

# HEALTHY LIVING FOUNDATION

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November 18, 2020

## 60-DAY NOTICE

*Of intent to sue*

*for violations of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986*

The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, codified in California Health & Safety Code sections 25249.5, *et seq.* (referred to as “Proposition 65”), requires that a 60-day notice of intent to sue be provided to a violator of CAL. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.6.

Chemical Toxin Working Group, Inc., a California non-profit corporation, doing business as Healthy Living Foundation (“HLF”), is a non-profit consumer health organization engaged in activities supporting public health, implementing measures reducing the amount of chemical toxins in consumer products, improvement of worker and consumer safety from chemical exposures.

HLF has prosecuted a large number of CAL. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE violations in the public interest. These cases have resulted in significant public benefit, including reformulation of hundreds of products to remove toxic chemicals to make them safer, and removal of heavily contaminated products containing lead, cadmium, acrylamide, dioxane, from the market in California and in the US.

CTWG’s Chief Officer David Steinman is a publisher, a health journalist and author of a bestseller DIET FOR A POISONED PLANET (Crown ed., 1990, Ballantine 2d ed., 1992, Running Press 3d ed., 2007); his major books also include THE SAFE SHOPPER’S BIBLE (Macmillan ed., 1995, Wiley 2d ed., 2000), THE BREAST CANCER PREVENTION PROGRAM (Macmillan ed., 1997), LIVING HEALTHY IN A TOXIC WORLD (Perseus ed., 1996), SAFE TRIP TO EDEN:TEN STEPS TO SAVE THE PLANET EARTH FROM THE GLOBAL WARMING MELTDOWN (Running Press ed., 2007), along with many publications as the publisher of *Healthy Living* magazine and its associated websites, periodicals and other medias.

In its role as a public enforcer acting on behalf of California Attorney General, HLF buys foods and other consumer products through ordinary consumers’ channels, tests them in independent accredited laboratories and reports results of both positive and negative nature to the public through the various news outlets and its own platforms and periodicals. Over the last 20 years, HLF has developed an extensive expertise in prosecuting manufacturers and distributors of food and consumer products for most egregious violations of health laws and consumer safety.

With this notice of violation (NOV), HLF gives a written notice of the alleged violation, bringing this action in the public interest as defined under the CAL. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(d), seeking to prosecute the continuing and repeated noncompliance and to reduce and/or eliminate consumer exposures to lead from

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foods and dietary supplements (referred to as the “Specified Product”) listed in the table below, which are manufactured, distributed and/or sold by The Nature’s Bounty Co., Nature’s Bounty (DE), Inc., and Nature’s Bounty (NY), Inc. (collectively known as “Nature’s Bounty”) and Amazon.com Services LLC (“Amazon”). (The Nature’s Bounty Co., Nature’s Bounty (DE), Inc., and Nature’s Bounty (NY), Inc. and Amazon are collectively referred to as “Noticed Parties” and each a “Noticed Party”).

This NOV covers the violations of Proposition 65 that are currently known to the noticing party from information now available as specifically related to the violating products listed below and manufactured, distributed or/and sold by and through the Noticed Parties. HLF is continuing its investigation that may reveal further violations.

The Specified Products subject to this NOV, the chemical in the Specified Product identified as exceeding allowable levels, and the Noticed Party responsible for sale of the Specified Product, are the following:

Specified Products	Violative chemical	Noticed Parties
Sundown True Tranquility Valerian Root 530 mg 100 Capsules	Lead	The Nature’s Bounty Co., Nature’s Bounty (DE), Inc., Nature’s Bounty (NY), Amazon

Noticed Parties have manufactured, marketed, distributed and/or sold the Specified Products which have exposed and continue to expose consumers within the State of California to lead.

Lead was listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause developmental toxicity and reproductive toxicity on February 27, 1987, and as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer on October 1, 1992.

With respect to each Specified Product listed above, the violation commenced on the latter of the date that the Specified Product was first offered for sale in California or the date upon which California law codified the allowable level of the relevant chemical; has continued every day since the relevant date the violation commenced; and will continue every day henceforth until lead is removed from each Specified Product, reduced to allowable levels, or until a “clear and reasonable” warning is provided to consumers by the Noticed Parties, as applicable, in accordance with the law.

The primary route of exposure has been through ingestion.

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CAL. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.6 requires that a “clear and reasonable” warning be provided prior to exposure to chemicals listed under Proposition 65. The Noticed Parties are in violation of Proposition 65 because the Noticed Parties have failed to provide a warning to consumers that they are being exposed to lead. While in the course of doing business, the Noticed Parties are knowingly and intentionally exposing consumers to lead without first providing a “clear and reasonable” warning.

The method of warning should be a warning that appears on the product's label. See Cal. Code Regs. tit. 27, § 25602, subd. (a)(3), and subd. (b) for internet purchases also at the point of sale, as applicable. The Noticed Parties have not provided any Proposition 65 warnings as required by law, any other appropriate warnings that persons handling, ingesting and/or otherwise using the Specified Products are being exposed to lead.

Pursuant to Title 27, C.C.R. § 25903(b), copies of the documents entitled (i) "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary" and (ii) "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): Special Compliance Procedure" are attached hereto for reference by the Noticed Parties.

Pursuant to Title 11, C.C.R. § 3100, the “Certificate of Merit” is attached hereto.

HLF is providing an option of a prompt resolution of this matter where the Noticed Parties would agree in writing to (1) eliminate or reduce lead to an allowable level in the Specified Products or (2) as an alternative to (1), provide an appropriate warning on the label of the Specified Products, at the point of sale, as applicable; and (3) pay an appropriate civil penalty for each violation.

Such a resolution will prevent further unwarned consumer exposures by expeditiously rectifying these ongoing violations of the California law and afford to the Noticed Parties to avoid litigation.

Please direct all communications regarding this NOV to my office.

Sincerely,



David Steinman  
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## Attachments

1. Certificate of Merit;
2. Additional Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (to Attorney General only);
3. Appendix "A" - "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary" (to the Noticed Parties only);
4. Appendix "B"- "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): Special Compliance Procedure" (to the Noticed Parties only);
5. Certificate of Service (to Attorney General only)

# HEALTHY LIVING FOUNDATION

To: California Attorney General  
Notice of Violation: November 18, 2020  
Noticing Party: Chemical Toxin Working Group/  
Healthy Living Foundation  
Noticed Parties: The Nature's Bounty Co., Nature's Bounty (DE), Inc., and  
Nature's Bounty (NY), Amazon.com Services LLC

*November 18, 2020*

## **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

### *To the Notice of Violation*

I, David Steinman, chief officer of the noticing party, hereby certify that I have reviewed the facts of this case and have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience and expertise who have reviewed facts, studies, and/or other data regarding the alleged exposures to the listed chemical that is the subject of the Notice of Violation dated November 18, 2020 (the "NOV").

I have reviewed the laboratory testing results for the chemical subject to the NOV and rely on these results. The testing was conducted by a reputable accredited testing laboratory and by experienced scientists with doctoral and other degrees in relevant sciences. The facts, studies and other data derived through this investigation overwhelmingly demonstrate that the alleged violators expose persons to the listed chemical that is the subject of this Certificate and is known to the State of California to cause reproductive harm or cancer.

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 will likely be established and that the information did not prove that the alleged violators will be able to prove any of affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.

Factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this Certificate, as identified in Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.7 (h)(2), *i.e.* (1) identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) facts, studies and/or other data reviewed by those persons, is attached to this Certificate and served on the California Attorney General.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Hunter Steinman, am over the age of eighteen years and am not a party to the action, process or case related to or arising out of the Notice of Violation being served under this Certificate of Service. My address is 1801 Chart Trail, Topanga, CA 90290.

On December 9, 2020, I served the following documents:

1. Notice of Violations of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq. by The Nature's Bounty Co., Nature's Bounty (DE), Inc., Nature's Bounty (NY), Inc., and Amazon.com Services LLC
2. Certificate of Merit
3. Appendix "A" - "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary"
4. Appendix "B" - "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): Special Compliance Procedure"

on the following parties by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the parties below, and causing it to be deposited at a United States Postal Service Office in Los Angeles, California, for delivery by Certified Mail:

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3. Additional Information and Supporting Documentation Required by Title 11, C.C.R. § 3102

on the following parties by filing electronically a true and correct copy thereof as permitted through the website of the California Office of the Attorney General via link at [oag.ca.gov/prop65](http://oag.ca.gov/prop65):

State of California Department of Justice  
Office of the Attorney General of California.

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on the following parties below by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the District Attorney and City Attorney offices listed below, and causing each envelope to be deposited at a United States Postal Service mailbox for delivery by First Class Mail:

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on each of the parties below, all of which have requested electronic service only via the following email addresses:

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I, Hunter Steinman, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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