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11	GENTEED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH G. N. GGG 12 526206
12	CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH,) Case No. CGC-12-526396
13	Plaintiff, (PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT AS TO KOREAN FARM, INC., OTO'S
14	JAPAN FOOD, INC., RHEE BROS., INC. AND FALCON TRADING
15	FAYEON DISTRIBUTORS, INC., et al., COMPANY
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17	Defendants.)
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22	1. INTRODUCTION
23	1.1 The Parties to this Consent Judgment are the Center For Environmental Health, a
24	California non-profit corporation ("CEH"), and the companies listed on Exhibit A (collectively,
25	the "Settling Defendants"). The Parties enter into this Consent Judgment to settle certain claims
26	asserted by CEH against Settling Defendants as set forth in the operative complaint ("Complaint")
27	in the above-captioned matter. This Consent Judgment covers the lead content of ginger snack
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foods ("Covered Products") sold or offered for sale by Settling Defendants.

- 1.2 Beginning on September 14, 2012, CEH served multiple 60-day Notices of Violation under Proposition 65, alleging that Settling Defendants violated Proposition 65 by exposing persons to lead and lead compounds ("Lead") contained in Covered Products without first providing a clear and reasonable Proposition 65 warning.
- 1.3 Each Settling Defendant is a corporation that manufactures, distributes, sells or offers for sale Covered Products that are offered for sale in the State of California or has done so in the past.
- 1.4 On November 27, 2012, CEH filed the original Complaint in this matter. On December 20, 2012, CEH filed the operative First Amended Complaint in this matter. The First Amended Complaint has since been amended to add additional named defendants.
- 1.5 For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, CEH and Settling Defendants (the "Parties") stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the Complaint and personal jurisdiction over Settling Defendants as to the acts alleged in the Complaint, that venue is proper in the County of San Francisco, and that this Court has jurisdiction to enter this Consent Judgment as a full and final resolution of all claims which were or could have been raised in the Complaint based on the facts alleged therein with respect to Covered Products manufactured, distributed, and/or sold by Settling Defendants.
- 1.6 Nothing in this Consent Judgment is or shall be construed as an admission by the Parties of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law or violation of law, nor shall compliance with the Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by the Parties of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall prejudice, waive or impair any right, remedy, argument or defense the Parties may have in any other pending or future legal proceedings. This Consent Judgment is the product of negotiation and compromise and is accepted by the Parties solely for purposes of settling, compromising, and resolving issues disputed in this Action.

2. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

2.1 Specification Compliance Date. To the extent it has not already done so, no more
than fifteen days after the date of entry of this Consent Judgment ("Effective Date"), each Settling
Defendant that has sold Covered Products that were offered for sale in California in the past and
that purchases Covered Products from a third party shall provide the reformulation specification
set forth in Section 2.2 to each of such Covered Products suppliers and shall instruct each such
Covered Products supplier to provide it with Covered Products that comply with the reformulation
specification set forth in Section 2.2. If in the future such a Settling Defendant purchases Covered
Products from a new third party that it has not previously provided with instructions regarding the
reformulation specification set forth in Section 2.2, the Settling Defendant shall provide the
reformulation specification set forth in Section 2.2 prior to placing an initial order for Covered
Products and instruct the new Covered Products supplier to provide it with Covered Products that
comply with the reformulation specification set in Section 2.2. Each Settling Defendant shall
retain records of communications sent to and received from suppliers that are related to the
requirement of this Section 2.1 for a period of five years from the Effective Date.

- 2.2 **Reformulation of Covered Products.** After the Effective Date, Settling Defendants shall not purchase, manufacture, ship, sell or offer for sale any Covered Product that will be offered for sale in California that that contains a concentration of more than seventeen (17) parts per billion ("ppb") Lead by weight, such concentration to be determined by use of a test performed by an accredited laboratory using inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) equipment with a level of detection of at least ten (10) ppb that meets standard laboratory QA/QC requirements (the "Reformulation Level"). Subject to Section 7 below, no allocation is made for naturally occurring Lead in food pursuant to 27 Cal. Code of Regs. § 25501.
- 2.3 **Market Withdrawal of Covered Products.** On or before the Effective Date and only to the extent not already done, each Settling Defendant shall: (i) cease shipping the specific Covered Products identified on the part of Exhibit A that relates to that Settling Defendant (the "Noticed Covered Products") to stores and/or customers in California; (ii) withdraw the Noticed

Covered Products from the market in California; and (iii) send instructions to any of their stores and/or customers that continue to offer the Noticed Covered Products for sale in California to cease offering such Noticed Covered Products for sale and to either return all Noticed Covered Products to Settling Defendants for destruction, or to directly destroy the Noticed Covered Products. Any destruction of the Noticed Covered Products shall be in compliance with all applicable laws. Settling Defendants shall keep and make available to CEH for inspection and copying records and correspondence regarding the market withdrawal and destruction of the Noticed Covered Products. If there is a dispute over the corrective action, the Parties shall meet and confer before seeking any remedy in court.

2.4 **Supplier and Product Information.** Upon execution of this Consent Judgment and only to the extent not already done, each Settling Defendant shall provide full and complete information and supporting documentation as to each Covered Product as further specified on Exhibit B. Such information shall be provided and attested to under oath by an authorized officer of each such Settling Defendant. Each Settling Defendant shall cooperate and work in good faith to promptly answer any follow-up questions or requests for supporting documentation from CEH about the information and documents to be provided pursuant to this section.

3. ENFORCEMENT

3.1 **Enforcement Procedures**. Prior to bringing any motion or order to show cause to enforce the terms of this Consent Judgment, a Party seeking to enforce shall provide the violating party thirty (30) days advanced written notice of the alleged violation. The Parties shall meet and confer during such thirty (30) day period in an effort to try to reach agreement on an appropriate cure for the alleged violation absent Court intervention. After such thirty (30) day period, the Party seeking to enforce may, by new action, motion or order to show cause before the Superior Court of San Francisco, seek to enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Consent Judgment.

4. PAYMENTS

4.1 **Payments by Settling Defendants.** Within five (5) days of the entry of this

Defendant on Exhibit A as "Civil Penalty CEH Portion" shall be made payable to the Center For Environmental Health and associated with taxpayer identification number 94-3251981. This payment shall be delivered to Lexington Law Group, 503 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, CA 94117.

- 4.2.2 A payment in lieu of civil penalty to CEH pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b), and California Code of Regulations, Title 11, § 3203(b). CEH shall use such funds to continue its work educating and protecting people from exposures to toxic chemicals, including heavy metals. In addition, as part of its Community Environmental Action and Justice Fund, CEH will use four percent of such funds to award grants to grassroots environmental justice groups working to educate and protect people from exposures to toxic chemicals. The method of selection of such groups can be found at the CEH web site at www.ceh.org/justicefund. The payment pursuant to this Section shall be made payable to the Center For Environmental Health and associated with taxpayer identification number 94-3251981.
- 4.2.3 A reimbursement of a portion of CEH's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. The attorneys' fees and cost reimbursement check shall be made payable to the Lexington Law Group and associated with taxpayer identification number 94-3317175. This payment shall be delivered to Lexington Law Group, 503 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, CA 94117.

5. MODIFICATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 5.1 **Modification.** This Consent Judgment may be modified from time to time by express written agreement of the Parties, with the approval of the Court, or by an order of this Court upon motion and in accordance with law.
- 5.2 **Notice; Meet and Confer.** Any Party seeking to modify this Consent Judgment shall attempt in good faith to meet and confer with all affected Parties prior to filing a motion to modify the Consent Judgment.

6. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASE

6.1 This Consent Judgment is a full, final and binding resolution between CEH on behalf of itself and the public interest and each Settling Defendant, and their parents, subsidiaries,

affiliated entities that are under common ownership, directors, officers, employees, and attorneys ("Defendant Releasees"), and all entities, other than those listed on Exhibit C, to which a Settling Defendant distributes or sells Covered Products, including but not limited to distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, licensors and licensees ("Downstream Defendant Releasees"), of any violation of Proposition 65 based on failure to warn about alleged exposure to Lead contained in Covered Products that were sold by a Settling Defendant prior to the Effective Date.

- 6.2 CEH, for itself releases, waives, and forever discharges any and all claims against each Settling Defendant, Defendant Releasees, and Downstream Defendant Releasees arising from any violation of Proposition 65 or any other statutory or common law claims that have been or could have been asserted in the public interest regarding the failure to warn about exposure to Lead arising in connection with Covered Products manufactured, distributed or sold by a Settling Defendant prior to the Effective Date.
- 6.3 Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment by a Settling Defendant and that Settling Defendant's Defendant Releasees shall constitute compliance with Proposition 65 by such Settling Defendant, that Settling Defendant's Defendant Releasees and that Settling Defendant's Downstream Defendant Releasees with respect to any alleged failure to warn about Lead in Covered Products manufactured, distributed or sold by that Settling Defendant after the Effective Date.

7. EFFECT OF SUBSEQUENT SETTLEMENTS

7.1 The parties contemplate that future Consent Judgments entered with other defendants including farmers, processors and manufacturers may involve a higher Reformulation Level due to an allocation of Lead that is naturally occurring under 27 Cal. Code Regs. § 22501. This higher Reformulation Level may also include additional injunctive requirements that will ensure that the Lead in the Covered Products is not avoidable by good agricultural or good manufacturing practices and that the producer, manufacturer, distributor, or holder of the food is at all times utilizing quality control measures that reduce natural occurring Lead to the lowest level

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currently feasible, as such term is defined in 27 Cal. Code Regs. § 22501.

7.2 Accordingly, if on or before January 1, 2019, the Court enters a Judgment or a Consent Judgment to which CEH is a party that resolves Proposition 65 claims asserted by CEH regarding failure to warn about Lead in Covered Products that: (i) sets forth a Reformulation Level containing an allocation of Lead that is naturally occurring under 27 Cal. Code Regs. §22501; or (ii) includes injunctive relief designed to ensure that the Lead in the Covered Products is not avoidable by good agricultural or good manufacturing practices and that the producer, manufacturer, distributor, or holder of the food is at all times utilizing quality control measures that reduce natural occurring Lead to the "lowest level currently feasible" as such term is defined in 27 Cal. Code Regs. §22501; or (iii) a combination of both, then a Settling Defendant may move the Court to modify the Reformulation Level in this Consent Judgment so that it is consistent with the reformulation requirement of such future Judgment or Consent Judgment. Prior to filing any such Motion the parties shall meet and confer in an attempt to agree on specific language regarding the modification pursuant to this Section. To the extent a Settling Defendant is a retailer or otherwise not involved in the farming, manufacture or processing of Covered Products, the modification may require that the Settling Defendant only purchase Covered Products from entities that comply with the injunctive requirements of such future Judgment or Consent Judgment. If the parties are unable to agree on specific language the Settling Defendant shall inform the Court of both parties position in the papers filed in support of the Motion to Modify this Consent Judgment.

8. PROVISION OF NOTICE

8.1 When CEH is entitled to receive any notice under this Consent Judgment, the notice shall be sent by first class and electronic mail to:

Eric S. Somers Lexington Law Group 503 Divisadero Street San Francisco, CA 94117 esomers@lexlawgroup.com

8.2 When a Settling Defendant is entitled to receive any notice under this Consent

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Judgment, the notice shall be sent by first class and electronic mail to the person(s) identified in Exhibit A for each such Settling Defendant.

8.3 Any Party may modify the person and address to whom the notice is to be sent by sending the other Party notice by first class and electronic mail.

9. COURT APPROVAL

- 9.1 This Consent Judgment shall become effective on the Effective Date, provided however, that CEH shall prepare and file a Motion for Approval of this Consent Judgment and Settling Defendants shall support approval of such Motion.
- 9.2 If this Consent Judgment is not entered by the Court, it shall be of no force or effect and shall not be introduced into evidence or otherwise used in any proceeding for any purpose.

10. GOVERNING LAW AND CONSTRUCTION

10.1 The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of California.

11. ATTORNEYS' FEES

- 11.1 A Party who unsuccessfully brings or contests an action arising out of this Consent Judgment shall be required to pay the prevailing Party's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs unless the unsuccessful Party has acted with substantial justification. For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term substantial justification shall carry the same meaning as used in the Civil Discovery Act of 1986, Code of Civil Procedure §§ 2016.010, *et seq*.
- 11.2 Notwithstanding Section 11.1, a Party who prevails in a contested enforcement action brought pursuant to Section 3 may seek an award of attorneys' fees pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure §1021.5 against a Party that acted with substantial justification. The Party seeking such an award shall bear the burden of meeting all of the elements of §1021.5, and this provision shall not be construed as altering any procedural or substantive requirements for obtaining such an award.
- 11.3 Nothing in this Section 11 shall preclude a party from seeking an award of sanctions pursuant to law.

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12. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

12.1 This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter hereof, and any and all prior discussions, negotiations, commitments, or understandings related thereto, if any, are hereby merged herein and therein. There are no warranties, representations, or other agreements between the Parties except as expressly set forth herein. No representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, other than those specifically referred to in this Consent Judgment have been made by any Party hereto. No other agreements not specifically contained or referenced herein, oral or otherwise, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the Parties hereto. Any agreements specifically contained or referenced herein, oral or otherwise, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the Parties hereto only to the extent that they are expressly incorporated herein. No supplementation, modification, waiver, or termination of this Consent Judgment shall be binding unless executed in writing by the Party to be bound thereby. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Consent Judgment shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any of the other provisions hereof whether or not similar, nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

13. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

13.1 This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to implement or modify the Consent Judgment.

14. AUTHORITY TO STIPULATE TO CONSENT JUDGMENT

14.1 Each signatory to this Consent Judgment certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the Party he or she represents to stipulate to this Consent Judgment and to enter into and execute the Consent Judgment on behalf of the Party represented and legally to bind that Party.

15. NO EFFECT ON OTHER SETTLEMENTS

15.1 Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall preclude CEH from resolving any claim against an entity that is not a Settling Defendant on terms that are different than those contained in this Consent Judgment.

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1		EXHIBIT A Settling Defendants	
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3	Settlin	ling Defendant: Oto's Japan Food, Inc.	
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5	1.	1. Covered Product(s) To Be Withdrawn From Market	("Noticed Covered Products"):
6		Sugar Candy (Shoga Kokuto) SKU No. 4-530171-00117	0
7		A Taste Of Maui Crystalized Ginger SKU No. 0-08124-1	10255-6
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9	2.	2. Defendant's Settlement Payment and Allocation:	
10		Total Settlement Payment \$ 30,000	
11		Civil Penalty OEHHA Portion \$ 2,850	
12		Civil Penalty CEH Portion \$ 950	
13		Payment in Lieu of Civil Penalty \$ 5,700	
14		Attorneys' Fees and Costs \$ 19,500	
15		Sanctions Payment ¹ \$ 1,000	
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17	3.	3. Person(s) to Receive Notices Pursuant to Section 8:	
18		Victor Otten Otten Law, PC	
19		3620 Pacific Coast Highway #100 Torrance, CA 90505	
20		Email: vic@ottenlawpc.com	
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27		CEH and Oto's agree that the \$1,000 sanction payment is in full satit's July 14, 2014 Order Granting CEH's Motion to Compel. This sanction	ons check shall be made payable to
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3	Settlin	ng Defendant: Korean Farm, Inc. and Rhee Bros., Inc., jointly and severally.
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5	4.	Covered Product(s) To Be Withdrawn From Market ("Noticed Covered Products"):
6		Crystallized Ginger, SKU No. 0-81652-09421-0
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8	5.	Defendant's Settlement Payment and Allocation:
9		Total Settlement Payment \$ 30,000
10		Civil Penalty OEHHA Portion \$ 2,925
11		Civil Penalty CEH Portion \$ 975
12		Payment in Lieu of Civil Penalty \$ 5,900
13		Attorneys' Fees and Costs \$ 20,200
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15	6.	Person(s) to Receive Notices Pursuant to Section 8:
16		David Bolstad Safarian Choi Bolstad LLP
17		555 South Flower Street, Suite 650 Los Angeles, CA 90017
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5	1. Covered Product(s) To Be Withdrawn From Market ("Noticed Covered Products"):
	SunRidge Farms Bulk Crystalized Ginger
6	Ginger Chunks Crystallized
7	Ginger Diced Crystallized Ginger Chunks Crystallized, Cane Sweet, Organic
8	SunRidge Tubs-Ginger, Crystallized SunRidge Fruit-Ginger, Crystallized
9	SunRidge Fruit-Ginger, Crystallized, Organic
10	1. Defendant's Settlement Payment and Allocation:
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12	Total Settlement Payment \$ 45,000
13	Civil Penalty OEHHA Portion \$ 4,425
14	Civil Penalty CEH Portion \$ 1,475
15	Payment in Lieu of Civil Penalty \$ 8,850
16	Attorneys' Fees and Costs \$ 30,250
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18	2. Person(s) to Receive Notices Pursuant to Section 8:
19	Corrie L. Plant Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP
20	725 South Figueroa Street, Suite 2800
21	Los Angeles, CA 90017-5406 <u>corrie.plant@pillsburylaw.com</u>
22	Ronald Giannini
23	Falcon Trading Company, Inc.
24	423 Salinas Road Royal Oaks, CA 95076
25	rgiannini@sunridgefarms.com
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1 **EXHIBIT B** 2 **Product and Supplier Information** For each Covered Product sold by your company in the two years prior to the Effective Date, please 3 provide the following information and documents: 4 1. Covered Product name. 5 2. Covered Product Description. 3. SKU or UPC number. 6 4. Name, address, contact person, phone, e-mail and web site of the company from which each 7 Covered Product was purchased. 8 5. Name, address, contact person, phone, e-mail and web site of importer or distributor. 6. Name, address, contact person, phone, e-mail and web site of product manufacturer. 9 7. Name, address, contact person, phone, e-mail and web site of any other know entity in the 10 upstream chain of distribution. 8. Date and number of units ordered for each order of a Covered Product purchased from the date 11 two years prior to the Effective Date to the Effective Date. Please attach copies of each Purchase Order or other documentation from each sale. 12 9. Units of each Covered Product sold from the date two years prior to the Effective Date to the 13 Effective Date. 10. Indicate if any Proposition 65 warnings were provided with each of the Covered Products and if 14 so, provide a copy of such warning. 15 11. Identify the country of origin of each Covered Product. 16 12. Identify and attach any test results in your possession for any of the Covered Products. 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

EXHIBIT C 1 (LIST OF ENTITIES NOT SUBJECT 2 TO DOWNSTREAM DEFENDANT RELEASE) 3 List of non-settling defendants that have received 4 60-Day Notices re lead in Covered Products from CEH 5 ACH Food Companies, Inc. 6 Amazon.com, Inc. 7 American Roland Food Corporation 8 B & V Enterprises, Inc. 9 **Buderim Ginger Limited** 10 Cost Plus, Inc. 11 Dakota Brothers, Inc. 12 Euromarket Designs, Inc. 13 Frieda's, Inc. 14 Foodnet Supermarkets, Inc. 15 Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market Inc. 16 Garden Grove Superstore Inc. 17 Goldstar Supermarket 18 Island Pacific Supermarkets, Inc. 19 Kam Lee Yuen Trading Co., Inc. 20 Longchamp Corporation dba Lion Supermarket 21 Marra Bros. Dist., Inc. 22 Mrs. Gooch's Natural Food Markets, Inc. 23 Nature's World LLC 24 PANOS Brands, LLC 25 Reed's, Inc. 26 Roxy Trading Inc.

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Safeway Inc.

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4	Shun Fat Supermarket, Inc.
5	Sincerely Nuts, Inc.
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7	Tawa Supermarket, Inc.
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