



April 5, 2023

PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCEMENT REPORTING
ATTENTION: PROP 65 COORDINATOR
1515 CLAY STREET, SUITE 2000
P.O. BOX 70550
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CONTAINS OFFICIAL
INFORMATION PURSUANT TO
EVIDENCE CODE §1040

Greetings:

This office and the Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation (“Mateel”) hereby provide notice that Hermés USA has been, is, will be and threatens to be in violation of Cal. Health & Safety Code §25249.6. This office and Mateel are both private enforcers of Proposition 65, both organizations may be reached at the below-listed address and telephone number, I may be considered a “responsible individual” at both organizations, and I may be contacted at the same address and telephone number. The above referenced violations occur when these businesses market crystal glass serve ware and drink ware, the glass for which, contains lead. Examples of such drink ware and serve ware include decanters, carafes, tumblers, wine glasses, champagne flutes, and cocktail glasses (as for martinis) (collectively hereinafter “Products at Issue”). Ingesting food or beverages stored in or served from the Products at Issue exposes the people who do so to lead and lead compounds, (hereinafter, collectively, “lead”). Lead leaches from the Products at Issue into the food or beverage stored in, or served from, them. The food or beverage is then consumed and the accompanying lead ingested. These exposures occur via the ingestion route of exposure. These violations have occurred every day since at least April 5, 2020, and will continue every day until reasonable warnings are given to those people exposed or until Hermés USA stops selling leaded crystal.

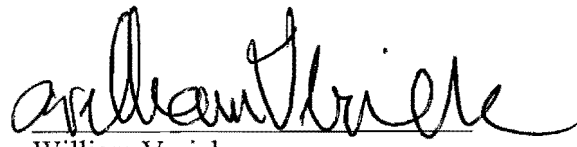
Cordially,

William Verick

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

I, William Verick, hereby declare: This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached notice(s) of violation 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 consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action. 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. 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 person(s) consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: April 6, 2023


William Verick

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Matt Lang, declare:

If called, I could and would testify as follows: I am over eighteen. My business address is 1125 Sixteenth Street, Suite 204, Arcata, California, 95521. On April 6, 2023, I caused the attached NOTICE OF VIOLATION LETTER, or a letter identical in substance, to be served by U.S. Mail on those public enforcement agencies listed on the attached SERVICE LIST; in addition on the same date and by U.S. Mail I caused the attached NOTICE OF VIOLATION and PROPOSITION 65: A SUMMARY to be sent by Certified U.S. Mail to the private business entities also listed on the attached SERVICE LIST. I deposited copies of these documents in envelopes, postage pre-paid, with the U.S. Postal Service on the day on which the mail is collected. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on April 6, 2023, at Arcata, California.


Matt Lang

SERVICE LIST

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