

**60-DAY NOTICE OF VIOLATION**  
SENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.7(d)

**NOVEMBER 3, 2004**

**To:** Larry Cohen, President – United Food Group LLC  
Larry Cohen, President – Moran’s Ground Beef

California Attorney General’s Office;  
District Attorney’s Office for 58 Counties;  
City Attorneys for San Francisco, San Diego, San Jose, Sacramento and Los Angeles;

**FROM:** Whitney R. Leeman

**I. INTRODUCTION**

My name is Whitney R. Leeman. I hold a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Environmental Engineering. I am a citizen of the State of California acting in the interest of the general public. I seek to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals in products sold in California and, if possible, to improve human health by reducing hazardous substances contained in such items. This Notice is provided to the parties listed above pursuant to California Health & Safety Code §25249.6 *et seq.* ("Proposition 65"). As noted above, notice is being provided to the violators, United Food Group LLC and Moran’s Ground Beef (the "Violators"). The violations covered by this Notice consist of the product exposures, routes of exposures, and types of harm potentially resulting from exposure to the following toxic chemical or chemicals ("listed chemicals"):

<i>Listed Chemicals</i>	<i>Routes of Exposure</i>	<i>Types of Harm</i>	<i>Product Exposures</i>
Polychlorinated dibenzo- <i>p</i> -dioxins	Ingestion	Cancer	See Section VI. Exhibit A
Polychlorinated biphenyls	Ingestion	Birth Defects and Other Reproductive Harm	See Section VI. Exhibit A

**II. NATURE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION (CONSUMER PRODUCT EXPOSURE)**

The product category exposing consumers to listed chemicals is *Ground Beef Products*. The specific type or types of products (hereafter the "products") that are causing consumer exposures in violation of Proposition 65 (and that are covered by this notice) are listed on Exhibit A in section VI below. The Violators’ sales of these ground beef products have been occurring from at least November 3, 2001 to the present. As a result of the sales of these products, exposures to the listed chemicals have been occurring without clear and reasonable warnings as required by Proposition 65. Without proper warnings regarding the toxic effect of exposure to the listed chemicals in the products, California citizens lack the information

necessary to make informed decisions on whether and how to eliminate (or reduce) the risk of exposure from reasonably foreseeable use of the products.

California consumers, through the act of consuming the products, are exposed to the listed chemicals. By way of example but not limitation, exposures occur when California citizens eat, sample or otherwise consume the products. These acts cause consumers to be exposed through the routine consumption of the parts or portions of the products containing the listed chemicals. Additionally, exposure can occur through the routine consumption of other materials that are contaminated with the listed chemicals from the products as a result of these tasks. People likely to be exposed include both children and adults.

**III. CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please direct all questions concerning this notice to my counsel at the following address:

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**IV. PROPOSITION 65 INFORMATION**

For general information concerning the provisions of Proposition 65, please feel free to contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's ("OEHHA") Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900. For the Violators' reference, I have attached a copy of "Proposition 65: A Summary" which has been prepared by OEHHA.

**V. ADDITIONAL NOTICE INFORMATION**

THIS INFORMATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNDER CAL. CODE REGS., TITLE 22 § 12903(b)(4).

Identified below are specific examples of the type of offending food products recently purchased and witnessed as being available for purchase or consumption in California. Based on publicly available information, the retailers, distributors and/or manufacturers of the products at issue are also provided below. Dr. Leeman believes and alleges that the sale of the offending products has also occurred without the requisite warning at other locations including, but not limited to, transactions made over-the-counter, between business-to-business, through the internet and/or via a catalogue by the Violators (and other distributors and retailers of the manufacturer).

<i>Products</i>	<i>Retailer(s)</i>	<i>Manufacturer(s)/Distributors</i>
Moran's All Natural Ground Beef 27% Fat, 1 LB Packaged (#0 34779 60501 2)	Albertson's, Inc.	United Food Group LLC; Moran's Ground Beef

**VI. EXHIBIT A**

<i>Products</i>	<i>Such As*</i>	<i>Toxins</i>
Ground Beef	Moran's All Natural Ground Beef 27% Fat, 1 LB Packaged (#0 34779 60501 2)	Polychlorinated dibenzo- <i>p</i> -dioxins
Ground Beef	Moran's All Natural Ground Beef 27% Fat, 1 LB Packaged (#0 34779 60501 2)	Polychlorinated biphenyls

\*The specifically identified example of the type of food products subject to this Notice are for the benefit of each recipient to assist in its investigation of, among other things, the magnitude of potential exposure to the listed chemicals from other items within the product category listed in Exhibit A. It is important to note that this example is not meant to be an exhaustive or comprehensive identification of each specific offending product of the type listed under Products in Exhibit A. Further, it is this citizen's position that the alleged violator is obligated to continue to conduct a good faith investigation into other specific products within the type or category described above that may have been manufactured, distributed, sold or stored during the relevant period so as to ensure that the requisite toxic warnings are provided to California citizens prior to purchase.

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury:

I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action; my business address is 11501 Dublin Blvd., Suite 200, Dublin, CA 94568.

On November 3, 2004, I served the following document:

**60-DAY NOTICE OF VIOLATION SENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.7(d);  
PROPOSITION 65: A SUMMARY;  
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; AND  
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT ATTACHMENTS (SERVED ONLY ON THE ATTORNEY GENERAL)**

served on the Violators listed below via 2<sup>nd</sup> Day Air Service by placing a true and correct copy in each sealed envelope, addressed to each Violator and placing such envelope in a Federal Express Drop-Off Box:

Larry Cohen, President  
United Food Group LLC  
3425 E Vernon Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90058-1811  
Tel. (323) 585-0068

Larry Cohen, President  
Moran's Ground Beef  
3425 E Vernon Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90058-1811  
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as well as providing copies of the notice to the public enforcers by placing a true and correct copy in a sealed envelope, addressed to each party listed below, and served as follows:

<i>Via 2<sup>nd</sup> Day Air Service by placing such envelope in a Federal Express Drop-Off Box:</i>	The Attorney General of the State of California;
<i>By placing each envelope in a United States Postal Service mailbox, first class postage prepaid:</i>	The District Attorney for Each of the 58 counties in California; and  The City Attorney for Los Angeles, San Diego, San Jose, San Francisco and Sacramento;

*A list of addresses for each of these recipients is attached.*

Executed on November 3, 2004, at Dublin, California.



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