60-DAY NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(d) (PROPOSITION 65)

Date: December 17, 2018
To: Paris Products, Inc.

California Attorney General's Office;

District Attorney's Office for 58 Counties; and

City Attorneys for San Francisco, San Diego, San Jose, Sacramento & Los

Angeles

From: The Center for Advanced Public Awareness, Inc.

I. INTRODUCTION

The Center for Advanced Public Awareness, Inc. ("CAPA") is a California non-profit organization acting in the interest of the general public, pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d). CAPA seeks to further: protection of the environment; the elimination of toxic chemicals used in the manufacture of consumer products; improvement of human health through increased public awareness of toxic chemicals; and the promotion of environmentally sound practices and corporate responsibility.

This 60-Day Notice of Violation ("Notice") is being provided to the alleged violator, Paris Products, Inc. ("Notice Recipient"), as well as the California Attorney General's Office, The District Attorney's Office for 58 Counties, and the City Attorneys for San Francisco, San Diego, San Jose, Sacramento and Los Angeles.

This Notice is provided by CAPA who identified violations of California's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, codified at California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 et seq. ("Proposition 65"), with respect to the product listed below, based on the failure to provide a clear and reasonable health hazard warning in connection with the sale or use of the product in the State of California. The Notice Recipient is hereby given notice that they violated and continue to violate Proposition 65 with respect to the warning requirement, located at Section 25249.6 of California's Health & Safety Code, which states, "No person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first giving a clear and reasonable warning to such individual." Without proper warnings regarding the toxic effects of exposures to a listed chemical, consumers and citizens in California lack the information necessary to make an informed decision as to whether or how to eliminate or reduce their risk of exposure from the reasonably foreseeable use of products containing the listed chemical.

II. NATURE OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

Consumer Product. The specific type or category of products ("Products") that are the subject of this Notice are as follows:

Product/ Brand	Category/Type	Retailer	Manufacturer/Distributor
EcoTools Total Perfecting Blender, UPC # 0 79625 01605	Makeup Sponges	Ulta Beauty	Paris Presents, Inc.

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Real Techniques by	Makeup Sponges	TJ Maxx	Paris Presents, Inc.
Sam & Nic Miracle			
Complexion Sponge,			
UPC #0 79625 91578			
5, SKU #110758			

Identified above are specific examples of Products recently purchased and witnessed as being available for sale or use in the State of California, within the category of offending products covered by the Notice. The retailers, manufacturers and/or distributors of the Products are based on publicly available information.

The Products are identified for the Notice Recipient's benefit to assist in its investigation into the alleged violations that are the subject of this Notice. The specific identified Products are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all such products potentially in violation of Proposition 65. It is CAPA's position that the Notice Recipient is obligated to conduct, in good faith, an investigation into other products, within the category or type identified above, that may have been manufactured, imported, sold or distributed for sale, or otherwise have been in the Notice Recipient's custody or control during the relevant period, identified below, so as to ensure that the requisite health hazard warnings are provided to consumers in California prior to purchase.

Listed Chemicals & Routes of Exposure. The chemical that is the subject of this Notice is di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate ("DEHP" or "Listed Chemical"). On October 24, 2003, the State of
California listed DEHP as a chemical known to cause birth defects, reproductive toxicity and
cancer. Exposures result from the purchase, acquisition and handling of Products containing
DEHP and occur when consumers, including children and women of childbearing age, handle,
touch or otherwise utilize the EcoTools Total Perfecting Blender and the Real Techniques by
Sam & Nic Miracle Complexion Sponge in accordance with the Products' intended uses,
resulting in exposures through dermal absorption and/or ingestion. Consumers ingest DEHP
through direct object-to-mouth contact. Consumers also indirectly ingest the DEHP when they
touch or handle the Products, transferring the chemicals from their fingers or hands to their
mouth, an activity that can occur for some time period after the initial contact with the Product
occurs. Direct dermal absorption of DEHP occurs when consumers and other individuals handle,
touch, or utilize the Products in accordance with their intended use.

Violations and Time Period of Exposure. The Notice Recipient knowingly and intentionally exposed, and continues to knowingly and intentionally expose, consumers within the State of California to **DEHP**, a chemical known to cause birth defects, reproductive toxicity and cancer, without first giving a health hazard warning regarding the chemical's toxic effects, as required by Proposition 65. Specifically, the Notice Recipient failed to provide clear and reasonable warnings to consumers that the Products can expose users to the Listed Chemical.

Exposures caused by the use of the Products have occurred each day since the products were introduced into the California marketplace, but, at a minimum, since December 17, 2017, and, potentially, as far back as December 17, 2015. Because the Products lack a clear and reasonable warning regarding the toxic effects of exposures to DEHP, each Product sold during this period and not accompanied by a warning constitutes a violation by the Notice Recipient and/or other sellers of the Products, whether sold directly through retailers located in, or with locations in, California, via the internet or through catalogue purchases to consumers located in California. Moreover, these exposures are ongoing and will continue until clear and reasonable warnings are provided to product consumers and users or until these known toxic chemicals are either removed from the Products or reduced to allowable levels.

III. RESOLUTION OF NOTICED CLAIMS

Consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65, CAPA is interested in pursuing a constructive resolution to this matter in order to quickly rectify the ongoing violations of California law. To that end, based on the allegations set forth in this Notice and pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d), CAPA intends to file a private enforcement action in the public interest sixty (60) days after effective service of this Notice, unless the appropriate public enforcement agencies have commenced and are diligently prosecuting an action to rectify these violations. If the Notice Recipient is interested in resolving the claims alleged in this Notice without the need for costly and protracted litigation, they may contact CAPA's counsel at the address listed below.

It should be noted that neither CAPA nor their counsel can: (1) finalize any settlement until after the expiration of the 60-day Notice period; or (2) speak for the Attorney General or any District or City attorney who is in receipt of this Notice. Therefore, while reaching an agreement with CAPA will satisfy CAPA's claims, the agreement may not satisfy any public prosecutors.

IV. GENERAL INFORMATION AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSITION 65

A copy of a summary of Proposition 65's provisions, prepared by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") is enclosed with the copy of the Notice served on the Notice Recipients for their reference. For further general information concerning Proposition 65, contact OEHHA's Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900.

V. CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d) and Title 11, C.C.R. §3100, a Certificate of Merit is attached hereto. A copy of the Notice and Certificate of Merit is served on the Attorney General and marked "Attorney General Copy: Contains Official Information Pursuant to Evidence Code Section 1040" with all supporting documentation, as required by Section 3102, attached thereto.

VI. CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct all questions, issues or communications regarding this 60-Day Notice of Violation and its potential resolution to CAPA's counsel at the following address:

Center for Advanced Public Awareness c/o Kimberly Gates Gates Johnson Law 2822 Moraga Street San Francisco, California 94122 Telephone: (628) 219-7750

<u>Attachments:</u> Certificate of Merit; Proof of Service; The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary (to Violator only); and Additional Confidential Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to AG only.)

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

Re: Center for Advanced Public Awareness, Inc.'s Notice of Proposition 65 Violations

- 1, Kimberly Gates, hereby declare and certify:
- 1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notice violated California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
- 2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.
- 3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience and have assembled evidence attached to the copy for the California Attorney General as Exhibit 1 to this Certificate of Merit regarding the lack of warnings for the listed chemical that is the subject of the notice.
- 4. Based on the information obtained 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 that 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 California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(h)(2) (i.e. the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier and the facts, studies and data reviewed by that person.)

Dated: December 17, 2018.

Kimberly Gates

PROOF OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury:

I am over the age of 18 years of age and not a party to this case. I am a resident of or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. My business address is 2822 Moraga Street, San Francisco, CA 94122.

On December 17, 2018, I caused to be served the following:

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

THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY;

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; and

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

XXXX By **Certified First Class Mail** through the United States Postal Service by placing true and correct copies of the above documents in a sealed envelope, individually addressed to each alleged violator listed below and providing such envelope to a United States Postal Service Representative:

Paris Presents, Inc. Patrick O'Brien, CEO 3800 Swanson Court Gurnee, IL 60031

On December 17, 2018, I caused to be served true and correct copies of the following documents:

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

XXXX by **First Class Mail** through the United States Postal Service by placing copies of the above documents in a sealed envelope, addressed to each entity on the attached "Service List" and providing such envelope to a United States Postal Representative, with correct postage.

XXXX via **Electronic Mail**, by sending copies of the above documents, addressed individually, to the recipients listed on the attached "Electronic Mail Service List".

On December 17, 2018, I caused to be served true and correct copies of the following documents:

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

XXXX via **Electronic Mail**, by uploading the documents, addressed to California Attorney General at their website address, listed under the "Electronic Upload Service List".

Executed on December 17, 2018, at San Francisco, California.

Kimberly Gates

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