
September 27, 2021

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

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VIA U.S. MAIL and EMAIL

District Attorney's Office for all Counties in
California and applicable City Attorneys
(See Attached - Certificate of Service)

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

State of California Department of Justice
Office of the Attorney General
Proposition 65 Enforcement Reporting
Filing link: oag.ca.gov/prop65

**Sixty-Day Notice of Intent to Sue for Violations of the Safe Drinking Water
and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986**

(California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.)

Dear Alleged Violators and the Appropriate Public Enforcement Agencies:

We represent CA Citizen Protection Group, LLC ("**CCPG**"), an organization dedicated to reducing the amount of chemical toxins in consumer products, the promotion of human health, environmental safety, and improvement of worker and consumer safety.

Through this Notice of Violations (this "**Notice**"), CCPG is acting "in the public interest" pursuant to "Proposition 65" (as defined below), and seeks to reduce and/or eliminate exposures to toxic chemicals, including Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate ("**DEHP**"), by consumers and workers from exposure to DEHP in household goods, and other consumer goods manufactured, produced, distributed and/or sold by T.J. Maxx of CA, LLC and The TJX Companies, Inc. (collectively, the "**Noticed Parties**"), among other retailers, distributors and/or sellers.

This Notice constitutes written notification that the Noticed Parties have violated the warning requirements of The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act (codified at California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5, *et seq.*) ("**Proposition 65**").

The product subject to this Notice (the “**specified product**”) and the chemical in the specified product identified as exceeding allowable levels are the following:

■ **Insulated Large Tote (7 pc. Tote Set) with faux leather handles (UPC 848496064881) – (DEHP)**

The Noticed Parties have manufactured, marketed, distributed and/or sold the specified product, as applicable, which has exposed and continues to expose numerous individuals within California to DEHP. DEHP was listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer on January 01, 1988, and reproductive toxicity on October 24, 2003.

With respect to the 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 surpassed by the specified product; has continued every day since the relevant date the violation commenced; and will continue every day henceforth until DEHP is removed from the specified product, reduced to allowable levels, or until a “clear and reasonable” warning is provided to consumers by the Noticed Parties in accordance with the law.

The primary route of exposure has been through contact with human skin in handling the product in the course of using it or transporting it, resulting in dermal exposure to plasticizers, and oral exposure from activities involving hand to mouth contact.

Proposition 65 requires that a “clear and reasonable” warning be provided prior to exposure to certain listed chemicals. 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 DEHP. While in the course of doing business, the Noticed Parties are “knowingly and intentionally” exposing consumers to DEHP without first providing a “clear and reasonable” warning. See Cal. Health and Safety Code § 25249.6. 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, as applicable. The Noticed Parties have not provided any Proposition 65 warnings on the specified product’s label or any other appropriate warnings that persons handling and/or otherwise using the specified product are being exposed to DEHP.

Proposition 65 requires that notice and intent to sue be provided to a violator 60-days before a suit is filed in connection therewith. With this Notice, CCPG gives written notice of the alleged violations to the Noticed Parties and the appropriate governmental authorities.

This Notice covers all violations of Proposition 65 that are currently known to the noticing party from information now available as specifically related to the specified product sold through the Noticed Parties. CCPG is continuing its investigation that may reveal further violations.

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”, referenced as Appendix “A”, and (ii) “The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): Special Compliance Procedure”, referenced as Appendix “B”, are attached hereto for reference by the Noticed Parties, as applicable. Please review for applicability, however, note the “Special Compliance Procedure” is only available for certain products and under certain conditions as explained in Appendix B.

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

CCPG is interested in a prompt resolution of this matter with an enforceable written agreement by the Noticed Parties to (1) eliminate or reduce DEHP to an allowable level in, or provide appropriate warning on the label of, the specified product; and (2) pay an appropriate civil penalty. Such a resolution will prevent further unwarned consumer exposures and expensive and time-consuming litigation.

In keeping with its public interest mission and to expeditiously rectify these ongoing violations of California law, CCPG is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter without engaging in costly and protracted litigation. Please direct all communications regarding this Notice to my office on behalf of CCPG.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your time and consideration with respect to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,
KHANSARI LAW CORP., APC



Andre A. Khansari, Esq.
(Attachments)

Attachments:

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

Cc: CA Citizen Protection Group, LLC (via email only)

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Re: CA Citizen Protection Group, LLC's Notice of Proposition 65 Violations by T.J. Maxx of CA, LLC and The TJX Companies, Inc.

I, Andre A. Khansari, hereby declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit (this "Certificate") accompanies the attached Notice of Violations dated September 27, 2021 (the "NOV") in which it is alleged that the parties identified in the NOV ("alleged violators") have violated California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
2. I am the attorney for the noticing party CA Citizen Protection Group, LLC. The NOV alleges that the alleged violators have exposed persons in California to the listed chemical that is the subject of this Certificate. Please refer to the NOV for additional details regarding the product name and alleged violations.
3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who have reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of this Certificate. I have reviewed the laboratory testing results for the chemical subject to the NOV and relied on the results. The testing was conducted by a reputable testing laboratory, with proper accreditation, and by experienced scientists. The facts, studies and other data derived through this investigation demonstrate that the alleged violators expose persons, including workers, to the listed chemical that is the subject of this Certificate.
4. Based on the information obtained through these consultants and on other information in my possession, I believe there is sufficient evidence that the listed product in the NOV exposes individuals to unlawful levels of the specified chemical. Furthermore, 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 served on the California Attorney General attaches to it information sufficient to establish the basis for this Certificate, including the information identified in Health & Safety Code Section 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 27, 2021



Andre A. Khansari, Esq.
Attorney for CA Citizen Protection Group, LLC

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County of Los Angeles. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to the within entitled action or process. My business address is **16133 Ventura Blvd., Suite 1200, Encino, California 91436.**

On September 27, 2021, I served the following documents:

- (i) **Sixty-Day Notice of Intent to Sue for Violations of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 by T.J. Maxx of CA, LLC and The TJX Companies, Inc., for Violations of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.,**
- (ii) **Certificate of Merit,**
- (iii) **Appendix “A” – “The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary”, and Appendix “B” – “The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): Special Compliance Procedure” (to the Noticed Party only), and**
- (iv) **Certificate of Service,**

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

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- (iii) **Additional Information and Supporting Documentation Required by Title 11, C.C.R. §3102, and**
- (iv) **Certificate of Service,**

on the following party 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:


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on each of the parties on the service list attached hereto (see attached “**Service List**”) by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the District Attorney and City Attorney offices listed on the attached Service List, and causing each envelope to be deposited at a United States Postal Service mail box for delivery by First Class Mail, except for the Contra Costa County District Attorney, Lassen County District Attorney, Riverside County District Attorney, Sacramento County District Attorney, San Francisco County District Attorney, Napa County District Attorney, San Joaquin County District Attorney, San Luis Obispo County District Attorney, Santa Clara County District Attorney, Sonoma County District Attorney, Tulare County District Attorney, Ventura County District Attorney, Monterey County District Attorney, Yolo County District Attorney, Santa Barbara County District Attorney, Alameda County District Attorney, San Francisco City Attorney, Calaveras County District Attorney, Inyo County District Attorney, Santa Cruz County District Attorney, San Diego City Attorney, Mariposa County District Attorney, Merced County District Attorney, Nevada County District Attorney, Placer County District Attorney, Plumas County District Attorney, and San Diego County District Attorney, all of which have requested electronic service only via the following email addresses: sgrassini@contracostada.org; mlatimer@co.lassen.ca.us; prop65@rivcoda.org; prop65@sacda.org; alethea.sargent.sfgov.org; cepd@countyofnapa.org; daconsumer.environmental@sjcda.org; edobroth@co.slo.ca.us; epu@da.sccgov.org; jbarnes@sonoma-county.org; prop65@co.tulare.ca.us; daspecialops@ventura.org; Prop65DA@co.monterey.ca.us; cfepd@yolocounty.org; DAProp65@co.santa-barbara.ca.us; CEPDProp65@acgov.org; Valerie.lopez@sfcityatty.org; Prop65Env@co.calaveras.ca.us; inyoda@inyocounty.org; Prop65DA@santacruzcounty.us; CityAttyProp65@sandiego.gov; mcda@mariposacounty.org; Prop65@countyofmerced.com; DA.Prop65@co.nevada.ca.us; prop65@placer.ca.gov; davidhollister@countyofplumas.com; and SanDiegoDAProp65@sdcca.org.

I, Andre A. Khansari, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on September 27, 2021, in the City and County of Los Angeles, California.



Andre A. Khansari

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