

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act

N-Nitrosodiethylamine (NDEA) in Latex Resistance Bands

April 14, 2021

This Notice of Violation (the "Notice") 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 is provided by the Center for Environmental Health ("CEH"), 2201 Broadway, Suite 508, Oakland, CA 94612, (510) 655-3900. CEH is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to protecting the environment, improving human health, and supporting environmentally sound practices. Kaya Allan Sugerman is the Illegal Toxic Threats Program Director of and a responsible individual within CEH.

Description of Violation:

- Violators: The names and addresses of the violators are: The names and addresses of the violators are identified on the attached Exhibit 1.
- Time Period of Exposure: The violations have been occurring since at least April 14, 2018 and are ongoing.
- Provision of Proposition 65: This Notice covers the "warning provision" of Proposition 65, which is found at California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6.
- Chemical(s) Involved: The name of the listed chemicals involved in these violations is n-nitrosodiethylamine ("NDEA").
- Type of Product: The specific type of product causing these violations is latex resistance bands used for exercise. Non-exclusive examples of this specific type of product are identified on the attached Exhibit 1.
- Description of Exposure: This Notice addresses consumer exposures to NDEA in Latex Resistance Bands. Use of the products identified in this Notice results in human exposures to NDEA. The routes of exposure for the violations are: (1) dermal absorption directly through the skin when consumers touch or handle the products themselves during exercise; and (2) ingestion via hand to mouth contact after consumers touch or handle the products. No clear and reasonable warning

is provided with the Latex Workout Bands regarding the carcinogenic hazards of NDEA.

Resolution of Noticed Claims:

Based on the allegations set forth in this Notice, CEH intends to file a citizen enforcement lawsuit against each alleged violator unless such violator agrees in a binding written instrument to: (1) recall products already sold; (2) provide clear and reasonable warnings for products sold in the future or reformulate such products to eliminate the NDEA exposures; and (3) pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(b). If any 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 each 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 NDEA in Latex Resistance Bands; purchase and sales 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 NDEA in such products; and representative exemplars of each of the products sold by each alleged violator in the year preceding this Notice through the date of any trial of the claims alleged in this Notice.

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

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

I, Mark N. Todzo, 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 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.

April 14, 2021



Mark N. Todzo
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EXHIBIT 1
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NDEA in Latex Resistance Bands

Responsible Parties	Non-Exclusive Examples of the Products	Further Description of Non-Exclusive Exemplar Products
<p>Gaiam Americas, Inc. 601 W. 26th Street, 9th Floor New York, NY 10001</p> <p>Gaiam, Inc. 833 W. South Boulder Road, Louisville, CO 80027</p> <p>Fit for Life LLC 833 W South Boulder Rd., Suite G Louisville CO 80027-2452</p>	<p>Gaiam Restore Mini Band Kit (Set of 3)</p> <p>Fila Mini Loop Bands (Set of 3)</p>	<p>SKU 05-63404 UPC No. 018713-634047</p> <p>Product No. 1287-095682088-000599-13-2; 8786-8635-498151-81</p>
<p>Fila U.S.A., Inc. 14114 York Road P.O. Box 3000 Sparks, MD 21152-3000</p> <p>Fila U.S.A., Inc. 930 Ridgebrook Rd, Ste 200 Sparks, MD 21152-3000</p>	<p>Fila Mini Loop Bands (Set of 3)</p>	<p>Product No. 1287-095682088-000599-13-2; 8786-8635-498151-81</p>
<p>Evriholder Products, LLC 1500 S. Lewis St. Anaheim, CA 92805</p>	<p>Evrifit Loop Resistance Bands (Set of 3)</p>	<p>Product No. 87-8635-112168-000599-14-2</p>

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<p>Endurance Brands Inc. 1312 Broadway, Suite 1512 New York, NY 10018</p> <p>Tjx Companies, Inc. 770 Cochituate Road Farmingham, MA 01701</p>	<p>Flo360 3 Pack Mini Bands</p> <p>Ultra Life Mini Bands (Set of 3)</p>	<p>Product No. 1287-097767204-000599-14-2; 8786-8635-551007-83</p> <p>Product No. 1287-097767587-000599-14-2; 8786-8635-551042-83</p>
<p>Gymshark USA, Inc. 370 17th Street Suite 3900 Denver, CO 80202</p>	<p>Gymshark 4LB to 25LB Resistance Band</p>	<p>UPC No. 5-057913-366209 Product No. GARB4085-BK-0S</p>
<p>Five Below, Inc. 701 Market Street Suite 300 Philadelphia PA 19106</p> <p>1616 Holdings, Inc. 701 Market Street Suite 300 Philadelphia PA 19106</p>	<p>Series 8 Fitness Latex Band</p>	<p>UPC No. 8-10013-71267-4 Model #SA9154-091819-104 SKU No. 32546687 Tracking No. VP112019</p>
<p>Urban Outfitters Wholesale, Inc. 5000 South Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19112</p>	<p>Bala Bands (Set of 5)</p>	<p>Product No. 60133279</p>

1 **PROOF OF SERVICE**

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3 I, Owen Sutter, declare:

4 I am a citizen of the United States and employed in the County of San Francisco, State of
5 California. I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and not a party to this action. My business
6 address is 503 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, CA 94117 and my email address is
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7 On April 14, 2021, I served the following document(s) on all interested parties in this
8 action by placing a true copy thereof in the manner and at the addresses indicated below:

9 **NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND
10 TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT;**

11 **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT;** and

12 **THE SAFE DRINKING AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986
13 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY** (only sent to those on service list marked with an
14 asterisk).

15 **BY MAIL:** I am readily familiar with the firm's practice for collecting and processing mail
16 with the United States Postal Service ("USPS"). Under that practice, mail would be deposited
17 with USPS that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid at San Francisco, California in the
18 ordinary course of business. On this date, I placed sealed envelopes containing the above
19 mentioned documents for collection and mailing following my firm's ordinary business practices.

20 *Please see attached service list.*

21 **BY ELECTRONIC MAIL:** I transmitted a PDF version of the document(s) listed above via
22 email to the email address(es) indicated on the attached service list [or noted above] before 5 p.m.
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9 foregoing is true and correct.

9 Executed on April 14, 2021 at San Francisco, California.

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