

60-DAY NOTICE OF VIOLATION

(Pursuant to California Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.5, *et seq.*)

September 5, 2018

To:

Gloria Diaz, Managing Member
Chimex Seeds Roots & Herbs L.L.C.
c/o LegalZoom.com, Inc.
101 N. Brand Boulevard, 11th Floor
Glendale, CA 91203

John Ricciuti, President
HomeGoods, Inc.
c/o CT Corporation System
155 Federal Street Suite 700
Boston, MA 02110

CC: California Attorney General's Office;
District Attorney's Offices for All California Counties; and
City Attorneys for San Francisco, San Diego, San Jose, Sacramento, and Los Angeles

I. INTRODUCTION

Safe Products for Californians, LLC ("SPFC") is the noticing entity, acting in the interest of the general public. It seeks to reduce or eliminate the presence of hazardous substances in consumer products sold in California, and to ensure that California consumers are aware of the presence of such substances in consumer goods so that they can make an educated effort to limit their own exposure where deemed necessary.

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 violators, Chimex Seeds Roots & Herbs L.L.C. and HomeGoods, Inc. (the "Violators"). The violations covered by this Notice consist of the product exposures, routes of exposure, and types of harm potentially resulting from exposure to the toxic chemicals ("listed chemicals") identified below, as follows:

Product Exposure:	See Section VII, Exhibit A
Listed Chemicals:	Lead and Lead Compounds Cadmium
Routes of Exposure:	Ingestion, Inhalation
Types of Harm:	Birth Defects and Other Reproductive Harm Cancer

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 Exhibit A in Section VII below. All

products within the type covered by this Notice shall be referred to hereinafter as the “products.” The sales of these products in California dating back to at least January 16, 2018 are subject to this Notice. As a result of sales of these products, exposures to the listed chemicals have been occurring without clear and reasonable warnings as required by Proposition 65. Without proper warnings regarding the toxic effects of exposures to the listed chemicals, 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 toxic chemicals from the reasonably foreseeable use of the products.

California consumers are exposed to the listed chemicals through the act of buying, acquiring or utilizing the products. By way of example but not limitation, direct exposures occur when people (including children) ingest the product per the product label instructions, which recommend that such supplement be regularly consumed. The concentration of the noted contaminant compounds present within each recommended serving (as suggested by the product manufacturer) constitutes a significant contaminant dose exposure to consumers through the intended daily ingestion of the product. Exposure to the contaminants present within the noted product may also occur through inhalation of airborne powder supplement experienced while handling, dispensing, and mixing of the product under typical and foreseeable use of the food supplement product.

III. CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct all questions concerning this notice to SPFC at the following address:

Tanya E. Moore, Esq.
MISSION LAW FIRM, A.P.C.
332 North Second Street
San Jose, CA 95112
Telephone (408) 298-2000
Email: service@mission.legal

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, attached is 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, SFPC intends 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 exposure of California citizens to the listed chemical(s); 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 SPFC’s

counsel identified in Section III above. It should be noted that neither SPFC’s counsel nor SPFC 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 SPFC will resolve its claims; such agreement may not satisfy the public prosecutors.

VI. ADDITIONAL NOTICE INFORMATION

(THIS INFORMATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNDER CAL. CODE REGS., TITLE 22 § 12903(b)(4).)

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. SPFC believes and alleges that the sale of the offending products also has occurred without the requisite Proposition 65 “clear and reasonable warnings” 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 Violators and other distributors and retailers of the manufacturer.

<i>Product*</i>	<i>Retailer(s)</i>	<i>Manufacturer(s)/Distributor(s)</i>
NutriVitáePlus – Flax Seed Blend with Garcinia Cambogia UPC# 6-89076-03794-5	HomeGoods, Inc.	Chimex Seeds Roots & Herbs L.L.C.
Green Vitáe Essence - Green Superfood UPC# 0-19962-07020-4	HomeGoods, Inc.	Chimex Seeds Roots & Herbs L.L.C.
Moringa Vitáe - Moringa Leaf Powder UPC# 0-19962-32980-7	HomeGoods, Inc.	Chimex Seeds Roots & Herbs L.L.C.
NutriVitáePlus - Flaxseed Blend with Oat Bran UPC# 6-89076-03794-5	HomeGoods, Inc.	Chimex Seeds Roots & Herbs L.L.C.

VII. EXHIBIT A

<i>Product Category/Type</i>	<i>Such As*</i>	<i>Toxins</i>
Powdered Dietary Supplements	Moringa Vitáe - Moringa Leaf Powder UPC# 0-19962-32980-7	Lead and Lead Compounds
Powdered Dietary Supplements	NutriVitáePlus – Flax Seed Blend with Garcinia Cambogia UPC# 6-89076-03794-5	Lead and Lead Compounds Cadmium
Powdered Dietary Supplements	Green Vitáe Essence - Green Superfood UPC# 0-19962-07020-4	Lead and Lead Compounds Cadmium
Powdered Dietary Supplements	NutriVitáePlus - Flaxseed Blend with Oat Bran UPC# 6-89076-03794-5	Lead and Lead Compounds Cadmium

*The specifically identified example of the type of product that is subject to this Notice is for the recipients' benefit to assist in their investigation of, among other things, the magnitude of potential exposures to the listed chemicals 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 SPFC's position that the alleged Violators are 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 recipients' 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.

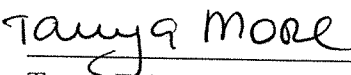
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

(Pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d))

I, Tanya E. Moore, hereby declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached Sixty-Day Notice in which it is alleged that the parties identified in the Notice have violated Health & Safety Code § 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 experience who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the alleged exposure to the listed chemicals that are the subject of this action;
4. Based on the information obtained through these 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 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; and
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 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).

Dated: September 5, 2018



Tanya E. Moore

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL

I, Jessica Mendoza, hereby declare:

1. I am, and was at the time of service hereinafter mentioned, a resident of the State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the within action. My business address is 332 North Second Street, San Jose, California, 95112.

2. On September 5, 2018, I served the following documents:

- 60-Day Notice of Violation
- Certificate of Merit
- “The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary”

on the following party by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the party listed below, and depositing it at a United States Postal Service Office for delivery both by First Class Mail and Certified Mail:

Gloria Diaz, Managing Member
Chimex Seeds Roots & Herbs L.L.C.
c/o LegalZoom.com, Inc.
101 N. Brand Boulevard, 11th Floor
Glendale, CA 91203

John Ricciuti, President
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3. On September 5, 2018, I served the following documents:

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on each of the parties on the service list attached hereto by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties on the service list attached hereto, and depositing it at a United States Postal Service Office for delivery by First Class Mail.

4. On September 5, 2018, I served the following documents:

- 60-Day Notice of Violation
- Certificate of Merit

on the following party by causing a true and correct .PDF copy thereof to be sent via electronic mail to the party listed below, pursuant to Cal. Code Regs., title. 27, § 25903(c)(1):

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: September 5, 2018



Jessica Mendoza

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