

April 11, 2023

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

Dear Alleged Violators and Appropriate Enforcement Agencies<sup>1</sup>:

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 Violators”) 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 product identified below (“Product”). In violation of Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6, the Product exposes individuals to lead (referred to herein as “lead” or the “Listed Chemical”), which is known to the State of California to cause, *inter alia*, developmental and reproductive toxicity, without first giving a 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 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 Violators:** The Alleged Violators that are the subject of this Notice are those identified in Exhibit 1 below.

**Time Period of Exposure:** Violations have been occurring since at least April 11, 2020 and are continuing to this day.

**Listed Chemical:** Lead, which is listed by the State of California under Prop. 65 as being known to cause *inter alia*, developmental toxicity, male reproductive toxicity, and female reproductive toxicity.

**Product:** The Product that is the subject of this Notice is identified in Exhibit 1 below.

**Description of Exposure:** The use of the Product results in human exposure to lead. The primary route of lead exposure to consumers is through direct ingestion when consumers eat the Product. These exposures take place throughout the State of California and no clear or reasonable warning regarding such exposures is provided.

### **Prop. 65 Information:**

For the reference of the Alleged Violators, 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 Violators.

### **Evidence Preservation Request to Alleged Violators:**

***Alleged Violators 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”<sup>2</sup> this also includes, without limitation, documenting (through photography and/or

<sup>1</sup> The public enforcement agencies are those public agencies identified in the attached proof of service.

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

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 Violators 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 Violators be interested in discussing such a resolution, I welcome them to contact me at [jcharo@charolaw.com](mailto:jcharo@charolaw.com) or at the phone number or mailing address 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**

<b>Name of Alleged Violators</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>Non-Exclusive Examples of Style, SKU, UPC, or Further Description of Product<sup>3</sup></b>
Meenaxi Enterprise, Inc.; Forum LLC (dba Akshar Cash N Carry);	Shreeji brand ginger candy	932767913692

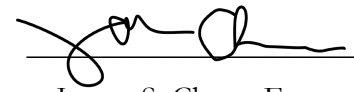
<sup>3</sup> The examples of the Product are not intended to be an exhaustive listing of each specific unit constituting the offending Product. Rather, they are provided to assist the recipients in identifying other units that comprise the offending Product.

## 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: April 11, 2023

  
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 April 11, 2023, 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:

Meenaxi Enterprise, Inc.  
c/o Anil Gandhi, Agent  
86 Executive Ave.  
Edison, NJ 08817

Meenaxi Enterprise, Inc.  
c/o Meenaxi Gandhi, President  
317 Bayview Dr.  
Morganville, NJ 07751

Forum LLC  
c/o Nitin Patel, Agent and CEO/Manager  
9510 Carrol Canyon Road  
# 206  
San Diego, CA 92126

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 April 11, 2023, at Penryn, California



Emilee Funk

## PROOF OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL

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SEE ATTACHED SERVICE LIST

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Emilee Funk

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### **Proof of Service via Electronic Upload**

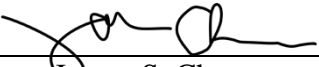
I declare that I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County of San Diego. I am over the age of eighteen (18) and not a party to the within action. My business address is 4079 Governor Dr., San Diego, CA, 92122.

On April 11, 2023, I caused the following documents to be electronically served upon the Office of the Attorney General, State of California, via upload to the Office of the Attorney General's website at the following web address: <https://oag.ca.gov/prop65/add-60-day-notice>:

- Amended 60-Day Notice of Violation of California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act; and
- Certificate of Merit, with confidential attachment.

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Jarrett S. Charo