

Proposition 65 Notices

And

Certificate of Merit

(re: Clinique Advanced Stop Signs Cream)

Submitted by:

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October 19, 2004

VIA U.S. MAIL

President/CEO/Owner
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October 19, 2004

**60-DAY NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUE CLINIQUE UNDER HEALTH & SAFETY
CODE SECTION 25249.6**

This Notice is given by Consumer Advocacy Group, Inc., which must be contacted through:

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Consumer Advocacy Group, Inc. hereby notifies **Clinique** (hereinafter referred to as "Violator") that it has violated the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act (Health & Saf. Code, § 25249.6 et seq.) (Hereinafter referred to as "Proposition 65").

Consumer Product Exposures

While in the course of doing business each and every day between October 19th, 2000 and October 19th, 2004, and continuing thereafter, Violator violated Proposition 65 by exposing consumers and other foreseeable users to **Acrylamide, Formaldehyde (gas) and Aniline**, chemicals contained in Violator's **Clinique Advanced Stop Signs Cream**, and designated by the State of California under California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 12306 to cause cancer (hereinafter referred to as "§12306"), without providing clear and reasonable warnings of the exposures as required by Proposition 65. While in the course of doing business, during the time period referenced above, the Violator has been and is knowingly and intentionally manufacturing, distributing and selling this product in the State of California. Violator placed this product in the stream of commerce so that it was sold to consumers. Consumers then used this product, the packaging for which contained no proposition 65 warnings, by rubbing it on their hands and then applying it to their face. Therefore, they were exposed to the Chemicals **Acrylamide, Formaldehyde (gas) and Aniline** without having received clear and reasonable statutory warnings.

A "Consumer Product Exposure" is an exposure that results from a person's acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use and/or misuse of a consumer good. The **Clinique Advanced Stop Signs Cream** is a consumer product which contains the chemicals **Acrylamide, Formaldehyde (gas) and Aniline**, all designated under §12306 and thus known to the State of California to cause cancer. The reasonably foreseeable use and or misuse of the **Clinique Advanced Stop Signs Cream** will result in exposure to **Acrylamide, Formaldehyde (gas) and Aniline**, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, through inhalation, and dermal absorption. Per the natural use of this "skin care" product, a consumer or other foreseeable user will remove the lid of the product, spread the cream on their bare hands and or fingertips, and then apply the cream to the skin of their face by rubbing it on all areas of their face, including but not limited to their cheeks, forehead, nose, chin, above and below their eyes and or other naked areas of their body. Throughout this process, such persons will necessarily sustain dermal absorption. Such persons also sustain exposure through inhalation to the extent that vapors and or aromas will rise from the cream while it is being or has been applied to their skin, entering their nostrils and or mouth.

Therefore, the route of exposure for consumer product exposures to **Acrylamide, Formaldehyde (gas) and Aniline**, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, has been through inhalation and dermal absorption.

Proposition 65 requires that a notice of violation and intent to sue be given to the Violator 60 days before commencing a private enforcement lawsuit pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 25249.6, subsection (d). With this letter, Consumer Advocacy Group, Inc. gives notice of the alleged violations to Violator, the Attorney General, and the District Attorney and City Attorney of cities with populations of over 750,000, in each county and city where violations are alleged to have occurred.

Along with this notice, a copy of *The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary* has been sent to Violator.

Should Clinique reformulate "*Clinique Advanced Stop Signs Cream*", such that said product would contain no carcinogens, then Consumer Advocacy Group, Inc. will agree to forego all forms of monetary recovery, including attorney's fees and costs, for prosecution of this violation.

Dated: October 19, 2004 YEROUSHALMI & ASSOCIATES

By: ↵

ocacy Group, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

I, Reuben Yeroushalmi, hereby declare:

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

Dated: 10-19-04

By: _____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this case. I am a resident of or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. My business address is 3700 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 480, Los Angeles, CA 90010.

I SERVED THE FOLLOWING:

- 1.) 60-Day Notice of Intent to Sue Under Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6
- 2.) The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary (only sent to violator(s))

by enclosing a true copy of the same in a sealed envelope addressed to each person whose name and address is shown below and depositing the envelope in the United States mail with the postage fully prepaid.

Date of Mailing: 10/19/04
Place of Mailing: Los Angeles, CA

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH PERSON TO WHOM DOCUMENTS WERE MAILED:

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| Clinique Laboratories Inc. Corporate Headquarters 767 Fifth Avenue New York, N.Y. 10153 |
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
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| See also attached hereto entities and addresses listed in Exhibit A |
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: 10/19/04

By: 

/s

EXHIBIT A

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