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NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986
(California Health and Safety Code § 25249.5 *et seq.*)

First Class Mail-Proof of Service Attached

Current President/CEO/General Counsel
The Hain Celestial Group, Inc.
58 South Service Road
Melville, NY 11747

Re: Consumer Personal Care Products

Dear Sir or Madam:

Vicky Hamilton (the "Noticing Party") serves this Notice of Violation ("Notice") upon **The Hain Celestial Group, Inc.** ("**Hain Celestial**" or "Noticed Company") pursuant to and in compliance with California Health and Safety Code ("H&S Code") § 25249.7(d) and 22 California Code of Regulations ("CCR") § 12903. This Notice satisfies a prerequisite for the Noticing Party to commence an action against **Hain Celestial** to enforce the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (California H&S Code § 25249.5 *et seq.* On information and belief, the violations addressed by this Notice occur in every county and city in California. This Notice is being served upon **Hain Celestial**, the California Attorney General, the district attorney of every California county, and the city attorney of every California city with a population (according to the most recent decennial census) of over 750,000. If **Hain Celestial** has a current registration with the California Secretary of State that identifies a Chief Executive Officer, President, or General Counsel, this Notice is being addressed to, and served upon, one of those persons.

Attached as Exhibit A to this Notice is a copy of "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary." The attached Summary was prepared by the California Environmental Protection Agency and provides general information about the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986. Copies of the Summary are not required to be, and are not being, provided to the public enforcement agencies.

A description of the Noticing Party, the Alleged Violator, and the Alleged Violations Addressed by this Notice follows:

- This Notice is provided by Vicky Hamilton. Ms. Hamilton is an individual who resides in Los Angeles County in California. Ms. Hamilton is acting in the public interest pursuant to H&S Code § 25249.7(d), and is acting to protect the environment, improve human health and support environmentally sound practices.

- The Noticed Company's name and address is:

  The Hain Celestial Group, Inc., 58 South Service Road, Melville, NY 11747

- The violations addressed by this Notice began on or after January 1, 1989, have occurred on numerous occasions each and every day since January 1, 1989, and are ongoing and continuing.

- This Notice of Violation covers the "warning provision" of Proposition 65, which is found at H&S Code § 25249.6.

- The name of the chemical that is listed pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 and that is involved in the violations addressed by this Notice is 1,4-Dioxane (listed as a carcinogen; the "Listed Chemical." The Listed Chemical is listed (and has been so listed for more than twelve months) by the Governor of the State of California as being a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity, or both cancer and reproductive toxicity. The chemical is contained in the Products (as defined below), making those Products subject to the warning requirements of H&S Code § 25249.6 and more specifically 22 CCR § 12601(b) *et seq*. See Exhibit B attached hereto.

- The routes of exposure for the violations addressed by this Notice are inhalation, ingestion, and dermal contact during use of the Product(s).

- The type of consumer products causing the exposures addressed by this Notice are shampoos, body washes, lotions and other personal care and household cleaning products ("Products"), including but not limited to the following illustrative product(s):

  Alba Botanica Passion Fruit Body Wash; Jason Apricot Satin Soap; Jason Fragrance Free Satin Soap; Jason Tea Tree Scalp Normalizing Shampoo

- There are numerous sources of the exposures addressed in this Notice. On information and belief, these exposures occur in homes, the workplace and everywhere else in California where these products are used. These exposures occur principally off the property of the Noticed Company.

- In the course of doing business, **Hain Celestial** knowingly and intentionally has exposed, and continues to expose, individuals to the Listed Chemical in the Products. No clear and reasonable warning is or has been provided by **Hain Celestial** to individuals regarding exposure to the Listed Chemical or regarding the fact that the Listed Chemical is known to the State of California to be a carcinogen.

- These exposures are ongoing and continuing, with some continuing from 1989. The Noticing Party believes and so alleges that **Hain Celestial** tolled any applicable statute of limitations by failing at any time in the past to disclose the presence of the Listed Chemical in their Product(s) to those individuals to whom the Noticing Party owed a warning when those individuals purchased the Product(s) in the stores or over the Internet where the Company(ies)' Products are sold for consumer use in California. The labels on these Product(s) do not include any warning that would meet the definition of a warning as set forth at 22 CCR § 12601(b)(1)(A) or comply with 22 CCR § 12601(b)(3) and (b)(4)(B).

- The Listed Chemical is on the Governor's list ("Prop 65 List") as set forth at 22 CCR § 12000. This chemical is known to the State of California to cause cancer in humans requiring special warning labels and care in handling and use. The concentrations of this toxin in the Product(s) require a warning of the existence of this chemical danger by the Product's manufacturer, distributor, and retailer.

- The principal route of exposure is through a "consumer products exposure" via inhalation, ingestion, and dermal contact. These exposures have gone on since January 1, 1989, and are ongoing and continuing at every place in California that the Product(s) listed above are offered for sale and use. All references to "exposure" in this notice shall be understood to be exposures to the Product(s), including but not limited to the specific Product brands listed above and/or the ingredients of those Product(s). The sale of these Product(s) constitutes a transfer of a known carcinogenic chemical to the purchaser as well as the ultimate consuming individual from the normal use of the Product(s), causing the exposure to occur without a clear and reasonable warning regarding the Listed Chemical.

- The location of these alleged exposures are many and varied, and on information and belief occur within the 58 counties of the state of California, as evidenced by the District Attorneys addressed in the enclosed distribution list. The Noticing Party believes and so alleges that at least one of **Hain Celestial's** Product(s) were sold within each county by **Hain Celestial** wholesale or retail distributor, and that sale caused the utilization of the Product(s) and consumption and subsequent exposure. This purchase and consumption caused exposures in that jurisdiction to the Listed Chemical in the Product(s) as identified herein, and those exposures by **Hain Celestial** were allowed to take place without the prerequisite warnings as delineated by the applicable statutes specified in this notice.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this notice to counsel for Ms. Vicky Hamilton, as follows:

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EXHIBIT B

List Of Chemicals Contained In The Attached 60-Day Notice of Violation That Are Listed By The Governor Of The State Of California As Being Known To The State Of California To Cause Cancer Or Reproductive Toxicity

CARCINOGENS

Chemical	CAS No.	Date Added to List
1,4-Dioxane	123-91-1	January 1, 1988

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.7(d)

I, Roger Lane Carrick, on behalf of Ms. Vicky Hamilton hereby declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) in which it is alleged that the party identified in the notice have violated California 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 one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemical(s) that is the subject of this action.

4. Based upon the information obtained through those consultations, and 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 private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all the 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 24249.7(h)(2), *i.e.*, (1) the identity of the person consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Date: March 25, 2008

ROGER LANE CARRICK
THE CARRICK LAW GROUP, P.C.
ATTORNEYS FOR VICKY HAMILTON

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 350 S. Grand Avenue, Suite 2930, Los Angeles, CA 90071-3406.

On March 25, 2008, I served copies of the documents listed immediately hereafter by first class mail by placing same in sealed envelopes, fully preparing postage thereon, and depositing said envelopes in the U.S. Mail at Los Angeles, California. Said envelopes were addressed as follows:

ENTITY / VIOLATOR

Irwin D. Simon, CEO
or Current President/CEO/Gen. Counsel
The Hain Celestial Group, Inc.
58 South Service Road
Melville, NY 11747

REGISTERED AGENT (*if any*)

CT Corporation Service
818 W. Seventh Street
Second Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Documents mailed:

1. **NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (California Health and Safety Code § 25249.5 et seq.)**

2. **Exhibit A - THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY (Government Entities excluded)**

3. **Exhibit B - Details of Relevant Proposition 65 Chemical Listing**

4. **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT – (attachments only sent to California Attorney General's Office)**

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on March 25, 2008, at Los Angeles, California.

Kimberly A.K. Burgo

DISTRIBUTION LIST – GOVERNMENT ENTITIES
***VIA FIRST CLASS U.S. MAIL* – Documents Mailed:**
(1) 60-Day Notice of Violation; (2) Exhibit B - Details of Relevant Proposition 65 Chemical Listing; (3) Certificate of Merit (w/atts. AG's office only); and (4) Certificate of Service

	CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL CA Department of Justice **PROP. 65 ENFORCEMENT REPORTING** Attn: Prop 65 Coordinator 1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000 Post Office Box 70550 Oakland, CA 94612-0550	
Los Angeles City Attorney's Office 800 City Hall East 200 North Main Street Los Angeles, CA 90012	San Diego City Attorney's Office Civic Center Plaza 1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1620 San Diego, CA 92101	San Francisco City Attorney's Office City Hall, Room 234 San Francisco, CA 94102
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