## NOTICE OF VIOLATION

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act

# Bisphenol A in Thermal Paper

May 5, 2017

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, see the attached summary provided by the California EPA (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 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:**

Violators: The name and address of the violator is:

Sunny General Trading, Inc. 14345 Iseli Road Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

- <u>Time Period of Exposure</u>: The violations have been occurring since at least May 11, 2016 and are continuing to this day.
- Provision of Proposition 65: This Notice of Violation covers the "warning provision" of Proposition 65, which is found at California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6.
- <u>Chemical(s) Involved</u>: The name of the listed chemical involved in these violations is bisphenol A ("BPA"). Exposures to BPA occur from handling of the products identified in this Notice.
- Type of Product: The specific type of product causing these violations is thermal paper. Thermal paper is used in thermal printers to generate a variety of documents including cash register and credit card receipts, movie theater tickets, airline flight documentation, custom labels, faxes, citations and service estimates. A non-exclusive example of this specific type of product is Papaya Receipt with Ref# 10577745, 447 Great Mall Dr. #459, Milpitas, CA, dated August 3, 2016 at 12:50 p.m.
- Description of Exposure: This Notice addresses consumer exposures to BPA. Use of the products identified in this Notice results in human exposures to BPA. BPA is found on the surface of the products. Thermal paper is treated with a surface coating of BPA. The routes of exposure for the violations are dermal absorption directly through the skin when consumers touch or handle the

products, and ingestion via hand-to-mouth contact after consumers touch or handle the products. No clear and reasonable Proposition 65 warning is provided with these products regarding the presence of BPA in the products.

## **Resolution of Noticed Claims:**

Based on the allegations set forth in this Notice, CEH intends to file a citizen enforcement lawsuit against the alleged violator unless such violator agrees in a binding written instrument to: (1) recall products already sold or otherwise provided to consumers; (2) provide clear and reasonable warnings for products sold or otherwise provided to consumers in the future or reformulate such products to eliminate the BPA exposures; and (3) pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(b). If the alleged violator is interested in resolving this dispute without resort to 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 Attorney General or any District or City Attorney who received CEH's 60-day Notice. Therefore, while reaching an agreement with CEH will resolve its claims, such agreement may not satisfy the public prosecutors.

# **Preservation of Relevant Evidence:**

This Notice also serves as a demand that the alleged violator preserve and maintain all relevant evidence, including all electronic documents and data, pending resolution of this matter. Such relevant evidence includes but is not limited to all documents relating to the presence or potential presence of BPA in thermal paper; purchase and usage information for such products; efforts to comply with Proposition 65 with respect to such products; communications with any person relating to the presence or potential presence of BPA in such products; and representative exemplars of each unit of any such products provided to customers or consumers by the alleged violator since May 11, 2016.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this Notice to CEH's counsel Eric S. Somers at Lexington Law Group, 503 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, CA 94117, (415) 913-7800, esomers @ lexlawgroup.com.

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

1, Eric S. Somers, hereby declare:

 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.

May 5, 2017

Eric S. Somers

Attorney for CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

#### 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 medgar@lexlawgroup.com.

On May 5, 2017, 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 abovementioned 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  $\bot$ : 15  $\rho$  .m. on May 5, 2017:

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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 May 5, 2017, at San Francisco, California.

Signed:

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