point in a yellow equilateral triangle with a black outline, except that if the sign or label for the Covered Product does not use the color yellow, the symbol may be in black and white. The symbol must be in a size no smaller than the height of the word "WARNING:". The Warning or Alternative Warning shall be affixed to or printed on the Covered Product's packaging or labeling, or on a placard, shelf tag, sign or electronic device or automatic process, providing that the Warning or Alternative Warning is displayed with such conspicuousness, as compared with other words, statements, or designs as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions of purchase or use. The Warning or Alternative Warning may be contained in the same section of the packaging, labeling, or instruction booklet that states other safety warnings, if any, concerning the use of the Covered Product and shall be at least the same size as those other safety warnings. If consumer information is provided in a foreign language. FOTE shall provide the Warning or Alternative Warning in the foreign language.

In addition to affixing the Warning or Alternative Warning to the Covered Product's packaging or labeling, the Warning or Alternative Warning shall be posted on websites where

³ In accordance with 27 Cal. Code Regs., §§ 25601 and 25603, the long-form warning must expressly identify at least one of the chemicals to which a consumer might be exposed per toxicological endpoint, and the content of the warning shall include the endpoint (e.g., cancer, reproductive harm, or both). Benzene is listed as known to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm; DEA is listed as known to cause cancer.

FOTE offers Covered Products for sale to consumers in California. The requirements of this Section shall be satisfied if the Warning or Alternative Warning, or a clearly marked hyperlink using the word "WARNING," appears on the Covered Product display page, or by otherwise prominently displaying the warning to the purchaser prior to completing the purchase. To comply with this Section, FOTE shall (a) post the Warning or Alternative Warning on its own website and, if it has the ability to do so, on the websites of its third-party internet sellers; and (b) if it does not have the ability to post the Warning or Alternative Warning on the websites of its third-party internet sellers, provide such sellers with written notice in accordance with Title 27, California Code of Regulations, § 25600.2. Third-party internet sellers of Covered Products that have been provided with written notice in accordance with Title 27, California Code of Regulations, § 25600.2 are not released in Section 5 of this Agreement if they, fail to meet the warning requirements herein.

3.3 Compliance with Warning Regulations. Defendant shall be deemed to be in compliance with this Consent Judgment by adhering to §3 of this Consent Judgment or by complying with warning requirements adopted by OEHHA applicable to the Covered Product and exposures at issue after the Effective Date.

4. MONETARY TERMS

- 4.1 Civil Penalty. FOTE shall pay \$10,000.00 as a Civil Penalty pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b), to be apportioned in accordance with California Health & Safety Code § 25192, with 75% of these funds remitted to OEHHA and the remaining 25% of the Civil Penalty remitted to Balabbo, as provided by California Health & Safety Code § 25249.12(d).
- 4.1.1 Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, FOTE shall issue two separate checks for the Civil Penalty payment to (a) "OEHHA" in the amount of \$7,500.00; and to (b) "Brodsky Smith in Trust for Balabbo" in the amount of \$2,500.00. Payment owed to Balabbo pursuant to this Section shall be delivered to the following payment address:

Evan J. Smith, Esquire Brodsky Smith Two Bala Plaza, Suite 805 Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

Payment owed to OEHHA (EIN: 68-0284486) pursuant to this Section shall be delivered directly to OEHHA (Memo Line "Prop 65 Penalties") at one of the following address(es):

For United States Postal Service Delivery:

Mike Gyurics
Fiscal Operations Branch Chief
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
P.O. Box 4010
Sacramento, CA 95812-4010

For Non-United States Postal Service Delivery:

Mike Gyurics
Fiscal Operations Branch Chief
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

A copy of the check payable to OEHHA shall be mailed to Brodsky Smith at the address set forth above as proof of payment to OEHHA.

4.2 Attorneys' Fees. Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, FOTE shall pay \$95,000.00 to "Brodsky Smith" as complete reimbursement for Balabbo's attorneys' fees and costs incurred as a result of investigating, bringing this matter to the attention of FOTE, litigating and negotiating and obtaining judicial approval of a settlement in the public interest, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5. Payment owed to Brodsky Smith pursuant to this Section shall be delivered to c/o Evan Smith at the payment address identified in §4.1.1.

5. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

5.1 The Parties have entered this Consent Judgment as a full and final settlement of all claims arising under Proposition 65 relating to alleged exposure to DEA and/or benzene from Covered Products ("Released Products"), and as to all claims pursuant to Health and Safety Code \$25249.7(d) that were raised or could have been raised in the Notices or Action, arising from the failure to warn under Proposition 65 regarding the presence of DEA and/or benzene in such Released Products. Provided that FOTE has complied with terms of this Agreement, this Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between Balabbo on behalf of herself and the public interest, and FOTE and its parents, shareholders, members, directors, officers, managers, employees,

and affiliates, and their predecessors, successors and assigns and attorneys ("Defendant Releasees"), and all entities from whom they directly or indirectly obtain and to whom they directly or indirectly distribute or sell Covered Products, including but not limited to manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, customers, franchisees, licensors, licensees retailers, including but not limited to, Five Below, Inc., CVS Pharmacy, Inc., Target Corporation, Target Brands, Inc., Walgreens, and each of their respective parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates, franchisees, and cooperative members ("Downstream Releasees"), of all claims for violations of Proposition 65 based failure to warn about alleged exposure to DEA and/or benzene from use of the Covered Products manufactured by FOTE prior to the Compliance Date.

representatives, agents, attorneys, divisions, subdivisions, subsidiaries, partners, sister companies,

- 5.2 It is the Parties' intention that this Consent Judgment shall have preclusive effect such that no other actions by private enforcers, whether purporting to act in his, her, or its interests or the public interest shall be permitted to pursue and take any action with respect to any violation of Proposition 65 based on exposure to DEA and/or benzene from use of the Covered Products that was alleged in the Action, or that could have been brought pursuant to the Notices against FOTE and the Downstream Releasees ("Proposition 65 Claims"). FOTE's compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 by FOTE with regard to exposure to DEA and/or benzene from use of the Covered Products.
- 5.3 In addition to the foregoing, Balabbo, on behalf of herself, her past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, and successors and assignees, and <u>not</u> in her representative capacity, hereby waives all rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action and releases FOTE, Defendant Releasees, and Downstream Releasees from any and all manner of actions, causes of action, claims, demands, rights, suits, obligations, debts, contracts, agreements, promises, liabilities, damages, charges, losses, costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees, of any nature whatsoever, known or unknown, in law or equity, fixed or contingent, now or in the future, with respect to any alleged violations of Proposition 65 or any other statutory or common law claims related to or arising from Covered Products manufactured, distributed, or sold by FOTE,

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Defendant Releasees or Downstream Releasees that have been or could have been asserted by Plaintiff regarding the failure to warn about exposure to DEA or benzene arising in connection with the Released Products manufactured, distributed, sold or offered for sale by FOTE prior to the Compliance Date. With respect to the foregoing waivers and releases in this paragraph, Balabbo hereby specifically waives any and all rights and benefits which she now has, or in the future may have, conferred by virtue of the provisions of § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:

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

- 5.4 FOTE waives any and all claims against Balabbo, her attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken, or statements made (or those that could have been taken or made) by Balabbo and her attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of investigating claims or otherwise seeking enforcement of Proposition 65 against it in this matter, and with respect to Covered Products.
- 5.5 Nothing in this Consent Judgment is intended to apply to any occupational or environmental exposures arising under Proposition 65, nor shall it apply to any of FOTE's products other than the Covered Products sold in California, manufactured for sale in the State of California, or distributed into the State of California.

INTEGRATION

6.1 This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement of the Parties and any and all prior negotiations and understandings related hereto shall be deemed to have been merged within it. No representations or terms of agreement other than those contained herein exist or have been made by any Party with respect to the other Party or the subject matter hereof.

7. **GOVERNING LAW**

7.1 The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and apply within the State of California.

8. NOTICES

8.1 Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notices required to be provided pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be in writing and personally delivered or sent by: (i) first-class, (registered or certified mail) return receipt requested; or (ii) overnight courier on any party by the other party at the following addresses:

For Defendant:

Hazel Ocampo Greenberg Traurig, LLP 12760 High Bluff Dr., Ste. 240 San Diego, CA 92130

And

For Balabbo:

Evan Smith Brodsky Smith 9465 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 300 Beverly Hills, CA 90212

Any party, from time to time, may specify in writing to the other party a change of address to which all notices and other communications shall be sent.

9. <u>COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE SIGNATURES</u>

9.1 This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same document.

10. MODIFICATION AND ENFORCEMENT

10.1 This Consent Judgment may be modified from time to time by express written agreement of the Parties to which any such modification would apply, with the approval of the Court, or by an order of this Court upon motion and in accordance with law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a California court enters judgment in the Action or another Proposition 65 enforcement action over exposure to DEA or benzene in Covered Products or product substantially similar to Covered Products that imposes different injunctive relief than what is set forth in this Consent Judgment, Defendant may seek to modify Section 3 of this Consent Judgment to conform with the

injunctive relief provided in such judgment. Plaintiff has a right to oppose any such modification, but it shall not withhold its approval without good cause shown.

- Only Plaintiff may enforce the terms of this Consent Judgment. If a dispute arises with respect to either Party's compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment, the Parties shall meet and confer in writing and endeavor to resolve the dispute in an amicable manner. No action may be filed in the absence of such good faith attempt to resolve the dispute beforehand. Should an exceedance of the reformulation standard(s) in Section 3.1 be alleged, FOTE must be provided with written notice and data supporting such an allegation and thirty (30) days to address the allegations before an enforcement motion may be filed. No violation of this Consent Judgment shall be deemed to occur if FOTE demonstrates that its own testing of the Covered Product at issue is in accordance with Section 3.1. In any action to enforce the terms of this Consent Judgment, the prevailing party shall be entitled to its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.
- 10.3 The inability of Defendant to comply with any deadline set forth in this Consent Judgment due to an act of terrorism, fire, earthquake, civil disorders, war, or act of God that is beyond the reasonable control of Defendant shall be grounds to move for modification of the deadlines set forth in this Consent Judgment.

11. COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(f)/COURT APPROVAL

- 11.1 Balabbo agrees to comply with the requirements set forth in California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f) and to promptly bring a Motion for Approval of this Consent Judgment. Defendant agrees it shall support approval of such Motion.
- This Consent Judgment shall not be effective until it is approved and entered by the Court and shall be null and void if, for any reason, it is not approved by the Court. In such case, the Parties agree to meet and confer on how to proceed and if such agreement is not reached within 30 days, the case shall proceed on its normal course.
- 11.3 If the Court approves this Consent Judgment and is reversed or vacated by an appellate court, the Parties shall meet and confer as to whether to modify the terms of this Consent

Judgment. If the Parties do not jointly agree on a course of action to take, the case shall proceed on its normal course on the trial court's calendar.

12. ATTORNEY'S FEES

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 Nothing in this Section shall preclude a Party from seeking an award of sanctions pursuant to law.

13. <u>RETENTION OF JURISDICTION</u>

13.1 This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to implement or modify the Consent Judgment.

14. <u>SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS</u>

14.1 This Consent Judgment shall apply to and be binding upon Balabbo and each Settling Defendant, and their respective divisions, subdivisions, and subsidiaries, and the successors or assigns of any of them.

15. **AUTHORIZATION**

15.1 The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment on behalf of their respective Parties and have read, understood, and agree to all of the terms and conditions of this document and certify that he or she is fully authorized by the Party he or she represents to execute the Consent Judgment on behalf of the Party represented and legally bind that Party. Except as explicitly provided herein each Party is to bear its own fees and costs.

AGREED TO:	AGREED TO:
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