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**Notice of Violation of
Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65)
(CA Health and Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.)**

February 8, 2012

This Notice of Violation is provided to you pursuant to and in compliance with California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d). For general information regarding the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act (Proposition 65), see the attached summary provided by California EPA's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (copies not provided to public enforcement agencies).

This Notice of Violation is provided by the Center for Environmental Health ("CEH"), 2201 Broadway, Suite 302, Oakland, CA 94612, (510) 655-3900. CEH is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to protecting people from toxic chemicals and promoting business products and practices that are safe for public health and the environment. Rick Franco is Staff Attorney for and a responsible individual within CEH.

Description of the Violation:

- Violator(s): The names and addresses of the alleged violators are listed on the attached Exhibit 1.
- Time Period of Exposures: The violations have been occurring since at least February 8, 2009, and are continuing to this day.
- Provision of Proposition 65: This is a Notice of Violation of the "warning" provision of Proposition 65, which is found at California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6.
- Chemical(s) Involved: The listed chemical(s) involved in these violations are lead and lead compounds ("Lead"). Exposures to Lead occur from use of the products identified in this Notice of Violation.
- Type of Product: The specific type of product causing these violations is honey. Non-exclusive examples of the specific type of product marketed, distributed and/or sold by the alleged violators in California are listed on the attached Exhibit 1.
- Description of Exposure: This Notice addresses consumer exposures to Lead. Consumption of the products identified in this Notice results in human exposures to Lead via ingestion. No clear and reasonable warning is provided with these products regarding the carcinogenic or reproductive hazards associated with Lead exposure.

Based on the allegations set forth in this Notice and following expiration of the 60-day Notice period, CEH intends to file a citizen enforcement lawsuit against each of the alleged violators unless such alleged violator enters into a binding written agreement to: (1) recall products already sold; (2) reformulate such products to eliminate the Lead exposure or take appropriate measures to otherwise comply with Proposition 65; and (3) pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(b). If any of the alleged violators is interested in resolving this dispute without expensive and time-consuming litigation, please feel free to contact CEH through its counsel identified below. It should be noted that CEH cannot (1) finalize any settlement until

after the 60-day notice period has expired, nor (2) speak for the California Attorney General or any District or City Attorney who received CEH's 60-day Notice. Therefore, while reaching an agreement with CEH will resolve CEH's claims, such agreement may not satisfy the public prosecutors.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this Notice to CEH through its counsel Rick Franco (rick@ceh.org), 2201 Broadway, Suite 302, Oakland, CA 94612, (510) 655-3900 x301.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

I, Rick Franco, hereby declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice in which it is alleged that the parties identified in the notice have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
2. I am employed by and am the attorney for the noticing party, Center for Environmental Health.
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.
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 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 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: February 8, 2012



Rick Franco
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

EXHIBIT 1

Responsible Parties	Non-exclusive examples of the products
Allied International Corp. of VA 22570 Markey Court, Suite 108 Dulles, VA 20166	Forelli Pure Honey
Grocery Outlet, Inc. 2000 Fifth Street Berkeley, CA 94710	
Inter-American Products, Inc. 1014 Vine Street, Suite 1630 Cincinnati, OH 45202	Ralphs Pure Clover Honey (Grade A)
Ralphs Grocery Company 1100 W. Artesia Blvd Compton, CA 90220	

PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

I declare that:

I am employed in Alameda County, California; my business address is 2201 Broadway, Suite 302, Oakland, California 94612. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to this cause.

On February 8, 2012, I served true copies of the following documents:

NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT;

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; and

THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY (only sent to those on service list marked with an asterisk).

On this date, I deposited fully prepaid and sealed envelopes containing the above-mentioned documents with the United States Postal Service, addressed to the following individuals:

Please see attached service list.

Also on this date, I transmitted via electronic mail the documents listed above to the electronic mail addresses set forth below at 11:45 a.m. on **February 8, 2012**:

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The transmission was reported as complete and without error.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on February 8, 2012 at Oakland, California.



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