

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act

LEAD IN HOT CHOCOLATE POWDER

July 9, 2026

To Whom It May Concern: This Notice of Violation (“Notice”) is provided to you pursuant to the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act (“Proposition 65”), California Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(d).

- For general information regarding Proposition 65, see the attached summary provided by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (copies of summary not provided to public enforcement agencies).
- This Notice is provided by Center for Consumer Safety, LLC (“CCS”), 2001 Addison St Ste 300, Berkeley, CA 94704. CCS is a California company acting in the interest of the general public seeking to further, among other causes, the protection of the environment, toxin reduction, the promotion and improvement of human health, the improvement of consumer rights, and corporate accountability. CCS designates its counsel, Jordan Trent Jones, of Coastal Aegis Law, APC, as the responsible individual with respect to this Notice: (Email: jtjones@coastalaegislaw.com; Phone: (831) 312-8698; Address: 200 Clock Tower Place, Suite D101-E, Carmel, CA 93923).
- This letter serves as notice that the parties listed above are in violation of Proposition 65, the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act, commencing with section 25249.5 of the Health and Safety Code (“Proposition 65”). The violation has occurred and continues to occur because the alleged violators failed to provide a clear and reasonable health hazard warning in connection with the sale or use of the product(s) detailed below (the “Product(s)”) in California.

Description of Violation:

- This Notice covers the warning provision of Proposition 65, which is found at California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6.
- Time Period of Violations: The violations have been occurring since at least October 22, 2025, and on information and belief, are continuing.
- Chemical(s) Involved: The name of the listed chemical involved in these violations is lead.
- Type of Product: The specific type of product causing the violation is hot chocolate powder. Non-exclusive examples of this specific type of product are listed in the table below.
- Method of Exposure: Ordinary use of the products identified in this Notice results in human exposures to lead because lead is found in the hot chocolate powder. The route of exposure for the violation is ingestion. These exposures occur in homes, workplaces, and everywhere else throughout California where consumers may be exposed to hot chocolate powder.
- No clear and reasonable Proposition 65 warning is provided with these products regarding the presence of lead in the products.

Violators and Products Subject to this Notice

Names and Addresses of Violators	Non-Exclusive Examples of the Products	UPC or Further Description of the Non-Exclusive Exemplar
Samuel & Company, Inc. PO Box 2397 Kirkland, WA 98083	MarketSpice Cinnamon Orange and Clove Hot Chocolate Mix	ASIN B00OPDLAZM
Proctor Enterprises, Inc. 2702 North Proctor Street Tacoma, WA 98407	MarketSpice Cinnamon Orange and Clove Hot Chocolate Mix	ASIN B00OPDLAZM
Amazon.com Services LLC 410 Terry Avenue North Seattle, WA 98109	MarketSpice Cinnamon Orange and Clove Hot Chocolate Mix	ASIN B00OPDLAZM

Resolution of Noticed Claims:

- Center for Consumer Safety intends to file a citizen enforcement lawsuit against the alleged violators unless such violators agree in a binding written instrument to: (1) recall all products already sold; (2) provide clear and reasonable warnings for products sold or otherwise provided to consumers in the future or reformulate such products to eliminate the lead exposures; and (3) pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in California Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(b).
- Alleged violators should contact Center for Consumer Safety through its counsel identified above/below to discuss resolution of this matter. It should be noted that Center for Consumer Safety cannot (1) finalize any settlement until after the 60-day notice period has expired; nor (2) speak for the Attorney General or any District or City Attorney who received CCS's 60-day Notice. Therefore, while reaching an agreement with CCS will resolve its claims, such agreement may not satisfy the public prosecutors.

Preservation of Relevant Evidence:

- This notice also serves as a demand that the alleged violators preserve and maintain all relevant evidence, including all electronic documents and data, pending resolution of this matter. Such evidence includes but is not limited to all documents related to the presence or potential presence of lead in hot chocolate powder; purchase and sales information; efforts to comply with Proposition 65; advertising and marketing material; testing reports; communications with any person relating to the presence or potential presence of lead in the products; and any representative exemplars sold to customers or consumers by the alleged violators in the year preceding this Notice through the date of any trial in this matter.

Request for Names and Contact Information

- The retailer is hereby requested to promptly provide the names and contact information for the manufacturers, producers, packagers, importers, suppliers, and/or distributors of the products identified in this Notice per Cal. Code Regs. tit. 27, § 25600.2(g).

Please direct any inquiries regarding this Notice to Center for Consumer Safety's counsel, Jordan Trent Jones, at Coastal Aegis Law, APC, 200 Clock Tower Place, Suite D101-E, Carmel, CA 93923, (831) 312-8698, jtjones@coastalaegislaw.com.

Coastal Aegis Law, APC



Jordan Trent Jones
Attorney for Center for Consumer Safety, LLC

Enclosures:

Certificate of Merit; Certificate of Service; Appendix A ("The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary") (sent only to the violators); Factual information sufficient to establish the basis of the Certificate of Merit (sent only to Attorney General)

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d)

I, Jordan Trent Jones, hereby declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notice have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
2. I am an attorney with Coastal Aegis Law, APC, and I represent the noticing party, Center for Consumer Safety, LLC.
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 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 plaintiff’s case can be established and the information did not prove that the alleged violators 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.

July 9, 2026

Jordan Trent Jones

Jordan Trent Jones
Attorney for Center for Consumer Safety, LLC

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Jamie Decker, hereby declare under California law:

I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and not a party to this action. My business address is 2019 Forest Avenue STE 160, #1076, Chico, CA 95928 and my email address is jamie.decker@coastalaegislaw.com.

On July 9, 2026, I served the following documents on all interested parties in this action by placing a true copy thereof in the manner and at the addresses indicated below:

BY MAIL (CERTIFIED AND FIRST CLASS): I am readily familiar with the practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing by LetterStream, a printing and mailing company that sends mail via the U.S. Postal Service. I transmitted a PDF version of the documents noted below to LetterStream on July 9, 2026 for printing and mailing in the ordinary course of business to the names and addresses on the attached service list. The printed correspondence will be deposited by LetterStream in the mail with the U.S. Postal Service.

Please see attached service lists for recipients sent by Certified and First-Class Mail.

Contents mailed: NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; Recipients designated on the service list as “Certified Mail” also received THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY.

BY ELECTRONIC MAIL: I transmitted a PDF version of the documents noted below via email to the email address(es) indicated on the attached service list on the date executed.

Please see attached service list for recipients sent by Electronic Mail.

Contents emailed: NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT.

BY ELECTRONIC UPLOAD: I transmitted a PDF version of the documents noted below to the Office of Attorney General of California via the Proposition 65 File a 60-Day Notice website at <https://oag.ca.gov/prop65/add-60-day-notice> on the date executed.

Contents uploaded: NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT; CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORTING EVIDENCE FOR CERTIFICATE OF MERIT.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 9, 2026 at Oroville, California.

Jamie Decker

Jamie Decker

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