

SIXTY-DAY NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUE FOR VIOLATION OF THE SAFE DRINKING WATER
AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986

(*Cal. Health & Safety Code* § 25249.5, *et seq.*) ("Proposition 65")

12/31/2008

F. Robert Salerno
President and COO
Avis Rent A Car System, LLC
6 Sylvan Way
Parsippany, NJ 07054

F. Robert Salerno
President and COO
Avis Budget Group, Inc.
6 Sylvan Way
Parsippany, NJ 07054

AND THE PUBLIC PROSECUTORS LISTED ON THE DISTRIBUTION LIST ACCOMPANYING
THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

**Re: Violations of Proposition 65 concerning Second-Hand Tobacco Smoke or
Environmental Tobacco Smoke exposures**

Dear Mr. Salerno:

Consumer Advocacy Group, Inc. ("CAG"), the noticing entity, serves this Notice of Violation ("Notice") upon Avis Rent A Car System, LLC and Avis Budget Group, Inc. (collectively "Violators") pursuant to and in compliance with Proposition 65. Violators may contact CAG concerning this Notice through its attorney, Daniel D. Cho, Esq., 3700 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 480, Los Angeles, CA 90010, telephone no. (213) 382-3183, facsimile no. (213) 382-3430. This Notice satisfies a prerequisite for CAG to commence an action against Violators in any Superior Court of California to enforce Proposition 65. The violations addressed by this Notice occurred in each California county reflected in the district attorney addresses listed in the attached certificate of service. CAG is serving this Notice upon each person or entity responsible for the alleged violations, the California Attorney General, the district attorney for each county where alleged violations occurred, and the City Attorney for each city with a population (according to the most recent decennial census) of over 750,000 located within counties where the alleged violations occurred.

CAG is a registered corporation based in California. By sending this Notice, CAG is acting "in the public interest" pursuant to Proposition 65. CAG is a nonprofit entity dedicated to protecting the environment, improving human health, and supporting environmentally sound practices.

This Notice concerns violations of the warning prong of Proposition 65, which states that "[n]o person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning to such individual . . ." *Cal. Health & Safety Code* § 25249.6.

This notice concerns exposure to second hand smoke. CAG is informed and believes that Second-Hand Tobacco Smoke and Environmental Tobacco Smoke contain Tobacco Smoke, a chemical known to the State of California to cause Cancer and Reproductive Toxicity, developmental, male, female. *See Cal. Code Regs. 27* § 27000(b), (c). On April 1, 1988, the Governor of California added Tobacco Smoke to the list of chemicals known to the State of California to cause Cancer and the list of chemicals known to the State of California to cause Reproductive Toxicity. *Cal. Code Regs. 27* § 27000(b), (c). The Governor of California added Tobacco Smoke to these lists more than twenty (20)

months prior to the date of this notice, and therefore as of the time of this notice, Tobacco Smoke is fully subject to the warning and discharge prohibitions of Proposition 65. See *Cal. Health & Safety Code* §§ 25249.9, 25249.10.

CAG is also informed and believes that Second-Hand Tobacco Smoke and Environmental Tobacco Smoke also contain the following chemicals known to the State to cause Cancer or Reproductive Toxicity ("Constituent Chemicals"):

CARCINOGENS

Tobacco smoke	Acetaldehyde
Acetamide	Acrolein
Acrylonitrile	4-Aminobiphenyl
Aniline	o-Anisidine
Benz[a]anthracene	Benzene
Benzo[b]fluoranthene	Benzo[j]fluoranthene
Benzo[k]fluoranthene	Benzo[a]pyrene
1,3-Butadiene	Captan
Carbon disulfide	Carbon monoxide
Chrysene	DDT
Dibenz[a,h]acridine	Dibenz[a,j]acridine
Dibenz[a,h]anthracene	7H-Dibenzo[c,g]carbazole
Dibenzo[a,e]pyrene	Dibenzo[a,h]pyrene
Dibenzo[a,i]pyrene	Dibenzo[a,l]pyrene
1,1-Dimethylhydrazine	1-Naphthylamine
2-Naphthylamine	Nicotine
2-Nitropropane	N-Nitrosodi-n-butylamine
N-Nitrosodiethanolamine	N-Nitrosodiethylamine
N-Nitroso-n-methylethylamine	N'-Nitrosornicotine
N-Nitrosopiperidine	N-Nitrosopyrrolidine
Styrene	Toluene
2-Toluidine	Urethane
Vinyl chloride	Arsenic
Cadmium	Chromium
Lead	Nickel

REPRODUCTIVE TOXINS

Arsenic (inorganic oxides)	Cadmium
Carbon disulfide	Carbon monoxide
Lead	Nicotine
Toluene	Tobacco Smoke
Urethane	

The Governor of California added each of the above-listed Constituent Chemicals to the list of chemicals known to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity more than twenty (20) months prior to the date of this notice. See *Cal. Code Regs. 27* § 27000(b), (c). Accordingly, each of the above-listed Constituent Chemicals is fully subject to Proposition 65 warning requirements and discharge prohibitions. See *Cal. Health & Safety Code* §§ 25249.9, 25249.10.

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Period of Violations

CAG is informed and believes the violations discussed above occurred each day between December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2008, that such vehicles were cleaned, vacuumed or otherwise prepared by Violators' employees and used by Violators' consumers, and have continued each day thereafter.

Route of Exposure

The routes of exposure for the violations were and are inhalation, dermal contact, and skin absorption when tobacco smoke condensates accumulate on various surfaces, including but not limited to upholstery, dashboard, armrest, and fabric. When affected persons breathed in the ambient air containing second-hand tobacco smoke or environmental tobacco smoke, they were exposed to Tobacco Smoke and its Constituent Chemicals via their mouths, throats, bronchi, esophagi, and lungs. Exposure of Tobacco Smoke and its Constituent Chemicals generates risks of cancer and reproductive toxicity to the affected persons.

Proposition 65 requires that notice and intent to sue be given to the violator(s) sixty (60) days before the suit is filed. *Cal. Health & Safety Code* § 252549.7(d)(1). With this letter, CAG gives notice of the alleged violations to Violators and the appropriate governmental authorities. In absence of any action by the appropriate governmental authorities within sixty (60) calendar days of the sending of this notice (plus five (5) calendar days if the place of address and the place of mailing is within the State of California OR plus ten (10) calendar days if the place of address is outside the State of California but within the United States), CAG may file suit. See *Cal. Health & Safety Code* § 25249.7(d)(1); *Cal. Code Regs. 27* § 25903(d)(1); and *Cal. Code Civ. Proc.* § 1013.

This notice covers all violations of Proposition 65 currently known to Consumer Advocacy Group, Inc. from information now available to it. With the copy of this notice submitted to the Violator, a copy of the following is attached: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary.

CAG is informed and believes that Violators' competitors in the same industry have adopted smoke free practices and policies that prevent the types of exposures described above. In the interest of benefiting the public and avoiding costly litigation, CAG is prepared to forego attorney fees as well as civil penalties if Violators agree to adopt smoke free practices and make each of its vehicles smoke free, so that any of the exposures described above will be prevented.

Dated: 12/31/08

By:

YEROUSHALMI & ASSOCIATES



Daniel D. Cho,
Attorney for Consumer Advocacy Group, Inc.

VIOLATORS' LOCATIONS FROM WHICH EXPOSURES OCCURRED

780 McDonnell Rd.
San Francisco, CA 94128

1198 El Camino Real
San Bruno, CA 94066

675 Post Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

230 Harbor Way
South San Francisco, CA 94133

Appendix A

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
HAZARD ASSESSMENT
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY

THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC
ENFORCEMENT ACTION 1986
(PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY

The following summary has been prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, 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 its implementing regulations (see citations below) for further information.

Proposition 65 appears in California law as Health and Safety Code Sections 25249.5 through 25249.13. 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 25000 through 27000.

WHAT DOES PROPOSITION 65 REQUIRE?

The "Governor's List." Proposition 65 requires the Governor to publish a list of chemicals that are known to the State of California to cause cancer, or birth defects or other reproductive harm. This list must be updated at least once a year. Over 735 chemicals listings have been included as of November 1, 2001. Only those chemicals that are on the list are regulated under this law. Businesses that produce, use, release, or otherwise engage in activities involving those 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. 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. Exposures are exempt from the warning requirement if they occur less than twelve months after the date of listing of the chemical.

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. Discharges are exempt from this requirement if they occur less than twenty months after the date of listing of the chemical.

DOES PROPOSITION 65 PROVIDE ANY EXEMPTIONS?

Yes. The law exempts:

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.

Exposures that pose no significant risk of cancer. For chemicals that are listed as known to the State to cause cancer ("carcinogens"), a warning is not required if the business 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 for more than 250 listed carcinogens.

Exposures that will produce no observable reproductive effect at 1,000 times the level in question. For chemicals known to the State to cause birth defects or other

reproductive harm ("reproductive toxicants"), a warning is not required if the business 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 (NOEL)," divided by a 1,000-fold safety or uncertainty factor. The "no observable effect level" is the highest dose level which has not been associated with an observable adverse reproductive or developmental effect.

Discharge that do not result in a "significant amount" of the listed chemical entering into 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 list chemical has not, does not, or will not enter any drinking water source, 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" or "no observable effect" test if an individual were exposed to such an amount in drinking water.

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 (those in cities with a population exceeding 750,000). 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. A notice must comply with the information and procedural requirements specified in regulations (Title 27, California Code of Regulations, Section 25903). A private party may not pursue an enforcement action directly under Proposition 65 if one of the governmental officials noted above initiates an 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 of law to stop committing the violation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION...

Contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's
Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900.

§27000. Chemicals Required by State or Federal Law to Have been Tested for Potential to Cause Cancer or Reproductive Toxicity, but Which Have Not Been Adequately Tested As Required.

(a) The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 requires the Governor to publish a list of chemicals formally required by state or federal agencies to have testing for carcinogenicity or reproductive toxicity, but that the state's qualified experts have not found to have been adequately tested as required [Health and Safety Code 25249.8)c].

Readers should note a chemical that already has been designated as known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity is not included in the following listing as requiring additional testing for that particular toxicological endpoint. However, the "data gap" may continue to exist, for purposes of the state or federal agency's requirements. Additional information on the requirements for testing may be obtained from the specific agency identified below.

(b) Chemicals required to be tested by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation.

The Birth Defect Prevention Act of 1984 (SB 950) mandates that the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR) review chronic toxicology studies supporting the registration of pesticidal active ingredients.

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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

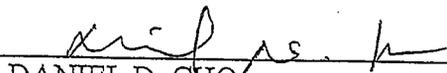
Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

I, Daniel D. Cho, 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: December 31, 2008

By:


DANIEL D. CHO

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.

On the date below, I SERVED THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) 60-Day Notice of Intent to Sue Under Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6
- 2) Certificate of Merit: Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)
- 3) Certificate of Merit (Attorney General Copy): Factual information sufficient to establish the basis of the certificate of merit (*only sent to Attorney General*)
- 4) The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary

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.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

By: 
SUZANA SOIS

Date of Mailing: December 31, 2008 Place of Mailing: Los Angeles, CA

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



Alleged Violator

F. Robert Salerno President and COO Avis Rent A Car System, LLC 6 Sylvan Way Parsippany, NJ 07054

F. Robert Salerno President and COO Avis Budget Group, Inc. 6 Sylvan Way Parsippany, NJ 07054

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Government Agencies

See attached service List

Distribution List

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