

Environmental Research Center

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July 07, 2010

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Current President or CEO Kraft Foods, Inc. 3 Lakes Dr Northfield, IL 60093

Agent for Service: C T Corporation System 4701 Cox Rd. Ste 301 Glen Allen, VA 23060

Current President or CEO Kraft Foods Global, Inc. 3 Lakes Dr Northfield, IL 60093

Agent for Service: C T Corporation System 818 West Seventh Street Los Angeles, CA 90017

Re: Notice of Violation against Kraft Foods, Inc., and Kraft Foods Global, Inc. for Violation of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6

Dear Prosecutors:

The Environmental Research Center ("ERC"), the noticing entity is a non-profit California corporation whose mission is to safeguard the public from health hazards that impact families, workers and the environment. ERC is dedicated to reducing the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees and encouraging corporate responsibility. ERC is located at 5694 Mission Center Road, # 199, San Diego, CA 92108. Tel. (619) 309-4194. Through this Notice of Violation, ERC seeks to reduce exposure to the public from lead that is contained in the named products manufactured and distributed by Foods, LLC.

This letter constitutes notification that Kraft Foods, Inc., and Kraft Foods Global, Inc. located at 3 Lakes Drive, Northfield, IL 60093 have violated the warning requirement of Proposition 65, the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act (commencing with section 25249.5 of the Health and Safety Code).

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In particular, these companies have manufactured and distributed products that have exposed and continue to expose numerous individuals within California to lead. Lead was listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity, and male and female reproductive toxicity on February 27, 1987. Lead was listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a carcinogen on October 1, 1992. The time period of these violations commenced one year after the listed dates above. The primary route of exposure has been oral through ingestion.

Kraft Foods, Inc. and Kraft Foods Global, Inc. are exposing people to lead from the following product:

- South Beach Living Crispy Meal Bar Chocolate Phases 2 & 3

Proposition 65 requires that a clear and reasonable warning be provided prior to exposure to certain listed chemicals. Kraft Foods, Inc. and Kraft Foods Global, Inc. are in violation of Proposition 65 because the companies failed to provide a warning to persons using their products that they are being exposed to lead. (22 C.C.R. section 12601.) While in the course of doing business, the companies are knowingly and intentionally exposing people to lead without first providing clear and reasonable warning. (Health and Safety Code section 25249.6.) The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product's label. 22 C.C.R. section 12601 (b)(1) (A).

Proposition 65 requires that notice and intent to sue be given to a violator 60-days before the suit is filed. With this letter, ERC gives notice of the alleged violation to the noticed party and the appropriate governmental authorities. This notice covers all violations of Proposition 65 that are currently known to ERC from information now available. ERC may continue to investigate other products that may reveal further violations. A summary of Proposition 65, prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and referenced as Appendix A, has been provided to the noticed party. ERC remains open to discussing the possibility of resolving its grievances short of formal litigation. Such resolution will avoid both further unwarned consumer exposures to lead and expensive and time-consuming litigation.

Please direct all questions concerning this notice to ERC's attorney, Karen A. Evans, 4218 Biona Pl., San Diego, CA 92116, telephone no.: 619-640-8100, e-mail: kaevans1@cox.net.

Sincerely,

Chris Heptinstall

Executive Director, Environmental Research Center

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cc: Karen A. Evans

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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7 (d)

- I, Karen A. Evans hereby declare:
- 1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the Notice of Violation in which it is alleged that the party identified in the Notice 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 Environmental Research Center ("ERC"). ERC is dedicated to reducing the use and misuse of hazardous and toxic chemicals, facilitating a safe environment for consumers and employees and encouraging corporate responsibility. The Notice of Violation alleges that the party identified has exposed persons in California to lead from products that it manufactures and distributes. Please refer to the Notice of Violation for additional details regarding the alleged violations.
- 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 alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action. In particular, I have reviewed the resulting data from the laboratory that conducted the testing to determine the concentration of lead in the products identified in the Notice of Violation and I have relied on the testing results. The testing was conducted by a reputable testing laboratory with substantial experience in testing for lead. These facts, studies or other data derived through this investigation overwhelmingly demonstrate that the party identified in the Notice of Violation exposes persons to lead through oral exposure (ingestion).
- 4. Based on my consultation with persons of appropriate experience, the results of the laboratory testing, as well as published studies on lead, it is clear that there is sufficient evidence that

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human exposures exist from exposure to the products from the noticed party. Furthermore, as a

result of the above, I have concluded that 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 plaintiff's 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 California Attorney General attaches to it

factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information

identified in Health & 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: July 07, 2010

Karen A. Evans

Attorney for Environmental Research Center

Karen a. Evans

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years of age, and am not a party to the within entitled action. My business address is 306 Joy Street, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742

On July 07, 2010, I served the following documents: NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; "SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986: A SUMMARY"

On the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the party listed below and depositing it in a US Postal Service Office for delivery by Certified Mail:

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Agent for Service: C T Corporation System 4701 Cox Rd. Ste 301 Glen Allen, VA 23060

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On July 07, 2010, I served the following documents: NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT (including supporting documentation required by Title 11 CCR §3102) on the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the party listed below and depositing it in a US Postal Service Office for delivery by Certified Mail:

Office of the California Attorney General Prop 65 Enforcement Reporting 1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000 Post Office Box 70550 Oakland, CA 94612-0550

On July 07, 2010, I served the following documents: NOTICE OF VIOLATION, CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT on each of the 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 with the U.S. Postal Service for delivery by Priority Mail.

Executed on July 07, 2010, in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Chris Heptinstall

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