## **60-DAY NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

SENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE§ 25249.7(d)

DATE: December 19, 2014

TO: Bob Monahan, Owner - UPPAbaby, Inc.

Lauren Monahan, Owner - UPPAbaby, Inc.

California Attorney General's Office;

District Attorney's Office for 58 Counties; and

City Attorneys for San Francisco, San Diego, San Jose, Sacramento and Los Angeles

FROM: Tiila Abbitt

#### I. Introduction

My name is Tiila Abbitt. I am a concerned parent who owns an UPPAbaby Vista Stroller. I was upset and disappointed when the foam in the UPPAbaby Vista stroller tested positive for TDCPP. The testing was done by an independent laboratory in Illinois.

I am a citizen of the State of California acting in the interest of the general public. I seek to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals in products sold in California and, if possible, to improve human health by reducing hazardous substances contained in such items. This Notice is provided to the public agencies listed above pursuant to California Health & Safety Code§ 25249.6 et seq. ("Proposition 65"). As noted above, notice is also being provided to the alleged violators, UPPAbaby, Inc. (the "Violators"). The violations covered by this Notice consist of the product exposures, routes of exposure, and type of harm potentially resulting from exposure to the toxic chemical ("listed chemical") identified below, as follows:

Product Exposure: See Section VII. Exhibit A

Listed Chemical: Tris(1,3-dichloro-2-propyl) phosphate ("TDCPP")

Routes of Exposure: Ingestion, Dermal, Inhalation

Type of Harm: Cancer

## II. Nature of the Alleged Violation (Product Exposure)

The specific type of product that is causing consumer and occupational exposures in violation of Proposition 65, and that is covered by this Notice, is listed under "Product Category/Type" in Exhibit A in Section VII below. All products within the category covered by this Notice shall be referred to hereinafter as the "products."

Each of these ongoing violations has occurred on every day since at least February 4, 2013 when the UPPAbaby Vista Stroller was purchased; as well as every day since the product was introduced in the California marketplace; and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to users or until this known toxic chemical is removed from the product.

Without proper warnings regarding the toxic effects of exposures to the listed chemical resulting from contact with the products, California citizens lack the information necessary to make informed decisions on whether and how to eliminate (or reduce) the risk of exposure to the listed chemical from the reasonably foreseeable use of the products.

California citizens, including infants and children, through the act of buying, acquiring or utilizing the products, are exposed to the listed chemical. California citizens, including infants and children, ingest the listed chemical when they, among other activities, touch the products, and transfer the listed chemical from the products to their mouths through hand-to-mouth activities that may continue to occur for a significant period after contact with the products stops. California citizens, including infants and children, are exposed to the listed chemical through direct dermal contact when they, among other activities, handle, touch or otherwise use the products. California citizens, including infants and children, inhale the listed chemical when, among other activities, they breathe air with airborne particles that are released from the products containing the listed chemical.

#### III. CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct all questions concerning this notice to me at the following address: Tiila Abbitt c/o David K. Buckingham, Esq. 104 Clipper Street
San Francisco CA 94114
Telephone: 415.841.2794

### IV. PROPOSITION 65 INFORMATION

For general information concerning the provisions of Proposition 65, please feel free to contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's ("OEHHA") Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900. For the Violators' reference I have attached a copy of "Proposition 65: A Summary" which has been prepared by OEHHA.

## V. RESOLUTION OF NOTICED CLAIMS

Based on the allegations set forth in this Notice, I intend to file a citizen enforcement lawsuit against the alleged Violators unless such Violators enter into a binding written agreement to: (1) recall products already sold or undertake best efforts to ensure that the requisite health hazard warnings are provided to those who have received such products; (2) provide clear and reasonable warnings for products sold in the future or reformulate such products to eliminate the TDCPP exposures; and (3) pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b). If the alleged Violators are interested in resolving this dispute without resorting to time-consuming and expensive litigation, please feel free to contact my counsel identified in Section III above. It should be noted that neither my counsel nor I can: (1) finalize any settlement until after the 60-day notice period has expired; nor (2) speak for the Attorney General or any district or city attorney who received this Notice. Therefore, while reaching an agreement with me will resolve my claims, such agreement may not satisfy the public prosecutors.

#### VI. ADDITIONAL NOTICE INFORMATION

Identified below is a specific example of a product purchased and witnessed as being available for purchase or use in California that is within the category or type of offending product covered by this Notice. I believe and allege that the sale of the offending product also has occurred without the requisite Proposition 65 "clear and reasonable warning".

| Product*  | Retailer(s)   | Manufacturer(s)/Distributor(s) |
|---|---|--------------------------------|
| UPPAbaby Vista Stroller, Cole<br>2012<br>Item model number: 0112<br>UPC: 817609010015 | Purchased from Amazon.com retailer Dainty Baby on February 4, 2013. | UPPAbaby, Inc.                 |
|   |   |                                |

## VII. EXHIBIT A

| Product Category/Type       | Such as                       | Manufacturer(s)/Distributor(s) |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Upholstered foam padding    | UPPAbaby Vista Stroller, Cole | Tris(1,3-dichloro-2-propyl)    |
| used in the UPPAbaby Vista  | 2012                          | phosphate                      |
| Stroller containing         | Item model number: 0112       |                                |
| Tris(1,3-dichloro-2-propyl) | UPC: 817609010015             |                                |
| phosphate                   |                               |                                |

Sincerely,

Tiila Abbitt

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David Buckingham, Esq.

#### CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

I, David K. Buckingham, hereby declare:

- (1) This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) 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.
- (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 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 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: <u>Pecember 19, 2014</u> 2 cm BW

David K. Buckingham

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury:

I am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action; my address is 104 Clipper Street, San Francisco, CA 94114.

On December 19, 2014, I served the following documents:

# 60-DAY NOTICE OF VIOLATION SENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY CODE§ 25249.7(d);

PROPOSITION 65: A SUMMARY (SERVED ONLY ON THE VIOLATORS);

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; AND** 

## CERTIFICATE OF MERIT ATTACHMENTS (SERVED ONLY ON THE ATTORNEY GENERAL)

on the entities listed below via First Class Certified Mail through the United States Postal Service by placing a true and correct copy in a sealed envelope, addressed to the entities listed below and providing each envelope to a United States Postal Service Representative:

| Bob Monahan, Owner UPPAbaby, Inc. | Lauren Monahan, Owner UPPAbaby, Inc. |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| UPPAbaby                          | UPPAbaby                             |
| 60 Sharp Street Ste. 3            | 60 Sharp Street Ste. 3               |
| Hingham, MA 02043                 | Hingham, MA 02043                    |

as well as by providing copies of the above documents electronically uploaded to the public enforcers according to directions from their respective offices, and/or by placing a true and correct copy in a sealed envelope, addressed to each party listed below, and served as follows:

| Electronically Uploaded to the Attorney         | The Attorney General of the State of California |
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| General's website; and by mailing via providing |   |
| the envelop to a United States Postal Service   |   |
| Representative:                                 |   |
| By placing each envelope in a United States     | The District Attorney for Each of the 58        |
| Postal Service mailbox, postage prepaid         | counties in California; and                     |
|   | The City Attorney for Los Angeles, San Diego,   |
|   | San Jose, San Francisco, and Sacramento.        |

A list of addresses for each of these recipients is attached.

Executed on December 19, 2014, at San Francisco, California.

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#### APPENDIX A

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