

AMENDED NOTICE OF VIOLATION

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act

Acrylamide in Snack Food Products Derived From Potatoes or Sweet Potatoes, Including Potato or Sweet Potato Flour, Such as Vegetable Chips, Vegetable Sticks and Vegetable Straws

August 26, 2016

This Amended Notice of Violation is provided to you pursuant to and in compliance with California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d). This Notice amends the Notice of Violation previously issued on March 25, 2016 (Attorney General No. 2016-00259).

- For general information regarding the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act, see the attached summary provided by the California EPA (copies not provided to public enforcement agencies).
- This Amended Notice of Violation is provided by the Center for Environmental Health ("CEH"), 2201 Broadway, Suite 302, Oakland, California, (510) 655-3900. CEH is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to protecting the environment, improving human health and supporting environmentally sound practices. Charlie Pizarro is the Associate Director of and a responsible individual within CEH.

Description of Violation:

- Violator: The name and address of the violator is:

Cornfields, Inc.
3830 Sunset Avenue
Waukegan, IL 60087
- Time Period of Exposure: The violations have been occurring since at least March 25, 2013, and are ongoing.
- Provision of Proposition 65: This Amended Notice of Violation covers the "warning provision" of Proposition 65, which is found at California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6.
- Chemical Involved: The name of the listed chemical involved in these violations is acrylamide. Exposures to acrylamide occur from consumption of the products identified in this Amended Notice.
- Types of Products: The specific types of products causing these violations are snack food products derived from potatoes or sweet potatoes, including potato or sweet potato flour, such as vegetable chips, vegetable sticks and vegetable straws. Potatoes and sweet potatoes can be found in the products in various forms, including but not limited to sliced potatoes, dehydrated potatoes, potato flour, potato flakes, potato starch, sliced sweet potatoes, sweet potato flour, and sweet potato powder. Non-exclusive examples of these specific types of products are the 365 Everyday Value Veggie Chips, SKU No. 0-99482-40253-2, the 365 Everyday Value Veggie Straws, SKU No. 0-99482-41274-6, and the Hi I'm Skinny Sticks with Real Sweet Potato, SKU No. 7-32494-00073-9.

- Description of Exposure: This Amended Notice addresses consumer exposures to acrylamide. Consumption of the products subject to this Amended Notice results in human exposures to acrylamide. The products contain acrylamide, which is formed during the manufacturing process when the products are cooked at high temperatures. The primary route of exposure for the violations is direct ingestion when consumers eat the products. These exposures occur in homes, workplaces and everywhere else throughout California where the products are consumed. No clear and reasonable warning is provided with these products regarding the carcinogenic hazards of acrylamide.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this Amended Notice to CEH's counsel Howard Hirsch at Lexington Law Group, 503 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, CA 94117, (415) 913-7800, hhirsch at lexlawgroup.com.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d)

I, Howard Hirsch, hereby declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day Notice in which it is alleged that the party identified in the Notice has violated Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.


2. I am an attorney with the Lexington Law Group, and I represent the noticing party, the Center for Environmental Health.

3. Members of my firm and 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 exposures to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action.

4. Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on 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 violators will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.

5. The copy of the 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 & Safety Code § 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.

August 26, 2016



Howard Hirsch
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PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

I declare that:

I am employed in San Francisco County, California; my business address is 503 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California 94117. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within cause and my electronic notification address is cfisher@lexlawgroup.com.

On August 26, 2016, 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 11:51 A.m. on August 26, 2016:

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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 August 26, 2016, at San Francisco, California.

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