



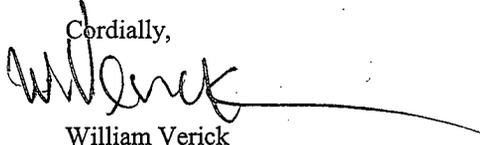
March 29, 2012

PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCEMENT REPORTING
ATTENTION: PROP 65 COORDINATOR
1515 CLAY STREET, SUITE 2000
P.O. BOX 70550
OAKLAND CA 94612-0550

Greetings:

This office and the Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation ("Mateel") give you notice that the private companies listed on the attached service list have been, are, will be and threaten to be in violation of Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6. Both this office and Mateel are private enforcers of Proposition 65, both may be contacted at the below listed address and telephone number, and I am a responsible individual at both Mateel and this office. The above referenced violations occur when California residents ingest or otherwise come into contact with maple syrup marketed or sold by the listed companies. Some specific examples of the maple syrup to which this notice pertains are attached on the Product List. Though a specific variety or SKU or product number is given as an example, this notice pertains to all maple syrup of which the named varieties are examples. This maple syrup is contaminated with lead, a chemical known to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm. The maple syrup becomes contaminated with lead when it passes through collecting, processing and/or dispensing equipment which contains leaded parts. Lead from the parts of this equipment leaches out of those parts into the maple syrup. People buy this maple syrup from the listed companies throughout California. They use the maple syrup to sweeten food such as pancakes, waffles or french toast. They use maple syrup in baking. When people ingest this maple syrup they also ingest (and are therefore exposed to) lead. When people come into contact in other ways with this maple syrup -- such as when touching it -- some of the lead dissolved in this maple syrup is absorbed through the skin, and enters through cuts and abrasions in the skin. The routes of exposure to lead from this maple syrup are, therefore, via the ingestion, dermal absorption, subcutaneous, and mucous membrane routes of exposure. This notice applies to all varieties and all other forms of maple syrup that the listed companies sell. The listed companies did not and do not provide people with clear and reasonable warnings before they expose California residents to lead. These violations have occurred every day since at least March 29, 2009, and will continue every day until the lead is removed from the maple syrup or until clear and reasonable warnings are given. These violations are alleged for occupational and consumer product exposures. We do not allege occupational exposure violations as to maple syrup made outside of California, except as to the listed companies' locations in California. Workers at these locations are exposed in the same way as consumers are -- by ingesting this maple syrup, or by touching it. This notice does not allege environmental exposure violations.

Cordially,



William Verick

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PRODUCT LIST

B & G FOODS, INC.

MAPLE GROVE FARMS PURE MAPLE SYRUP GRADE A DARK AMBER 12.5 FL OZ UPC CODE 074683 003108. This product descriptions pertains not only to the specific varieties of the product listed, but also for all units of all varieties of maple syrup.

COOMBS MAPLE PRODUCTS, INC.

COOMBS ORGANIC MAPLE SYRUP GRADE B 16 OZ UPC CODE: 710282 429160. This product descriptions pertains not only to the specific varieties of the product listed, but also for all units of all varieties of maple syrup.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

KIRKLAND GRADE A MEDIUM AMBER MAPLE SYRUP 32 OZ UPC CODE: 096619 863747. This product description pertains not only to the specific variety of the product listed, but also for all units of all varieties of maple syrup.

GREAT NORTHERN MAPLE PRODUCTS INC.

CAMP PURE MAPLE SYRUP GRADE A DARK AMBER 8.5 FL OZ UPC CODE: 055526 130083. This product descriptions pertains not only to the specific varieties of the product listed, but also for all units of all varieties of maple syrup.

LUCERNE FOODS, INC.; GLENCOURT, INC.

O ORGANIC 100% PURE MAPLE SYRUP GRADE A DARK AMBER UPC CODE: 079893 405704. This product descriptions pertains not only to the specific varieties of the product listed, but also for all units of all varieties of maple syrup.

SAFEWAY, INC.; THE VONS COMPANIES, INC.

SAFEWAY SELECT MAPLE SYRUP 100% PURE UPC CODE: 021130 465101; O ORGANIC 100% PURE MAPLE SYRUP GRADE A DARK AMBER UPC CODE: 079893 405704. These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific varieties of the products listed, but also for all units of all varieties of maple syrup.

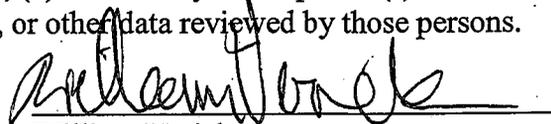
SPROUTS FARMERS MARKET, LLC

SPROUTS ORGANIC MAPLE SYRUP GRADE B PURE 16 FL OZ UPC CODE: 874875 006579; COOMBS ORGANIC MAPLE SYRUP GRADE B 16 OZ UPC CODE: 710282 429160. These product descriptions pertain not only to the specific varieties of the products listed, but also for all units of all varieties of maple syrup.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

I, William Verick, hereby declare: This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached notice(s) of violation in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notices have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings. I am the attorney for the noticing party. 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 that is the subject of the action. 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. 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 person(s) consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: March 29, 2012

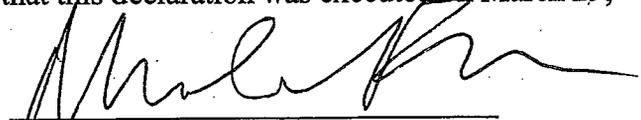

William Verick

This notice alleges the violation of Proposition 65 with respect to occupational exposures governed by the California State Plan for Occupational Safety and Health. The State Plan incorporates the provisions of Proposition 65, as approved by Federal OSHA on June 6, 1997. This approval specifically placed certain conditions on Proposition 65, including that it does not apply to the conduct of manufacturers occurring outside the State of California. The approval also provides that an employer may use the means of compliances in the general hazard communication requirements to comply with Proposition 65. It also requires that supplemental enforcement is subject to the supervision of the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Accordingly, any settlement, civil complaint, or substantive court orders in this matter must be submitted to the Attorney General.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Nicole Frank, declare:

If called, I could and would testify as follows: I am over eighteen. My business address is 424 First Street, Eureka, California, 95501. On March 29, 2012, I caused the attached NOTICE OF VIOLATION LETTER, or a letter identical in substance, to be served by U.S. Mail on those public enforcement agencies listed on the attached SERVICE LIST; in addition on the same date and by U.S. Mail I caused the attached NOTICE OF VIOLATION and PROPOSITION 65: A SUMMARY to be sent by Certified U.S. Mail to the private business entities also listed on the attached SERVICE LIST. I deposited copies of these documents in envelopes, postage pre-paid, with the U.S. Postal Service on the day on which the mail is collected. 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 29, 2012, at Eureka, California.


Nicole Frank