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RE: Cadmium, Lead and lead compounds in

Leslie A. Parsons & Sons (Burry Port) Limited, British Delights, Ltd., Walmart Inc., Wal-mart Stores East, LP, and Wal-mart.com USA, LLC products

October 7, 2022

60-DAY NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUE

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

Dear alleged violators and public enforcement agencies,

Poulsen Law P.C. represents The Chemical Toxin Working Group, Inc., a California non-profit corporation, doing business as Healthy Living Foundation Inc., 1801 Chart Trail, Topanga, California 90290 ("HLF," "Noticing Party"), a non-profit consumer health organization engaged in supporting public health, implementing measures reducing the amount of chemical toxins in consumer products, improvement of worker and consumer safety from chemical exposures. as well as publishing comparative results of testing foods and consumer products and educating the public.

HLF has enforced a large number of Cal. Health & Safety Code violations in the public interest and developed an extensive expertise in prosecuting manufacturers and distributors of food and consumer products for violations of health laws and consumer safety. These cases have resulted in significant public benefit, including reformulation of products to remove toxic chemicals to make them safer, and putting label warnings on products tested as contaminated with lead, cadmium, acrylamide, dioxane, or removing them from the California market.

HLF's Chief Officer David Steinman is a journalist, a publisher and an 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 in periodicals and other media.

The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, codified in the California Health & Safety Code sections 25249.5, et seq. ("Proposition 65"), requires that a 60-day notice of intent to sue be provided to a violator of Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6.

With this notice of violation (Notice), 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 alleged continuing noncompliance and to warn consumers about their exposure to the violative chemical(s), or reduce and/or eliminate consumer exposures from product(s) (collectively, the "Specified Products" and each a "Specified Products") listed in the table below, which are manufactured, distributed and/or sold by Leslie A. Parsons & Sons (Burry Port) Limited, British Delights, Ltd., Walmart Inc.,



Wal-mart Stores East, LP, and Wal-mart.com USA, LLC (referred to collectively as the "Noticed Parties").

This Notice 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(s) subject to this Notice, the chemical(s) in the Specified Products(s) identified as exceeding allowable levels, and the Noticed Parties responsible for sales of the Specified Products, are as follows:

| Specified Products | Violative chemical | Noticed Party |
|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Parsons pickled cockles, UPC: 50824991 | Lead and lead compounds | Leslie A. Parsons & Sons (Burry Port) Limited, British Delights, Ltd., Walmart Inc., Wal-mart Stores East, LP, and Wal-mart.com USA, LLC |
| Parsons pickled mussels, UPC: 50988242 | Cadmium | Leslie A. Parsons & Sons (Burry Port) Limited, British Delights, Ltd., Walmart Inc., Wal-mart Stores East, LP, and Wal-mart.com USA, LLC |

The primary route of exposure has been through ingestion.

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

Cadmium is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause developmental toxicity, reproductive toxicity and cancer.

Lead and lead compounds ("lead") is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause developmental toxicity, reproductive toxicity and cancer.

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 cadmium and lead. While in the course of doing business, the Noticed Parties are knowingly and intentionally exposing consumers to cadmium and 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 or any other appropriate warnings that persons handling, ingesting and/or otherwise using the Specified Products are being exposed to cadmium and lead.

With respect to the Specified Products listed above, the violation commenced on the latter of the date that the Specified Products 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 cadmium and lead are removed from the Specified Products, 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.

Pursuant to Title 27, C.C.R. § 25903(b), copies of the following documents are attached hereto for reference by the Notices Parties:

(i) "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary."

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

HLF intends to file a lawsuit after 60 days based on the facts set forth in this Notice. Meanwhile we encourage a prompt resolution of this matter within the said period of 60 days where the Noticed Parties agree in a written agreement to (1) eliminate or reduce cadmium and lead to an allowable level in the Specified Products or, as an alternative, (2) provide a Proposition 65- compliant warning on the label of the Specified Products and at the point of sale; and (3) pay applicable civil penalties and costs of bringing this action.

Prompt action of the Noticed Parties on this Notice will prevent further consumer exposures to a dangerous chemical without warning, therefore rectifying these alleged ongoing violations of the California law and afford the Noticed Parties the opportunity to avoid increasing costs associated with incompliance and costly litigation.

Please direct all communications regarding this Notice to this office.

Sincerely,

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Aida Poulsen | Managing attorney | NY | CA contact@poulsenlaw.org



ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Certificate of Merit;
- 2. Confidential Factual Information supporting Certificate of Merit (to Attorney General only);
- 3. Certificate of Service;
- 4. Appendix "A" "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary" (to the Noticed Parties only).





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| То: | California Attorney General |
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| Notice of Violation: | October 7, 2022 |
| Noticing Party: | Chemical Toxin Working Group Inc. dba Healthy Living Foundation Inc. |
| Noticed Parties: | Leslie A. Parsons & Sons (Burry Port) Limited, British Delights, Ltd., Walmart Inc., Wal-mart Stores East, LP, and Wal-mart.com USA, LLC |

October 7, 2022

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d)

To the Notice of Violation

I, Aida Poulsen, attorney at law, hereby declare:

This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice(s) in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notices have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.

I am the attorney for the Noticing Party.

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 attached Notice of Violation dated October 7, 2022 (the "Notice").

I have reviewed the laboratory testing results for the chemical subject to the Notice 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 have exposed persons to the listed chemical that is the subject of the Notice and is known to the State of California to cause reproductive and/or developmental harm, and/or cancer.

Based on the information obtained through those 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 plaintiffs' case can be established



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

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 Health and 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: October 7, 2022

By:

Aida Poulsen | Managing attorney | NY | CA contact@poulsenlaw.org



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jonathan Newell, 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 18653 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 136, Tarzana, CA 91356.

On October 7, 2022, between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, I served the following documents:

- 1. Notice of Violations of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq. by Leslie A. Parsons & Sons (Burry Port) Limited, British Delights, Ltd., Walmart Inc., Wal-mart Stores East, LP, and Wal-mart.com USA, LLC;
- 2. Certificate of Merit;
- 3. Appendix "A" "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary;"

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 County, California, for delivery by Certified Mail:

| Current President or CEO Leslie A. Parsons & Sons (Burry Port) Limited Ashburnham Works, Burry Port, Carmarthenshire. SA16 0ET Wales, UK | Current President or CEO British Delights, Ltd. c/o Stephen J. Murray (agent) 63 Power Road, Unit 2 Westford, MA 01886 |
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| Douglass McMillon, Current President or CEO Walmart Inc. 702 SW 8th Street Bentonville, AR 72716 | Douglass McMillon, Current President or CEO Walmart Inc. c/o C T Corporation System 330 N. Brand Blvd. Ste 700 Glendale, CA 91203 |
| Douglass McMillon, Current President or CEO Walmart Inc. c/o The Corporation Trust Company Corporation Trust Center 1209 Orange St. Wilmington, DE 19801 | Michelle Garbey, Current President or CEO Wal-mart Stores East, LP c/o The Corporation Trust Company Corporation Trust Center 1209 Orange St. Wilmington, DE 19801 |
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| | Little Rock, AR 72201 |
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| Tom Ward, Manager or Managing Member Wal-mart.com USA, LLC 850 Cherry Ave. San Bruno, CA 94066 | Tom Ward, Manager or Managing Member Wal-mart.com USA, LLC c/o C T Corporation System 330 N. Brand Blvd. Ste 700 Glendale, CA 91203 |

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- 2. Certificate of Merit;
- 3. Confidential Factual 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:

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 mail box for delivery by First Class Mail:

| District Attorney | District Attorney | District Attorney |
|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Alpine County | Lake County | Sierra County |
| PO Box 248 | 255 North Forbes Street | PO Box 457 |
| Markleeville, CA 96120 | Lakeport, CA 95453 | Downieville, CA 95936 |
| District Attorney | District Attorney | District Attorney's Office |
| Amador County | Los Angeles County | Siskiyou County Courthouse |

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LESLIE A. PARSONS & SONS (BURRY PORT) LIMITED, BRITISH DELIGHTS, LTD., WALMART INC., WAL-MART STORES EAST, LP, AND WAL-MART.COM USA, LLC



| 708 Court Street, Suite 202 Jackson, CA 95642 | Hall of Justice 211 West Temple St. Ste 1200 Los Angeles, CA 90012 | 311 Fourth Street, Room 204 Yreka, CA 96097 |
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| District Attorney | District Attorney | |
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| Kings County | Mono County | |
| 1400 West Lacey Blvd. | Post Office Box 617 | |
| Hanford, CA 93230 | Bridgeport, CA 93517 | |

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- 2. Certificate of Merit

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

| Alameda County District Attorney | Calaveras County District Attorney |
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I, Jonathan Newell, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature

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J18653 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 136 Tarzana, CA 91356 October 7, 2022

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