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REPORT OF SETTLEMENT

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| PARTIES TO THE ACTION | PLAINTIFF(S) Shefa LMV Inc. | | | |
| | DEFENDANT(S) INVOLVED IN SETTLEMENT 3M Company | | | |
| CASE INFO | COURT DOCKET NUMBER BC650959 | | COURT NAME Los Angeles County Superior Court | |
| | SHORT CASE NAME Shefa v. 3M Company | | | |
| REPORT INFO | INJUNCTIVE RELIEF Reformulation and/or Warning label | | | |
| | PAYMENT: CIVIL PENALTY \$2,000 | PAYMENT: ATTORNEYS FEES \$23,000 | PAYMENT: OTHER 0.00 | |
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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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| SHEFA LMV, INC., |) | Case No.: BC650959 |
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| Plaintiff, |) | <i>Assigned to the Hon. Marc Marmaro</i> |
| |) | <i>Department 37</i> |
| vs. |) | |
| |) | [PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT |
| |) | BETWEEN PLAINTIFF SHEFA LMV, |
| 3M COMPANY, et al., |) | INC. AND DEFENDANT 3M |
| |) | COMPANY |
| Defendants. |) | |
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1 **1. DEFINITIONS**

2 1.1 The products covered by this Consent Judgment shall be designated “Covered
3 Product.”

4 1.2 “Covered Product” is defined as metal polish, such as 3M Marine Metal
5 Restorer and Polish; UPC: 051131090194, as described in Plaintiff’s February 24, 2016 60-
6 Day Notice.

7 1.3 The term “Effective Date” means the date the Los Angeles County Superior
8 Court approves this Consent Judgment.

9 1.4 The term “Proposition 65” means California Health and Safety Code section
10 25249.5 et seq.

11 1.5 The term “Listed Chemical” means lead and lead compounds (Pb).

12 1.6 The terms “Shefa” or “Plaintiff” mean Plaintiff Shefa LMV, Inc.

13 1.7 The term “Defendant” means 3M Company. Plaintiff and Defendant are
14 collectively referred to as the “Parties.”

15 **2. INTRODUCTION**

16 2.1 This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between Plaintiff and
17 Defendant.

18 2.2 Plaintiff is a company residing in California that is acting as a private enforcer
19 pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d).

20 2.3 For purposes of this Consent Judgment, each Defendant employs 10 or more
21 persons and is a person doing business in California for the purpose of Proposition 65.

22 2.4 On or about February 24, 2016, Plaintiff served Defendant, various retailers
23 and various public enforcement agencies with a document entitled “60-Day Notice of
24 Violation” pursuant to Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d) (the “Notice”), alleging that
25 Defendant was in violation of Proposition 65.

26 2.5 The Notice alleges that Defendant manufactured, distributed, and/or offered
27 for sale in California the Covered Product that, during use, exposes consumers to Pb without

1 the requisite Proposition 65 warnings.

2 2.6 Lead and lead compounds (the “Listed Chemical”) are listed pursuant to
3 Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects
4 and other reproductive harm.

5 2.7 The Notice alleges that Defendant’s conduct violates Health & Safety Code
6 §25249.6, the warning provision of Proposition 65.

7 2.8 On February 17, 2017, Plaintiff filed the instant action entitled *Shefa LMV,*
8 *Inc. vs. 3M Company, et al.*, Case No. BC650959, alleging violations of Proposition 65 (the
9 “Action”).

10 2.9 Defendant denies the material, factual, and legal allegations contained in the
11 Notice and Complaint, and maintain that all products sold, distributed, or offered for sale in
12 California have been and are in compliance with all laws, including, without limitation,
13 Proposition 65. Defendant specifically denies that the Covered Product causes an exposure to
14 lead above the safe harbor value when the Covered Product is used for its intended purpose
15 and denies that it is legally obligated to provide warnings for the Covered Product for
16 exposures resulting from the use of the Covered Product.

17 2.10 The Parties enter into this Consent Judgment to resolve all Proposition 65
18 claims concerning the Covered Products.

19 2.11 By executing this Consent Judgment, the Parties do not admit any facts or
20 conclusions or law.

21 2.12 It is the Parties’ intent that nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be
22 construed as an admission by the Parties of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law, or
23 violation of law, nor shall compliance with the Consent Judgment constitute or be construed
24 as an admission by the Parties of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of
25 law.

26 2.13 Upon approval of this Consent Judgment, the Parties waive their respective
27 rights to a hearing or a trial on the allegations of the Complaint.

1 2.14 Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall prejudice, waive, or impair any right,
2 remedy, argument, or defense the Parties may have in any other or future legal proceedings,
3 except as provided in this Consent Judgment.


4 **3. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF -- PRODUCT LABELING**

5 3.1 Except for Covered Products for which current Proposition 65 safe harbor
6 warnings already are provided, 3M shall provide warnings (as described in Paragraph 3.4 of
7 this Consent Judgment) on the Covered Product and its label produced 120 days after the
8 Effective Date. 3M may, at its sole discretion, implement the warning text and/or methods of
9 transmission set forth in Title 27, California Code of Regulations, Sections 25602 and 25603,
10 for the Covered Product as adopted on August 30, 2016 (formally effective on August 30,
11 2018).

12 3.2 Each warning required by Section 3.1 shall be prominently placed upon a
13 product's label or other labeling or displayed at the retail outlet with such conspicuousness, as
14 compared with other words, statements, designs, or devices in the label, labeling or display as to
15 render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions
16 of purchase or use.

17 3.3 Each warning required by Section 3.1 shall be provided in a manner such that the
18 consumer or user understands to which specific Covered Product the warning applies, so as to
19 minimize the risk of consumer confusion.

20 3.4 **Product Labeling.** Subject to Section 3.1, any one of the following warning
21 statements shall be applied to the Products:

- 22 a. “ **WARNING:** This product can expose you to lead, which is known
23 to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other
24 reproductive harm. For more information go to
25 www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.”
- 26 b. “**WARNING:** Always wear gloves while using this product to avoid
27 skin exposure. Wash your hands after use.”

1 c. **“WARNING:** Polishing items, such as brass or pewter, may cause the
2 release of chemicals which are known to the State of California to cause
3 cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.”

4 3.5 Defendant may, but shall not be required to, add specific chemicals to the above
5 warning unless the Attorney General advises that the inclusion of such chemicals would render
6 the warning misleading or constitute over warning.

7 **4. SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS**

8 **4.1** Beginning ten (10) business days of the Effective Date, Settling Defendant shall
9 make the Total Settlement Payment of \$25,000.00 by delivering checks payable to “Shefa LMV,
10 Inc.” and “Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum” as set forth below to counsel for Shefa.

11 **4.2** The funds paid by Settling Defendant shall be allocated as follows:

12 **4.2.1 Civil Penalty.** A civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000.00 payable to
13 “Shefa LMV, Inc.,” pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b),
14 with such money to be apportioned and distributed by Shefa in
15 accordance with Health & Safety Code § 25249.12 as follows: 25% to
16 Shefa and 75% to the State of California's Office of Environmental
17 Health Hazard Assessment.

18 **4.2.2 Attorneys' fees and Costs.** A reimbursement of Shefa's attorney's
19 fees and costs in the amount of \$23,000.00 payable to the “Law Office
20 of Daniel N. Greenbaum.”

21 **5. ENFORCEMENT**

22 Plaintiff, by motion or application for an order to show cause before the Los Angeles
23 County Superior Court, may enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Consent
24 Judgment. Prior to bringing any motion or application to enforce the requirements of Section 3
25 above, Plaintiff shall provide the Defendant with Notice of Violation and a copy of any test
26 results, which purportedly support Plaintiff's Notice of Violation. The Parties shall then meet
27 and confer regarding the basis for Plaintiff's anticipated motion or application to resolve the

1 matter informally, including providing Settling Defendant a reasonable opportunity of at least
2 thirty (30) days to cure any alleged violation. Should such attempt at informal resolution fail,
3 Plaintiff may file its enforcement motion or application. The prevailing party on any motion to
4 enforce this Consent Judgment shall be entitled to its reasonable attorney’s fees and costs
5 incurred because of such motion or application.

6 **6. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED**

7 **6.1 Full and Binding Resolution.** This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and
8 binding resolution between Plaintiff on behalf of itself, and in its representative capacity, its
9 past and current attorneys, agents, representatives, successors, assigns, and in the public
10 interest pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(d), on the one hand,
11 and Defendant, and its parents, shareholders, divisions, subdivisions, subsidiaries, partners,
12 sister companies, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, and any and all
13 successors and assigns (“Defendant Releasees”), all entities to whom Defendant and/or
14 Defendant Releasees directly or indirectly distribute or sell or have in the past directly or
15 indirectly distributed or sold Covered Products, including but not limited to distributors,
16 wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members, marketplace hosts, and
17 Defendant’s and Defendant Releasees’ licensors and licensees (“Downstream Defendant
18 Releasees”), on the other hand, regarding any violation of Proposition 65 that was or could
19 have been asserted in the Notice and/or Complaint against Defendant, Defendant Releasees
20 and Downstream Defendant Releasees, with respect to the alleged failure to warn about any
21 Covered Products, and/or the use of any Covered Products, manufactured, shipped,
22 distributed or sold by Defendant, Defendant Releasees and/or Downstream Defendant
23 Releasees before 3M’s production of Covered Products and labels in compliance with Paragraph
24 3.1 herein. .

25 **6.2 Compliance.** Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment
26 constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to exposures to the Listed Chemical
27 resulting from the use of the Covered Product.

1 **6.3 Individual Release.** In further consideration of the promises and agreements
2 herein contained, the injunctive relief commitments set forth in Section 3, and for the
3 payments to be made pursuant to Section 4, Plaintiff, on behalf of itself, its past and current
4 agents, representatives, attorneys, including but not limited to Daniel Greenbaum, Esq.,
5 successors, and/or assignees and *not* in its representative capacity, hereby waives all rights to
6 institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action and releases all
7 claims, including, without limitation, all actions, and causes of action, in law or in equity,
8 suits, liabilities, demands, obligations, damages, costs, fines, penalties, losses, or expenses
9 (including, but not limited to, investigation fees, expert fees, and attorneys' fees) of any
10 nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, fixed, or contingent (collectively "Claims")
11 that were brought or could have been brought against Defendant, Defendant Releasees and
12 Defendant Downstream Releasees in the Notice and/or Complaint based on claims arising
13 under Proposition 65 with respect to Listed Chemicals in the Covered Product or exposures
14 otherwise resulting from the use of the Covered Product, as such claims relate to the alleged
15 failure to warn under California Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 or arise under any
16 other statutory or common law.

17 **6.4 General Release.** In furtherance of the foregoing, Plaintiff on its own behalf
18 and *not* in its representative capacity, hereby waives any and all rights and benefits which it
19 now has, or in the future may have respecting the Covered Product, conferred upon it with
20 respect to claims involving Covered Product by virtue of the provisions of Section 1542 of
21 the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:

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

27 By executing this Consent Judgment, Plaintiff understands and acknowledges that the

1 significance and consequence of this waiver of California Civil Code Section 1542 is that even if
2 Plaintiff suffers future damages arising out of or resulting from, or directly related to or
3 indirectly to, in whole or in part, the Covered Product, including but not limited any exposure to,
4 or failure to warn with respect to exposure to lead or lead compounds from the Covered Product,
5 Plaintiff will not be able to make any claim for those damages against Defendant, Defendant
6 Releasees and Defendant Downstream Releasees, and the successors and assigns of any of them,
7 who may manufacture, use, maintain, distribute, retail, or sell the Covered Product.
8 Furthermore, Plaintiff acknowledges that it intends these consequences for any such claim and
9 any other claims related to the Action which may exist as of the date of this release pertaining to
10 the Covered Product listed in the Notice but which Plaintiff does not know exist, and which, if
11 known, would materially affect its decision to enter into this Consent Judgment, regardless of
12 whether the lack of knowledge is the result of ignorance, oversight, error, negligence, or any
13 other cause.

14 **6.5 Defendant Release.** On behalf of itself and Defendant Releasees, Defendant
15 waives all rights to institute any form of action against Plaintiff, its attorneys, consultants,
16 and representatives for all actions taken or statements made in the course of this Action prior
17 to the date of the execution of this Consent Judgment.

18 **6.6 Liability for Covered Products** that were manufactured and/or distributed for
19 retail sale in California before 3M's production of Covered Products and labels in compliance
20 with Paragraph 3.1 herein, shall be subject to the release of liability pursuant to Section 6 of
21 this Consent Judgment, without regard to when such Covered Product were, or are in the
22 future, sold to consumers.

23 **7. MODIFICATION**

24 **7.1** This Consent Judgment may be modified from time to time by express written
25 agreement of the Parties, with the approval of the Court, or by an order of this Court upon
26 motion and in accordance with law.

27 **7.2** A Party seeking to modify this Consent Judgment shall attempt in good faith

1 to meet and confer with all affected Parties prior to filing a motion to modify the Consent
2 Judgment.

3 **8. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

4 **8.1** This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and
5 understanding of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter hereof, and any and all
6 prior discussions, negotiations, commitments, or understandings related thereto, if any, are
7 hereby merged herein and therein.

8 **8.2** No representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, other than those
9 specifically referred to in this Consent Judgment have been made by any Party hereto.

10 **8.3** No supplementation, modification, waiver, or termination of this Consent
11 Judgment shall be binding unless executed in writing by the Party to be bound thereby.

12 **8.4** No waiver of any of the provisions of this Consent Judgment shall be deemed
13 or shall constitute a waiver of any of the other provisions hereof whether or not similar, nor
14 shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

15 **9. GOVERNING LAW AND APPLICATION**

16 **9.1** The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State
17 of California and shall apply only to Covered Product that are sold or offered for sale in the
18 State of California.

19 **9.2** In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed, preempted or is otherwise rendered
20 inapplicable by reason of law generally, or if any of the provisions of this Consent Judgment are
21 rendered inapplicable or no longer required as a result of any such repeal or preemption or
22 rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally as to the Covered Product, then Defendant shall
23 notify Plaintiff and its counsel and may have no further obligations pursuant to this Consent
24 Judgment with respect to, and to the extent that, the Covered Product are so affected.

25 **9.3** This Consent Judgment shall apply to and be binding upon the Parties and
26 their divisions, subdivisions, and subsidiaries, and the Parties' successors and assigns.

27 **9.4** The Parties, including their counsel, have participated in the preparation of

1 this Consent Judgment and this Consent Judgment is the result of the joint efforts of the
2 Parties.

3 **9.5** This Consent Judgment was subject to revision and modification by the
4 Parties and has been accepted and approved as to its final form by all Parties and their
5 counsel.

6 **9.6** Accordingly, any uncertainty or ambiguity existing in this Consent Judgment
7 shall not be interpreted against any Party as a result of the manner of the preparation of this
8 Consent Judgment.

9 **10. PROVISION OF NOTICE**

10 All notices required pursuant to this Consent Judgment and correspondence shall be
11 sent to the following:

12 For Plaintiff:

13 Daniel Greenbaum, Esq., 7120 Hayvenhurst Ave., Suite 320, Van Nuys CA 91406

14 For 3M:

15 Ann G. Grimaldi, Esq., 50 California Street, Suite 1500, San Francisco, CA 94111

16 **11. ATTORNEY'S FEES**

17 **11.1** A Party who unsuccessfully brings or contests an action arising out of this
18 Consent Judgment shall be required to pay the prevailing Party's reasonable attorney's fees
19 and costs unless the unsuccessful Party has acted with substantial justification.

20 **11.2** For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term substantial justification shall
21 carry the same meaning as used in the Civil Discovery Act of 1986, Code of Civil Procedure
22 Section 2016, et seq.

23 **11.3** Nothing in this Section 11 shall preclude a Party from seeking an award of
24 sanctions pursuant to law.

25 **12. EXECUTION AND COUNTERPARTS**

26 The stipulations to this Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by
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1 means of facsimile and/or portable document format (pdf), which taken together shall be
2 deemed to constitute one document.

3 **14. COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(t)**

4 Plaintiff agrees to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced in
5 California Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(f).

6 **15. COURT APPROVAL**

7 **15.1** This Consent Judgment shall become effective upon entry by the Court.

8 **15.2** Plaintiff shall prepare and file a Motion for Approval of this Consent
9 Judgment and Defendant shall support entry of this Consent Judgment.

10 **15.3** If the Court does not enter this Consent Judgment, it shall be of no force or
11 effect and shall never be introduced into evidence or otherwise used in any proceeding for
12 any purpose other than to allow the Court to determine if there was a material breach of the
13 previous section.

14 **16. AUTHORIZATION**

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

18 **17. REQUEST FOR FINDINGS, APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AND ENTRY**
19 **OF CONSENT JUDGMENT**

20 **17.1** This Consent Judgment came before this Court upon the request of the
21 Parties.

22 **17.2** The Parties request the Court to review this Consent Judgment and to make
23 the following findings pursuant to Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f)(4):

24 **1.** The injunctive relief required by the Consent Judgment complies with
25 Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.7;

26 **2.** The reimbursement of fees and costs to be paid pursuant to the
27 Consent Judgment is reasonable under California law; and

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3. The civil penalty amount to be paid pursuant to Consent Judgment is reasonable.

The undersigned have read, understand, and agree to all of the terms and conditions of this Consent Judgment.

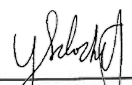
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AGREED TO:

Dated: 5-19-17


For 3M COMPANY

Dated: 6/1/2017


For SHEFA LMV, INC.

1 **[PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT**

2 Please note that on _____, 2017 at _____, Plaintiff Shefa LMV Inc.'s ("Plaintiff") Motion
3 for Court Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Judgment as to Defendant 3M
4 Company came for hearing before this Court in Department 37, the Honorable Marc Marmaro
5 presiding. Counsel for Plaintiff did [not] appear; counsel for Defendant did [not] appear.
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7 After full consideration of the points and authorities and related pleadings submitted, the
8 Court GRANTED Plaintiff's Motion pursuant to and in accordance with Health & Safety Code
9 §25249.7(f)(4). The Court reviewed the above Settlement Agreement and makes the following
10 findings pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f)(4):
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12 a. The injunctive relief required by the Settlement Agreement complies with Health
13 & Safety Code § 25249.7;

14 b. The reimbursement of fees and costs to be paid pursuant to the Settlement
15 Agreement is reasonable under California law; and

16 c. The civil penalty amount to be paid pursuant to Settlement Agreement is
17 reasonable.
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19 The Settlement Agreement is hereby approved, and the clerk is directed to enter judgment
20 in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement above.
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22 _____
23 Date

Superior Court Judge