

December 15, 2022

60-DAY NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT

Dear Alleged Violators and Appropriate Enforcement Agencies!:

This office represents Ramy Eden (“Claimant”) who serves this Notice of Violation (“Notice”) pursuant to California Health & Safety Code section 25249.7(d). This Notice serves to inform you that the Alleged Violators identified below (“Alleged Violator(s)”) are in violation of California’s Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (“Proposition 65”) codified at Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.5, *et seq.*

Claimant has identified violations of Proposition 65 with respect to the consumer products identified below (“Product”). In violation of Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6, Alleged Violator(s) have manufactured, produced, packaged, imported, supplied, distributed, and/or sold the Product—the use of which exposes individuals to the chemical(s) identified below (“Listed Chemical(s)”) which are known to the State of California to cause cancer, reproductive, and developmental harm—without first giving clear and reasonable warning of such exposure. Without these warnings, California citizens lack the information necessary to make informed decisions as to whether and/or how to eliminate (or reduce) the risk of exposure to the Listed Chemical(s) from the reasonably foreseeable exposure to and/or use of the Product.

Claimant is a citizen of the State of California who is acting in the interest of the general public to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals from use of consumer products sold in California and to improve human health and the environment by reducing hazardous substances. Claimant intends to bring a private enforcement action, pursuant to Cal. Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d), to address these violations. Claimant is represented by the undersigned and may be contacted through the undersigned at the telephone number and address set forth in the letterhead above.

Description of Violations:

Alleged Violator(s): The Alleged Violator(s) identified in Exhibit 1 hereto (“Alleged Violator(s)”).

Time Period of Exposure: Violations have been occurring since at least December 15, 2019 and are continuing to this day.

Listed Chemical(s): Lead and Lead Compounds (“Listed Chemical(s)”), which is listed by the State of California under Prop. 65 as being known to cause cancer, developmental toxicity, male reproductive toxicity, and female reproductive toxicity.

Product: The specific type of product are the gun cleaning tools identified in Exhibit 1 hereto (“Product”).

Description of Exposure: The exposures that are the subject of this Notice result from the acquisition, purchase, storage, handling, and/or the reasonable foreseeable use of the Product. These exposures take place throughout the State of California. When a firearm or muzzleloading weapon (these two types of guns are referred to herein as a “gun” or “guns”) is fired, the Listed Chemical(s) is deposited on various surfaces of the gun. The Product is designed to remove the Listed Chemical(s) from the various surfaces of a gun after it is fired by, *inter alia*, having the Product’s user scrub, scrape, and/or wipe the gun surfaces with the Product. The primary route of exposure to the Listed Chemical(s) is through inhalation and ingestion. When the Product is used in a reasonably foreseeable manner, fumes, mist, and dust containing the Listed Chemical(s) are released from the gun that is being cleaned into the air and inhaled by the Product’s user and others nearby. During such reasonably foreseeable use of the Product, Listed Chemical(s) are also transferred—from the gun being cleaned—onto the Product user’s hands and face. During such reasonably foreseeable use of the Product, Listed Chemical(s) are also transferred—from the gun being cleaned—onto the Product itself (which is designed to be handled with the Product user’s hands), work surfaces, the Product user’s hair and clothing, and other surfaces. When these surfaces are touched, Listed Chemical(s) are transferred from these surfaces onto the hands of the person touching these surfaces. Listed Chemical(s) present on the hands, face, and other surfaces can be ingested when eating, smoking, touching one’s hand to their mouth, or by preparing food. Exposure to the Listed Chemical(s) can also occur through dermal absorption. No clear and reasonable warning is provided with the Product regarding the carcinogenic and developmental and reproductive toxic hazards of exposure to the Listed Chemical(s).

¹ The public enforcement agencies are those public agencies identified in the attached proof of service.

Prop. 65 Information:

For the reference of the Alleged Violator(s), a copy of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment’s *The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary* is being provided to the Alleged Violator(s).

Evidence Preservation Request to Alleged Violator(s):

Alleged Violator(s) are hereby requested to preserve any and all evidence relating to the violations described herein. This includes, without limitation, preserving exemplars of the Product and any accompanying warning materials and all communications regarding warning materials concerning the Product. For any Alleged Violator who is a “Retail Seller”² this also includes, without limitation, documenting (through photography and/or video recording) the **present** existence, content, and location of all warning materials—including labels, shelf signs, tags, and Internet warning language—in their retail stores and websites that the Retail Seller contends provides consumers with the “clear and reasonable” warning required by Health & Safety Code section 25249.6 regarding the Product (and preserving any historical depictions of such warning materials). The failure to preserve evidence regarding the violations may result in sanctions and other penalties.

Request for Information Concerning Source of the Product

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 27, section 25600.2, any Alleged Violator who is a “Retail Seller” is hereby requested to promptly provide the name and contact information for the manufacturer, producer, packager, importer, supplier, and distributor of the Product.

Claims Resolution:

To address the above-described violations, Claimant—through this law firm—intends to bring a private enforcement action against the Alleged Violator(s) pursuant to Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d). However, consistent with the public interest goals of Proposition 65 and the desire to have these violations of California law quickly rectified, Claimant is interested in attempting to reach an efficient and equitable resolution of these violations without protracted litigation. Should the Alleged Violator(s) be interested in discussing such a resolution, I welcome them to contact me at the contact information listed in the letterhead above. Please note that Claimant is represented in connection with this matter and **may only be contacted through the undersigned.**

Respectfully,

Jarrett S. Charo

JARRETT S. CHARO, ESQ.

Enclosures: Certificate of Merit; Proof of Service; *The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary*

EXHIBIT 1

Name of Alleged Violator(s)	Product	Style, SKU, UPC, or Further Description of Product
Super Brush, LLC; Dewey Products, LLC; J. Dewey Manufacturing Company	“Bore-tips by Swab-its” brand bore cleaning foam swabs .22/5.56mm	Part # 41-2201 (printed on packaging)
Dewey Products, LLC; J. Dewey Manufacturing Company	J Dewey Rods brand “No Harm” Bronze Bore Brushes .22/.223	SKU: BB-22
Dewey Products, LLC; J. Dewey Manufacturing Company	J Dewey Rods brand 2 3/4” round gun cleaning patches	SKU: P-351

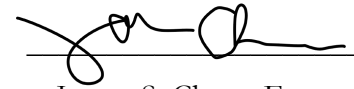
² “Retail Seller” has the same meaning as that set forth in California Code of Regulations Title 27, section 25600.1(l).

Certificate of Merit

I, Jarrett S. Charo, hereby declare:

- (1) 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.
- (2) I am the attorney for the noticing party.
- (3) 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 alleged exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action.
- (4) 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 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.
- (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 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: December 15, 2022


Jarrett S. Charo, Esq.

PROOF OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL


I declare that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County of Placer. I am over the age of eighteen (18) and not a party to the within action. My business address is P.O. Box 740, Penryn, CA 95663.

- On December 16, 2022, I caused the following documents to be served, 60-Day Notice of Violation of California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act; Certificate of Merit; The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary, as indicated on the attached service list:

SEE ATTACHED SERVICE LIST

- BY CERTIFIED MAIL – by placing a true and correct copy of the original thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid in the firm’s outgoing mail. A signed return receipt was requested. I am “readily familiar” with the firm’s practice of collecting and processing correspondence for mailing. It is deposited with the United States Postal Service on that same day in the ordinary course of business.
- BY HAND DELIVERY – by delivering by hand and leaving a true copy addressed to the person at the address shown above.
- BY EMAIL– by causing a true copy thereof to be electronically transmitted to the parties, by using their email address as indicated above.
- STATE: I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on December 16, 2022, at Penryn, California


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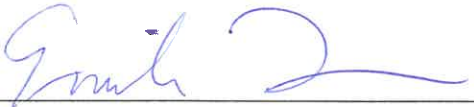
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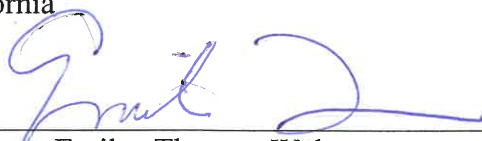
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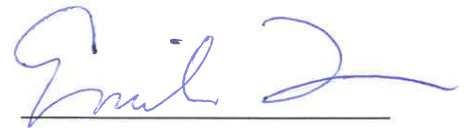
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