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Superior Court of California
County of Alameda

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# SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

CALSAFE RESEARCH CENTER, INC., a California non-profit corporation,

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JONS MARKETS, a California Stock Corporation; and DOES 1 to 10,

Defendants.

Case No.: 23CV051091

[PROPOSED] MODIFIED STIPULATED CONSENT JUDGMENT

(Health & Safety Code § 25249, et seq.)

Complaint filed: November 13, 2023

Trial Date: TBD

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# I. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Parties. This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between Calsafe Research Center, Inc. ("Calsafe" or "Plaintiff"), a California non-profit corporation, and Jons Markets, a California Stock Corporation ("Jons" or "Defendant") (collectively, the "Parties").
- 1.2 General Allegations. On November 13, 2023, CalSafe initiated this action by filing a Complaint for Civil Penalties and Injunctive Relief (the "Complaint") pursuant to *Health & Safety Code* § 25249.5 *et seq.* ("Proposition 65") against Jons. In this action, Calsafe alleges that the "Grzyby Suszone, Runoland Dried Mushrooms (UPC# 5901641000082", "Jons, Dehydrated Green Pomelo (UPC# 200772301811)", "Jons, Dried Banana (UPC# 200795708314)", "Jons, Dried Chili Mango (UPC# 200827003691), "Jons, Mango Slices (UPC# 200766802638) and "Jons, Natural Dried Papaya (UPC# 200805007208) (collectively the "Covered Product") contain lead, a chemical listed under Proposition 65 as a carcinogen and reproductive toxin. Calsafe alleges that the Covered Product exposes consumers to lead at a level requiring a Proposition 65 warning. Calsafe alleges that Jons qualifies as a "Person" within the meaning of Proposition 65, and that Jons manufactures, distributes, and/or offers for sale in the State of California the Covered Product.
- 1.3 Notice of Violation. The Complaint is based on allegations contained in Calsafe's Notices of Violation dated May 5, 2023 (AG# 2023-01189) and May 9, 2023 (AG# 2023-01228) (collectively the "Notice"), that were served on the California attorney General, other public enforcers, and Jons. A true and correct copy of the Notice is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated by reference. More than 60 days have passed since the Notice was served on the Attorney General, public enforcers, and Jons; no designated governmental entity has filed a Complaint against Jons with regard to the Covered Product or the alleged violations.
- 1.4 Calsafe's Notice and Complaint allege that the use of the Covered Product by California consumers exposes them to lead without first receiving a clear and reasonable warning from Jons, which is a violation of California *Health & Safety Code* § 25249.6. Jons denies all material allegations contained in the Notice and Complaint.

- 1.5 The Parties have entered into this Consent Judgment in order to settle, compromise, and resolve disputed claims and thus avoid prolonged and costly litigation. Jons denies the material, factual, and legal allegations in the Notice and Complaint and maintains that all of the products, including the Covered Product, that it sold and/or distributed for sale in California have been and are in compliance with all laws. Nothing in this Consent Judgment nor compliance with this Consent Judgment shall constitute or be construed as an admission by Jons or by any of their respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, franchisees, licensees, customers, suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, or retailers of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law, such specifically denied by the Jons. This Section shall not, however, diminish or otherwise affect Jons' obligations, responsibilities, and duties under this Consent Judgment.
- 1.6 Except as expressly set forth herein, nothing in this Consent Judgment shall prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy, argument, or defense the Parties may have in any current or future legal proceeding unrelated to this proceeding.
- **1.7 Effective Date.** For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the "Effective Date" shall be the date the Consent Judgment has been approved and entered by the Court.

#### II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- **2.1** For purposes of this Consent Judgment and any further court action that may become necessary to enforce this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the Complaint and personal jurisdiction over Jons as to the acts alleged in the Complaint.
- 2.2 For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the Parties stipulate that venue is proper in Los Angeles County, California, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter this Consent judgment as a full and final resolution of all claims up through and including the Effective Date that were or could have been asserted in this action based on the facts alleged in the Notice and Complaint.

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#### III. **INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

- 3.1 Shipped for Sale in California. "Shipped for Sale in California" means the Covered Product that Jons either directly ships to California for sale in California, or that it sells to a distributor or retailer who Jons knows will sell the Covered Product to consumers in California. Where a retailer or distributor sells the Covered Product both in California and other states, Jons shall take commercially reasonable steps to ensure that the only Covered Product that is sold in California is in compliance with Paragraph 3.2 through 3.5.
- 3.2 Clear and Reasonable Warnings, When Required. Jons agrees by the Effective Date to only manufacture for sale, purchase for sale, import for sale, or distribute for sale in or into California (in-person or online) the Covered Product that contains a warning as provided for in Paragraphs 3.4 through 3.5.
- 3.3 Warning Requirements. A clear and reasonable warning for the Covered Product shall consist of a warning affixed to the packaging, label, tag, or directly to each Covered Product Shipped for Sale in California by Jons that contains one of the following statements:

(A)

**WARNING:** Consuming 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 www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/food.

(B)

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

The warning shall be offset in a box with a black outline and must be in a type size no smaller than the largest type size used for other consumer information on the Covered Product. "Consumer information" includes warnings, directions for use, ingredient lists, and nutritional information. "Consumer information" does not include the brand name, product name, company name, location of manufacture, or product advertising. In no case shall the warning appear in a type size smaller than six (6) point type. Additionally, where the product sign, label, or shelf tag

used to provide a warning includes consumer information in a language other than English, the warning must also be provided in that language in addition to English.

- 3.4 Warnings for Internet Sales. For any Covered Product sold over the internet where it will be shipped to California, the warning shall be displayed as follows: (A) on the primary display page for the Covered Product; (B) as a clearly marked hyperlink using the word "WARNING" in all capital and bold letters on the Covered Product's primary display page, so long as the hyperlink goes directly to a page prominently displaying the warning without content that detracts from the warning; (C) on the checkout page or any other page in the checkout process when a California delivery address is indicted for the purchase of the Covered Product and with the warning clearly associated with the Covered Product to indicate that the Covered Product is subject to the warning; or (D) by otherwise prominently displaying the warning to the purchaser prior to completing the purchase of the Covered Product. The warning is not prominently displayed if the purchaser must search for it in the general content of the website.
- 3.5 Warning Prominence. Jons agrees that each warning shall be prominently placed with such conspicuousness, as compared with the other words, statements, designs, or devices, as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions before purchase or use.
- 3.6 Compliance with Clear and Reasonable Warning. Jons shall be deemed to be in compliance with this Consent Judgment after the Effective Date by (A) adhering to Paragraphs 3.2 through 3.5, or (B) by complying with any future warning requirements adopted by the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA) applicable to the Covered Product and chemical at issue. If regulations or legislation are enacted or issued providing that a Proposition 65 warning for the Covered Product is no longer required, a lack of warning as set forth in this Consent Judgment will not thereafter be a breach of this Consent Judgment.
- 3.7 Grace Period of Existing Inventory. The injunctive requirements of Section III shall not apply to the Covered Product that is already in the stream of commerce as of the Effective Date, which Covered Product is expressly subject to the releases provided in Section V.

- **3.8** Entry of Consent Judgment. Upon execution of this Consent Judgment by the Parties, CalSafe shall notice a Motion for Court Approval and, within ten (10) days of approval of the Consent Judgment by the Court, comply with the requirements set forth in California *Health & Safety Code* § 25249.7(f).
- **3.9 Attorney General Objection.** If the California Attorney General objects to any term in this Consent Judgment, the Parties shall use their best efforts to resolve the concern in a timely manner, and if possible, prior to the hearing on the motion.
- **3.10 Void if Not Approved.** If this Consent Judgment is not approved by the Court, it shall be void and have no force or effect.

#### IV. MONETARY TERMS

- **4.1 Total Settlement Amount.** In full satisfaction of all potential civil penalties, additional settlement payments, attorney fees, and costs, Jons shall make a total payment of Twenty-Five Thousand One Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents. (\$25,187.50) (the "Total Settlement Amount"), apportioned into a Civil Penalty, and Attorney Fees and Costs as set forth in Paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3, below.
- **4.2 Civil Penalty Payment.** Pursuant to California *Health & Safety Code* § 25249.7(b)(2) and in settlement of all claims alleged in the Notice and Complaint, Jons agrees to pay Three Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$3,250.00) in Civil Penalties. The Civil Penalty payment will be apportioned in accordance with California *Health & Safety Code* §§ 25249(c)(1), (d), with seventy-five (75) percent of these funds remitted to OEHHA, and the remaining twenty-five (25) percent of the funds retained by CalSafe. Within ten (10) days of the Effective Date, Jons shall issue a check to "OEHHA" in the amount of Two Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty-Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2,437.50), with "Prop 65 Penalties" written in the Memo Line; and Jons shall, pursuant to the instructions below, wire to CalSafe the amount of Eight Hundred and Twelve Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$812.50).

All payments made to OEHHA (EIN: 68-0284486) pursuant to this Paragraph shall be delivered directly to OEHHA at the following address:

For United States Postal Delivery Service: 1 Mike Gyurics 2 Fiscal Operations Branch Chief Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment 3 P.O. Box 4010 4 Sacramento, CA 95812-4010 5 For Non-United States Postal Delivery Service: 6 Mike Gyurics 7 Fiscal Operations Branch Chief Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment 8 1001 I Street MS #19B Sacramento, CA 95814 9 10 All penalty payments owed to CalSafe shall be sent via wire to: 11 **Wire Instructions:** 12 Account Name: The Law Offices of Joseph R. Manning 13 Bank Name: J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. 14 Bank Address: 270 Park Ave. New York, NY. 10017 Wire Routing / ABA Number: 021000021 15 Account Number: 802922919 16 For further benefit of: Civil Penalty Payment Case No. 23CV051091 17 18 4.3 **Attorney Fees and Costs.** Within ten (10) days of the Effective Date, Jons agrees 19 to pay Twenty-One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents 20 (\$21,937.50) to CalSafe and its counsel of record for all fees and costs incurred in investigating, 21 bringing this matter to the attention of Jons, litigating, negotiation, and obtaining judicial approval 22 of a settlement in the public interest. 23 Wire Instructions: 24 25 Account Name: The Law Offices of Joseph R. Manning Bank Name: J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. 26 Bank Address: 270 Park Ave. New York, NY. 10017 27 Wire Routing / ABA Number: 021000021 Account Number: 802922919 28 CalSafe Research Center, Inc. v. Jons Marketplace, Case No. 23CV051091

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4.4 In the event that Jons fails to remit the Total Settlement Amount or any portion thereof owed under Paragraphs 4.1 through 4.3 of this Consent Judgment before the due date, Jons shall be deemed to be in material breach of its obligations under this Consent Judgment. CalSafe shall provide written notice of delinquency to Jons via electronic mail to Jons' counsel of record. If Jons fails to deliver any portion of or all of the Total Settlement Amount within five (5) days from the written notice, the Total Settlement Amount shall accrue interest at the statutory judgment interest rate provided in California *Code of Civil Procedure* § 685.010.

Additionally, Jons agrees to pay Calsafe's reasonable attorney fees and costs for any efforts to collect the payment due under this Consent Judgment.

#### V. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

**5.1** This Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter to enforce, modify, or terminate this Consent Judgment.

#### VI. MODIFICATION OF CONSENT JUDGMENT

- **6.1** This Consent Judgment may be modified only as to the injunctive terms by (A) written stipulation of the Parties and upon entry by the Court of a modified consent judgment, or (B) by motion of either Party pursuant to Paragraph 5.1 and upon entry by the Court of a modified consent judgment.
- 6.2 If Jons seeks to modify this Consent Judgment under Paragraph 5.1, then Jons must provide written notice to Calsafe of its intent ("Notice of Intent"). If Calsafe seeks to meet and confer regarding the proposed modification in the Notice of Intent, then Calsafe shall provide written notice of intent to meet and confer to Jons within thirty (30) days of receiving the Notice of Intent. The Parties shall then meet and confer in good faith in person, via telephone, or via video conference within thirty (30) days of Calsafe's written notice of intent to meet and confer. Within thirty (30) days of such a meeting, if Calsafe disputes the proposed modification, Calsafe shall provide Jons a written basis for its opposition. The Parties shall continue to meet and confer for an additional thirty (30) days in an effort to resolve any remaining disputes. Should it become necessary, the Parties may agree in writing to different deadlines for the meet-and-confer period.

6.3 In the event that Jons initiates or otherwise requests a modification under Paragraph 5.1, and the meet and confer process leads to a joint motion or application for a modification of the Consent Judgment, Jons shall reimburse Calsafe its costs and reasonable attorney fees for the time spent in the meet-and-confer process and filing and arguing the motion.

#### VII. BINDING EFFECT, CLAIMS COVERED, CLAIMS RELEASED

- 7.1 This Consent Judgment shall have no application to any Covered Product that is distributed or sold exclusively outside the State of California and/or that is not used by California consumers. 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 other Jons products other than the Covered Product.
- 7.2 Binding Effect. This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between Calsafe, on behalf of itself and its respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, and affiliates and on behalf of the public interest, and Jons and its respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, franchisees, licensees, customers, suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, or retailers, and all other upstream and downstream entities in the distribution chain of the Covered Product and the predecessors, successors, and assigns of any of them (collectively, "Released Parties").
- 7.3 Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment shall be deemed to constitute compliance with Proposition 65 by any of the Released Parties regarding alleged exposures to the Covered Product as set forth in the Notice and Complaint.
- Calsafe Release of Jons(s). This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between Calsafe, acting on its own behalf, and on behalf of the public interest, and Jons, and its parents, shareholders, members, directors, officers, managers, employees, representatives, agents, attorneys, divisions, subdivisions, subsidiaries, partners, sister companies, and affiliates, and their predecessors, successors and assigns ("Defendant Releasees"), and all entities from whom they obtain and to whom they directly or indirectly distribute or sell Covered Products, including but not limited to manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, customers,

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parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates, franchisees, and cooperative members ("Downstream Releasees"), of all claims for violations of Proposition 65 based on exposure to Lead from use of the Covered Products manufactured, distributed, or sold by Jons prior to the Effective Date as set forth in the Notice. 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 Lead from use of the Covered Products that was alleged in the Complaint, or that could have been brought pursuant to the Notice against Jons and the Downstream Releasees ("Proposition 65 Claims"). Jons' compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 by Jons with regard to exposure to Lead from use of the Covered Products.

In addition to the foregoing, Calsafe, on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, and successors and 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 Jons, 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 related to or arising from Covered Products manufactured, distributed, or sold by Jons, Defendant Releasees or Downstream Releasees.

7.1 Calsafe on its own behalf only, and Jons on its own behalf only, further waives and releases any and all claims they, their attorneys, or their representatives may have against each other for all actions or statements made or undertaken in the course of seeking or opposing enforcement of Proposition 65 in connection with the Notice and Complaint up through and including the Effective Date, provided, however, that nothing in this Section shall affect or limit any Party's right to seek to enforce the terms of the Consent Judgment.

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behalf of itself only, acknowledge that this Consent Judgment is expressly intended to cover and include all such claims up through and including the Effective Date, including all rights of action therefore. Calsafe and Jons acknowledge that the claims released in Section VII above may include unknown claims, and nevertheless waive California Civil Code § 1542 as to any such unknown claims. California Civil Code § 1542 reads as follows: A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE

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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.

#### VIII. SEVERABILITY

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

#### IX. **GOVERNING LAW**

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

#### X. PROVISION OF NOTICE

10.1 All notices required to be given to either Party to this Consent Judgment by the other shall be in writing and sent to the following agents listed below via first-class mail or electronic mail. Any Party may modify the person/entity or address to whom the notice is to be sent by sending the other Party notice by certified mail, return receipt requested. Said change shall take effect on the date the return receipt is signed by the Party receiving the change.

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#### Notice for Calsafe shall be sent to:

Joseph R. Manning, Jr. 26100 Towne Center Drive Foothill Ranch, CA 92610

Tel: Office (949) 200-8757 Fax: (866) 843-8309

p65@manninglawoffice.com

#### Notice for Jons shall be sent to:

Eric P. Weiss SCALI RASMUSSEN, PC 300 S. Grand Avenue, Suite 2750 Los Angeles, CA 90071 Tel: (213) 254-3667 eweiss@scalilaw.com

#### XI. EXECUTED IN COUNTERPARTS

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

#### XII. DRAFTING

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

#### XIII. GOOD FAITH ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE DISPUTES

13.1 If a dispute with respect to either Party's compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment entered by the Court, the Parties shall meet and confer in person, by telephone, by video conference, and/or in writing and endeavor to resolve the dispute in an

amicable manner. No action or motion may be filed with the Court in the absence of such a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute beforehand.

#### XIV. ENFORCEMENT

14.1 The Parties may, by motion or order to show cause before the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, enforce the terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment. In any successful action brought by Calsafe to enforce this Consent Judgment, Calsafe may seek whatever fines, costs, penalties, or remedies as are provided by law for failure to comply with this Consent Judgment.

#### XV. ENTIRE AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZATION

- 15.1 This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter herein, including any and all prior discussions, negotiations, commitments, and understandings related thereto. No representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, other than those contained herein have been made by any party. No other agreements, oral or otherwise, unless specifically referred to herein, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any Party.
- 15.2 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.

#### XVI. REQUEST FOR FINDINGS, APPROVAL, AND ENTRY.

16.1 This Consent Judgment has come before the Court upon the request of the Parties. The Parties request the Court to fully review this Consent Judgment and, being fully informed regarding the matters which are the subject of this action, make the findings pursuant to California *Health and Safety Code* § 25249(f)(4) and approve this Consent Judgment.

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		Attorney for Plaintiff Calsafe Research Center, Inc.
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# Exhibit A



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### **CONSUMER ATTORNEYS**

May 5, 2023

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

Dear Alleged Violators and the Appropriate Public Enforcement Agencies:

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

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

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

<u>Alleged Violators</u>. The names of the person/company covered by this notice that violated Proposition 65 (hereinafter the "Violators") are:

- 1. B&I Overseas Trading, Inc.
- 2. JONS Marketplace



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

#### Grzyby Suszone, Runoland Dried Mushrooms, UPC#5901641000082

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

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

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

Approximate Time Period of Violations. Ongoing violations have occurred every day since at least April 10, 2023, as well as every day since the products were introduced into the California marketplace and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users or until this known toxic chemical is either removed from or reduced to allowable levels in the products. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to the identified chemical. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product label. The Violators violated Proposition 65 because they failed to provide persons ingesting these products with appropriate warnings that they are being exposed to this chemical.

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

CRC has retained me as legal counsel in connection with this matter. Please direct all communications regarding this Notice of Violation to my attention at the law office



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address and telephone number indicated on the letterhead or at P65@ManningLawOffice.com.

Sincerely,

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Certificate of Merit Certificate of Service

OEHHA Summary (to Alleged Violators only)

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#### CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Re: Calsafe Research Center, Inc.'s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by B&I Overseas Trading, Inc., and JONS Marketplace

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

- 1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached 60-day notice in which it is alleged that 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 an attorney 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.
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Dated: May 5, 2023

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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

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: <a href="http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65">http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65</a> list/Newlist.html.

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

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

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

#### DOES PROPOSITION 65 PROVIDE ANY EXEMPTIONS?

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

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

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

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

Exposures that pose no significant risk of cancer. For chemicals that are listed under Proposition 65 as known to the State to cause cancer, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure occurs at a level that poses "no significant risk." This means that the exposure is calculated to result in not more than one excess case of cancer in 100,000 individuals exposed over a 70-year lifetime. The Proposition 65 regulations identify specific "No Significant Risk Levels" (NSRLs) for many listed carcinogens. Exposures below these levels are exempt from the warning requirement. See OEHHA's website at:

http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html for a list of NSRLs, and Section 25701 *et seq.* of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

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

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

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

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

#### HOW IS PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCED?

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

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

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

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

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

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAW OR REGULATIONS...

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

Revised: May 2017

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



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May 9, 2023

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

Dear Alleged Violators and the Appropriate Public Enforcement Agencies:

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

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

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

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

1. JONS Marketplace



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

Jons, Dehydrated Green Pomelo, UPC#200772301811 Jons, Dried Banana, UPC#200795708314 Jons, Dried Chili Mango, UPC#200827003691 Jons, Mango Slice, UPC#200766802638 Jons, Natural Dried Papaya, UPC#200805007208

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

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

<u>Route of Exposure</u>. 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 10, 2023, as well as every day since the products were introduced into the California marketplace and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product purchasers and users or until this known toxic chemical is either removed from or reduced to allowable levels in the products. Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to the identified chemical. The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product label. The Violators violated Proposition 65 because they failed to provide persons ingesting these products with appropriate warnings that they are being exposed to this chemical.

Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and a desire to have these ongoing violations of California law quickly rectified, CRC is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter that includes an enforceable written agreement by the Violators to: (1) reformulate the identified products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemical, or provide appropriate warnings on the labels of these products; (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty; and (3) provide clear and reasonable warnings compliant with



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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.

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

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Manning, Jr.

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

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Dated: May 9, 2023

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

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

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On May 9, 2023 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, I served the following documents: NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT on each 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 at a U.S. Postal Service Office with the postage fully prepaid for delivery by First Class Mail.

Executed on May 9, 2023, in Foothill Ranch, California.

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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

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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

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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:

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#### **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.

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