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60 DAY NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 25249.5 ET ESQ. (PROPOSITION 65)

November 9, 2026

Galen T. Conte, President
Gerb's Pumpkin Seed Company
92 Allendale Avenue
Johnston, RI 02919

Gerb's Pumpkin Seed Company
c/o Joseph M. Bassi, Esq., Reg. Agent
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Providence, RI 02903

CC: California Attorney General's Office;
District Attorney's Offices for All California Counties; and
City Attorneys for San Francisco, San Diego, San Jose, Sacramento, and Los Angeles

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I. INTRODUCTION

Consumer Protection Group, LLC ("CPG") is the noticing entity, acting in the interest of the general public. It seeks to reduce or eliminate the presence of hazardous substances in consumer products sold in California, and to ensure that California consumers are aware of the presence of such substances in consumer goods so that they can make an educated effort to limit their own exposure where deemed necessary.

This Notice is provided to the public agencies listed above pursuant to California Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.6, *et seq.* ("Proposition 65"). As noted above, notice is provided to the violator – Gerb's Pumpkin Seed Company (the "Violator"). The violations covered by this Notice consist of the product exposures, routes of exposure, and type of harm potentially resulting from exposure to the toxic chemical ("listed chemical") identified as follows:

Product Exposures:	Roasted Sunflower Kernels - Lightly Sea Salted
Chemical:	Cadmium and Cadmium Compounds
Routes of Exposure:	Ingestion and Dermal Absorption
Types of Harm:	Cancer and Reproductive Toxicity

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II. PRODUCT AND TIME OF VIOLATIONS

The specific type of product that is causing consumer exposures in violations of Proposition 65, and that is covered by this Notice which includes but is not limited to: “Gerbs Allergy Friendly Foods” “Roasted Sunflower Kernels Lightly Sea Salted” “All Non-GMO” “Dedicated Facility” “14 Free” “Ingredients: Roasted Sunflower Kernels, Sea Salt.” “Product Of United States” “Roasted & Packaged On Dedicated Equipment By The Conte Brothers At Gerbs Allergy Friendly Foods 92 Allendale Avenue, Johnston, Rhode Island 02919” “WWW.MYGERBS.COM” “SKU: SK/099-14oz” “Best Before: 04/01/27” “Net Wt. - 14oz.” “Lot: SK9946092” (“Sunflower Kernels”)

Ongoing violations have occurred each day between November 9, 2026, and November 9, 2026, as well as every day since the products were introduced for sale in California. These violations will continue until clear and reasonable warnings are provided prior to exposure of the identified chemical. The method of warning should be a label on the product itself.

As a result of sales of this product, exposures to the listed chemical have been occurring without clear and reasonable warnings as required by Proposition 65. Without proper warnings regarding the toxic effects of exposures to the listed chemical, California consumers lack the information necessary to make informed decisions on whether and how to eliminate (or reduce) the risk of exposure to the toxic chemical from the reasonably foreseeable use of the products.

California consumers are exposed to the listed chemical by buying, acquiring, or utilizing the products. By way of example but not limitation, direct exposures occur when consumers consume the Sunflower Kernels. The concentration of the chemical present within the Sunflower Kernels constitutes a significant chemical dose exposure to consumers through their use of the Sunflower Kernels. Exposure to the contaminants present within the noticed product may also occur through hand to mouth ingestion under typical and foreseeable use of the Sunflower Kernels.

Per Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27, section 25600.2(g) (2018) the retail seller noticed on this 60-day notice 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.

III. PROPOSITION 65 INFORMATION

For general information concerning the provisions of Proposition 65, please feel free to contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ' s ("OEHHA") Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900. For the Violator' reference, attached is a copy of "Proposition 65: A Summary," which has been prepared by OEHHA.

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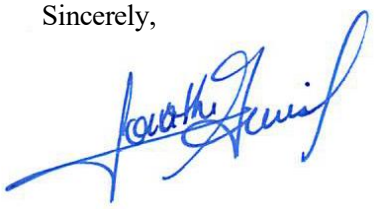
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IV. RESOLUTION OF NOTICED CLAIMS

Consistent with goals of Proposition 65 and a desire to have these violations corrected, CPG is interested in seeking a resolution of this matter that includes a binding written agreement by the Violators to: (1) recall any products already sold, or undertake best efforts to ensure that the requisite health hazard warnings are provide to those who have received such products; (2) reformulate the identified products so as to eliminate further exposures to the identified chemical, or provide appropriate warnings on the labels of these products; and (3) pay an appropriate civil penalty. Such a resolution will prevent further unwarned consumer exposures to the identified chemical, as well as expensive and time-consuming litigation. It should be noted that counsel cannot (1) finalize any settlement until after the 60-day notice period has expired; or (2) speak for the California Attorney General or any District or City Attorney who has received this notice. Therefore, while reaching an agreement with CPG will resolve its claims; such an agreement may not satisfy the public prosecutors.

CPG identifies Ahron Nami as a responsible individual within the entity whose address is PO Box 2305, Huntington Park, CA 90255, and whose phone number is (805) 974-0425, has retained me as legal counsel in this matter. Please direct all questions concerning this notice to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



BLACKSTONE LAW, APC
Jonathan M. Genish, Esq.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

I, Jonathan M. Genish, hereby declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached Sixty-Day Notice in which it is alleged that the parties identified in the Notice have violated Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings;

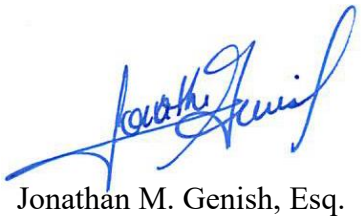
2. I am the attorney for the noticing party;

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 this action;

4. Based on the information obtained through these 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 Violators will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute; and

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 information identified in Health & Safety Code§ 25249.7(11)(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: November 9, 2026



Jonathan M. Genish, Esq.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kevin Vaz, hereby declare:

1. I am, and was at the time of service hereinafter mentioned, a resident of the State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the within action. My business address is 8383 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 745, Beverly Hills, CA 90211.

2. On November 9, 2026, I served the following documents:
   - 60-Day Notice of Violations
   - Certificate of Merit
   - Appendix "A" - "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary", and Appendix "B" – "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): Special Compliance Procedure".
   - Certificate of Service

   on the following party by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the party listed below, and depositing it at a United States Postal Service Office for delivery both by Certified Mail:

Galen T. Conte, President	Gerb's Pumpkin Seed Company
Gerb's Pumpkin Seed Company	c/o Joseph M. Bassi, Esq., Reg. Agent
92 Allendale Avenue	100 Westminster Street Suite 710
Johnston, RI 02919	Providence, RI 02903

3. On November 9, 2026, I served the following documents:
   - 60-Day Notice of Violations
   - Certificate of Merit: Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7 (d)
   - Certificate of Merit (Attorney General Copy): Factual information sufficient to establish the basis of the certificate of merit sent only to the office of the California Attorney General via link at oag.ca.gov/prop65
   - Certificate of Service

4. On November 9, 2026, I served the following documents:
   - 60-Day Notice of Violations
   - Certificate of Merit
   - Certificate of Service

   on each of the following parties by causing a true and correct .PDF copy thereof to be sent via electronic mail to the party listed below, pursuant to Cal. Code Regs., title. 27, § 25903(c)(l):

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I also sent the above to the following parties mentioned on the service list attached hereto by placing a true and correct .PDF copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties on the service list attached hereto, and depositing it at a United States Postal Service Office for delivery by First Class Mail.

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

Dated: November 9, 2026

Kevin Vaz

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