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10	UNLIMITED CIVIL JURISDICTION		
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13	JOHN MOORE,	Case No. CIV-1101222	
14	Plaintiff,		
15	v.	[PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT AS TO DEFENDANT DURALEE FABRICS,	
16	DURALEE FABRICS, LTD.; and DOES 1	LTD.	
17	through 150, inclusive,		
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## 1. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

#### 1.1 <u>John Moore and Duralee Fabrics, Ltd.</u>

This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between plaintiff John Moore (hereinafter "Moore" or "Plaintiff") and defendant Duralee Fabrics, Ltd. (hereinafter "Duralee" or "Defendant"), with Plaintiff and Defendant collectively referred to as the "Parties" and each individually referred to as a "Party."

#### 1.2 Plaintiff

Moore is an individual residing in California who seeks to promote awareness of exposure to toxic chemicals and improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances in consumer products.

#### 1.3 <u>Defendant</u>

Duralee employs ten or more persons and is a person in the course of doing business for purposes of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health & Safety Code §25249.6 *et seq.* (hereinafter "Proposition 65").

#### 1.4 General Allegations

Moore alleges that Duralee manufactured, distributed and/or sold faux leather fabric containing di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (hereinafter "DEHP" or the "Listed Chemical") in the State of California without the requisite health hazard warnings. DEHP is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as known to the State of California to cause birth defects and other reproductive harm.

#### 1.5 Product Description

The products that are covered by this Consent Judgment are defined as follows: faux leather fabric containing DEHP identified in Exhibit A and which Defendant manufactured, distributed, and/or sold in the State of California. All such faux leather fabric containing DEHP are referred to hereinafter as the "Products."

#### **1.6** Notices of Violation

On October 29, 2010, Moore served Duralee and various public enforcement agencies with a document entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" (hereinafter "Notice") that provided

Duralee and public enforcers with notice of alleged violations of California Health & Safety Code §25249.6 for failing to warn consumers that the Products exposed users in California to DEHP.

#### 1.7 **Complaint**

On March 8, 2011, Moore, who was and is acting in the interest of the general public in California, filed a complaint (hereinafter "Complaint" or "Action") in the Superior Court in and for the County of Marin against Duralee Fabrics, Ltd., and Does 1 through 150, alleging violations of California Health & Safety Code §25249.6 based on the alleged exposures to DEHP contained in the Products.

#### 1.8 No Admission

Duralee denies the material factual and legal allegations contained in Moore's Notice and Complaint, and maintains that all Products sold and distributed in California have been and are in compliance with all laws. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission by Duralee of any fact, finding, issue of law, or violation of law; nor shall compliance with this Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by Duralee of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law, such being specifically denied by Duralee. However, this section shall not diminish or otherwise affect Duralee's obligations, responsibilities, and duties under this Consent Judgment.

#### 1.9 Consent to Jurisdiction

For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over Duralee as to the allegations contained in the Complaint, that venue is proper in the County of Marin, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter and enforce the provisions of this Consent Judgment.

#### **1.10** Effective Date

For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term "Effective Date" shall mean November 30, 2011.

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#### 2. <u>INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: WARNINGS AND REFORMULATION</u>

#### 2.1 Product Warnings

As of the Effective Date, Duralee shall provide clear and reasonable warnings, as set forth in subsection 2.1(a) below, with respect to all Products shipped, sold, or offered for sale in California. Each warning shall be prominently placed with such conspicuousness as compared with other words, statements, designs, or devices as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions before purchase or use. Each warning shall be provided in a manner such that the consumer or user understands to which *specific* Product the warning applies, so as to minimize the risk of consumer confusion.

(a) **Product Labeling.** Duralee shall affix a warning to the packaging, labeling, or directly on each Product sold to customers in California, including a statement in its sample books sent to its trade stores, containing either of the following language alternatives:

**WARNING:** This product contains chemicals, including DEHP, known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects (or other

reproductive harm).

or

**WARNING:** This product contains DEHP, a chemical

known to the State of California to cause birth

defects and other reproductive harm.

#### 2.2 Exceptions To Warning Requirements

The warning requirements set forth in Section 2.1 shall not apply to any Product shipped, distributed or sold by Duralee in California prior to the Effective Date.

### 3. PENALTIES PURSUANT TO HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.7(b)

In settlement of all the claims referred to in this Consent Judgment against it, Duralee shall be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$12,000, which shall be made in two separate installments of \$4,000 and \$8,000, to be apportioned in accordance with California Health & Safety Code § 25249.12(c)(1) and (d), with 75% of these funds remitted to the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the remaining 25% of these

penalty monies remitted to Moore, as provided by California Health & Safety Code § 25249.12(d). Duralee shall issue two separate checks for each penalty payment: (a) one check for each penalty payment made payable to "The Chanler Group in Trust for the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment" in amounts of \$3,000 and \$6,000, for the first and second payment of civil fines, respectively, representing 75% of the total penalty; and (b) one check for each penalty payment to "The Chanler Group in Trust for John Moore" in amounts of \$1,000 and \$2,000, for the first and second payment of civil fines, respectively, representing 25% of the total penalty. Separate 1099s shall be issued for each of the above payments. Two separate 1099's, one 1099 for each of the civil penalty payments, shall be issued to the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, P.O. Box 4010, Sacramento, CA 95814 (EIN: 68-0284486), and two separate 1099's, one 1099 for each of the civil penalty payments, shall be issued to Moore, whose address and tax identification number shall be furnished, upon request, at least five (5) calendar days before the payment is due. The first and second payment of civil fines shall be delivered to Moore's counsel on or before October 15, 2011, and July 31, 2012, respectively, at the following address:

The Chanler Group Attn: Proposition 65 Controller 2560 Ninth Street Parker Plaza, Suite 214 Berkeley, CA 94710

The second payment of civil fines, however, shall be waived in its entirety if an officer of Duralee certifies in writing that, as of July 1, 2012, Products to be sold in California are reformulated so the Products contain less than or equal to 1,000 parts per million (0.1%) of the Listed Chemical when analyzed pursuant to Environmental Protection Agency testing methodologies 3580A and 8270C and that Duralee will only sell, in California, Products that are so reformulated for at least the next two years following July 1, 2012. Such certification must be received by The Chanler Group on or before July 15, 2012 in order for the waiver to apply.

#### 4. REIMBURSEMENT OF FEES AND COSTS

Moore and his counsel offered to resolve this dispute without reaching terms on the amount of fees and costs to be reimbursed to them, thereby leaving this fee issue to be resolved

after the material terms of the agreement had been settled. However, Duralee stated its desire to have the fees negotiated along with the rest of the settlement. The parties then reached an accord on the compensation due to Moore and his counsel under general contract principles and the private attorney general doctrine codified at California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5, for all work performed through the mutual execution of this agreement and approval by the trial court, excluding any fees on appeal. Duralee shall pay Moore and his counsel a total of \$38,700 for fees and costs incurred as a result of investigating, bringing this matter to Duralee's attention, and litigating and negotiating a settlement in the public interest. These fees and costs include those that will be reasonably incurred in the future to support entry of this agreement including, but not limited to, fulfilling reporting requirements, filing a motion to approve, providing notice of entry of judgment and such other activities as may be necessary. Moore estimates that he will incur \$13,500 in future fees and costs associated with this matter.

Payment shall be delivered to Moore's counsel on or before October 15, 2011, at the following address:

The Chanler Group Attn: Proposition 65 Controller 2560 Ninth Street Parker Plaza, Suite 214 Berkeley, CA 94710-2565

Except as specifically provided above, each Party shall bear its own costs and attorney's fees in connection with this action.

#### 5. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

#### 5.1 Full, Final and Binding Resolution of Proposition 65 Allegations

This Consent Judgment is a full, final and binding resolution between Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and the public, and Defendant, of any violation of Proposition 65 that was or could have been asserted by Plaintiff against Defendant, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities that are under common ownership, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, and each entity to whom Defendant directly or indirectly distributes or sells Products, including but not limited to downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members,

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licensors, and licensees ("Releasees"), based on their failure to warn about alleged exposures to the Listed Chemical contained in the Products that were sold by Defendant.

#### 5.2 Plaintiff's Release of Defendant

In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, and for the payments to be made pursuant to Sections 3 and 4, Moore on behalf of himself, his past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, and in the interest of the general public pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(d), hereby waives all rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action and releases all claims, including, without limitation, all actions, and causes of action, in law or in equity, suits, liabilities, demands, obligations, damages, costs, fines, penalties, losses, or expenses (including, but not limited to, investigation fees, expert fees, and attorney's fees) of any nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, fixed or contingent (collectively "claims"), against Duralee and each of its wholesalers, licensors, licensees, auctioneers, retailers, distributors, franchisees, dealers, customers, owners, purchasers, users, parent companies, corporate affiliates, subsidiaries, and their respective officers, directors, attorneys, representatives, shareholders, agents, and employees, and sister and parent entities (collectively "Releasees"), for any violation of Proposition 65, or any other statutory or common law claims that have been or could have been asserted in the Complaint against Duralee for Duralee's alleged failure to provide clear and reasonable warnings of exposure to the Listed Chemical contained in the Products or any other claim based on the facts or conduct alleged in the Complaint as to such Products.

Moore in his individual capacity on behalf of himself, his past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, and successors and/or assigns, and not his representative capacity, hereby waives all rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action and releases all claims which he now has or may have in the future against Duralee, irrespective of the subject matter, of all character, kind and nature, whether said claims are known or unknown or are suspected or unsuspected and Moore expressly waives any and all rights and benefits which he now has, or in the future may have, under California Civil Code § 1542, which

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.

#### 5.3 Defendant's Release of Plaintiff

Duralee on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against Moore, his attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made (or those that could have been taken or made) by Moore and his attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of investigating claims or otherwise seeking to enforce Proposition 65 against it in this matter with respect to the Products.

#### 6. COURT APPROVAL

This Consent Judgment is not effective until it is approved and entered by the court and shall be null and void if, for any reason, it is not approved and entered by the court within one year after it has been fully executed by all Parties, in which event any monies that have been provided to Moore or his counsel pursuant to Section 3 and/or Section 4 above, shall be refunded within fifteen (15) days after receiving written notice from Duralee that the one-year period has expired.

#### 7. SEVERABILITY

If, subsequent to the execution of this Consent Judgment, any of the provisions of this Consent Judgment are found by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the enforceable provisions remaining shall not be adversely affected.

#### 8. GOVERNING LAW

The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and apply within the State of California. In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed or is otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or as to the Products, then Duralee shall provide written notice to Moore of any asserted change in the law, and shall have

no further obligations pursuant to this Consent Judgment with respect to, and to the extent that, the Products are so affected.

#### 9. NOTICES

Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notices required to be provided pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be in writing and personally delivered or sent by: (i) first-class, (registered or certified mail) return receipt requested; or (ii) overnight courier on any Party by the other Party at the following addresses:

To Duralee:

Lee Silberman, Executive Vice President Duralee Fabrics, Ltd. 1775 Fifth Avenue Bay Shore, NY 11706

With a copy to:

Kathryn H. Edwards Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP 405 Howard Street San Francisco, CA 94105

To Moore:

Proposition 65 Coordinator The Chanler Group 2560 Ninth Street Parker Plaza, Suite 214 Berkeley, CA 94710-2565

Any Party, from time to time, may specify in writing to the other Party a change of address to which all notices and other communications shall be sent.

#### 10. COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same document.

#### 11. COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(f)

Moore agrees to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced in California Health & Safety Code §25249.7(f).

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#### 12. ADDITIONAL POST-EXECUTION ACTIVITIES

The Parties agree to mutually employ their, and their counsel's, reasonable best efforts to support the entry of this agreement as a Consent Judgment and obtain approval of the Consent Judgment by the Court in a timely manner. The Parties acknowledge that, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 25249.7, a noticed motion is required to obtain judicial approval of this Consent Judgment, which Moore shall file, and which Duralee shall not oppose. If any third party objection to the noticed motion is filed, Moore and Duralee shall work together to file a joint reply and appear at any hearing before the Court. If the Superior Court does not approves the motion to approve this Consent Judgment, and the Parties choose not to pursue a modified Consent Judgment within 30 days of said denial, or in the event that the Superior Court approve this Consent Judgment and any person successfully appeals that approval, all payments made pursuant to this Consent Judgment will be returned to Duralee.

#### 13. MODIFICATION

This Consent Judgment may be modified only: (1) by written agreement of the Parties and upon entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court thereon; or (2) upon a successful motion of any party and entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court. The Attorney General shall be served with notice of any proposed modification to this Consent Judgment at least fifteen (15) days in advance of its consideration by the Court. Moore shall be entitled to his reasonable fees and costs incurred in the modification process under CCP §1021.5 if Duralee seeks to modify the terms of this Consent Judgment.

#### 14. AUTHORIZATION

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The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment on behalf of their respective parties and have read, understood, and agree to all of the terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment.

AGREED TO:

Date: September 26, 2011 Date: September 22, 201/

By: Plaintiff JOHN MOORE

AGREED TO:

Date: September 22, 201/

By: Defendant DURALEE FABRICS, LTD.

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**EXHIBIT A** 

Suburban Home Embroidered Faux Leather, including the following patterns and colors:

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