# **60-Day Notice of Violation**

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

#### Date: November 10, 2016

 To: Gary Bromberg, President (or current President) Midway Industries America, Inc.; Thomas Kingsbury or Current President/CEO Burlington, Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corporation, Burlington Stores;
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: Sara Hammond

Re: Notice of Violations of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq. (Prop 65)

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

My name is Sara Hammond, 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, Midway Industries America, Inc. (holder/owner of the brand/trademark "MyTagAlongs") ("Midway") and Burlington, Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corporation, Burlington Coat Factory and Burlington Stores (collectively "Burlington"). Midway and Burlington are collectively referred to hereafter as the alleged "Violator". 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: Diisononyl phthalate ("DINP") Routes of Exposure: Ingestion, Dermal Types of Harm: Cancer, Birth Defects and Other Reproductive Harm

### **II. NATURE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION (PRODUCT EXPOSURE)**

The specific type of product that is causing consumer exposures in violation of Proposition 65, and that is covered by this Notice, is listed under "Product Category/Type" in Section VII below. All products within the category covered by this Notice shall be referred to hereinafter as the "products." Exposures to the listed chemical from the use of the products have been occurring without the clear and reasonable warning required by Proposition 65, dating as far back as October 27, 2016. 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, through the act of buying, acquiring or utilizing the products, are exposed to the listed chemical. By way of example, consumers and other individuals, including women of childbearing age, 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. Additionally, consumers and other individuals, including women of childbearing age, are exposed to the listed chemical through direct dermal contact when they, among other activities, handle, touch or otherwise use the products. The California State Plan for Occupational Safety and Health incorporates the provisions of Proposition 65, as approved by Federal OSHA on June 6, 1997. This approval specifically placed certain conditions with regard to occupational exposures 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 compliance 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.

### **III. CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please direct all questions concerning this notice to me through my counsel's office at the following address:

Sara Hammond c/o Joseph D. Agliozzo Law Office of Joseph D. Agliozzo Mailing Address: PO Box 3582, Manhattan Beach CA 90266 18314 S. Broadway Gardena CA 90248 Telephone: (424) 241-3614

### **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 Violator's 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 Violator unless such Violator enters 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 DINP exposures; and (3) pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b). If the alleged Violator is 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 recently 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. Based on publicly available information, the retailers, distributors and/or manufacturers of the example within the category or type of product are also provided below. I believe and allege that the sale of the offending products also has occurred without the requisite Proposition 65 "clear and reasonable warning" at one or more locations and/or via other means including, but not limited to, transactions made over-the-counter, business-to-business, through the internet and/or via a catalog by the Violator and other retailers and distributors of the manufacturer.

| Product(s)*   | Retailer(s)   | Manufacturer(s)/Distributor(s)/Im<br>porters     |
|---|---|--|
| MyTagAlongs Armband<br>UPC # <b>0 68528 50822 4</b> | Burlington Coat Factory<br>3150 W. Imperial Highway<br>Inglewood, Los Angeles<br>County, California | Midway Industries America, Inc.<br>(MyTagAlongs) |

## VII. EXHIBIT A

| Product Category/Type  | Such As*  | Toxin                         |
|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Personal Electronic Device<br>Armband Containers/<br>Holders | MyTagAlongs Armband<br>UPC # <b>0 68528 50822 4</b> | Diisononyl phthalate ("DINP") |

\*The specifically identified example of the type of product that is subject to this Notice is for the recipient's benefit to assist in its investigation of, among other things, the magnitude of potential exposures to the listed chemical from other items within the product category/type listed in Exhibit A. It is important to note that this example is not meant to be an exhaustive or comprehensive identification of each specific offending product of the type listed under "Product Category/Type" in Exhibit A. Further, it is this citizen's position that the alleged Violator is obligated to continue to conduct in good faith an investigation into other specific products within the type or category described above that may have been manufactured, distributed, sold, shipped, stored (or otherwise within the notice recipient's custody or control) during the relevant period so as to ensure that the requisite toxic warnings were and are provided to California citizens prior to purchase.

## **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

I, Joseph D. Agliozzo, 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: November 10, 2016

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Joseph D. Agliozzo

## **PROOF 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 business address is 18314 S. Broadway, Gardena CA 90248.

On November 10, 2016 I served the following documents:

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

# PROPOSITION 65: A SUMMARY (APPENDIX A) (SERVED ONLY ON ALLEGED VIOLATOR);

#### **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; AND**

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

on the entities listed below via First Class Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested through the United States Postal Service by placing a true and correct copy in a sealed envelope, along with an unsigned copy of this declaration, addressed to the entity listed below and providing each envelope to a United States Postal Service Representative:

| Gary Bromberg<br>President<br>(or current President)<br>Midway Industries America, Inc.<br>10 West 33rd St, Suite 1221<br>New York NY 10001 | Thomas Kingsbury or<br>Current President/CEO<br>Burlington Stores, Inc.<br>2006 Route 130 N<br>Burlington NJ 08016 | Thomas Kingsbury or Current<br>President/CEO Burlington Coat<br>Factory Warehouse Corporation<br>1830 Route 130 N<br>Burlington NJ 08016 |  |
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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, along with an unsigned copy of this declaration, addressed to each party listed below, and served as follows:

| <i>Electronically Uploaded to the Attorney General's website:</i>                                     | The Attorney General of the State of California;  |
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| <i>By placing each envelope in a United States</i><br><i>Postal Service mailbox, postage prepaid:</i> | The District Attorney for Each of the 58 counties in California; and                    |
|   | The City Attorney for Los Angeles, San Diego,<br>San Jose, San Francisco and Sacramento |

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

Executed on November 10, 2016, at Gardena, California.

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# **SERVICE LIST**

| The Honorable Nancy O'Malley                                       | The Honorable Stacey Montgomery                                      | The Honorable Candice Hooper  | The Honorable Gregg Cohen                                     |
|--|--|---|---|
| Alameda County District Attorney                                   | Lassen County District Attorney                                      | San Benito County District Attorney                                     | Tehama County District Attorney                               |
| 1225 Fallon Street, Room 900                                       | 220 South Lassen Street, Ste. 8                                      | 419 4th Street, Second Floor  | 444 Oak Street, Room L  |
| Oakland, CA 94612  | Susanville, CA 96130   | Hollister, CA 95203   | Red Bluff, CA 96080   |
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| 270 Laramie Street, PO BOX 248                                     | 210 West Temple Street, Suite 18000                                  | 303 West 3rd Street, 6th Floor  | P.O. Box 310  |
| Markleeville, CA 96120   | Los Angeles, CA 90012  | San Bernardino, CA 92415-0502   | Weaverville, CA 96093   |
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| Amador County District Attorney                                    | Madera County District Attorney                                      | San Diego County District Attorney                                      | Tulare County District Attorney                               |
| 708 Court Street   | 209 West Yosemite Avenue   | 330 W. Broadway Street  | 221 South Mooney Boulevard, Rm 224                            |
| Jackson, CA 95642  | Madera, CA 93637   | San Diego, CA 92101   | Visalia, CA 93291-4593  |
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| The Honorable Dwayne Stewart                                       | The Honorable Gary Lieberstein                                       | The Honorable Stephen Carlton   | The Honorable Dennis Herrera                                  |
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