State of California - Department of Justice - Attorney General's Office - Proposition 65 Enforcement Reporting

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Attention: Prop 65 Coordinator, 1515 Clay Street, Suite 2000, Oakland, CA 94612 PRIVATE ENFORCEMENT FILING - Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(e) and (f)

#### REPORT OF SETTLEMENT

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#### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

### **BETWEEN**

## SHEFA LMV, INC.

#### AND

#### TOLCO CORPORATION

Shefa LMV, INC. ("Shefa" or "Plaintiff") and Tolco Corporation ("Tolco" or "Defendant"), collectively referred to as the "Parties," enter into this agreement ("Settlement Agreement") solely for the purpose of avoiding prolonged and costly litigation to settle Shefa's allegations that Tolco and certain Downstream Releasees, as defined below, violated the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health and Safety Code \$25249.6 et seq. ("Proposition 65"). The effective date of this Settlement Agreement shall be the date upon which it is fully executed by all Parties hereto (the "Effective Date").

#### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Shefa is a California-based entity that seeks to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals and improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer and industrial products.
- 1.2 Shefa alleges that Tolco manufactures, imports, sells, and/or distributes for sale in the State of California, travel kit plastic bags that contain the listed chemical Diisononyl Phthalate ("DINP") without first providing a clear and reasonable warning as required by Proposition 65.
- 1.3 The products covered by this Settlement Agreement are travel kit plastic bags manufactured by or for Defendant, imported by or for Defendant, or distributed or sold by or for ///

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Defendant, including, but not limited to, the plastic bags containing the 4 Play Or Travel TSA-Approved 4 Clear 3-Oz Bottles; UPC: 022169700447 (the "Covered Product").

- 1.4 DINP is referred to hereafter as the "Listed Chemical"
- 1.5 On or about December 21, 2017, Shefa served Defendant, as well as certain relevant public enforcement agencies with a document entitled "60-Day Notice Of Violation" ("Notice") advising of its intent to sue for alleged violations of Proposition 65 arising from or related to Covered Products containing the Listed Chemical.
- 1.6 The Notice alleged that Defendant violated Proposition 65 by failing to warn consumers in California that use of Covered Product allegedly exposed users to the Listed Chemical.
- 1.7 To the best of the Parties' knowledge, no public enforcer has commenced and is diligently prosecuting the same allegations against Defendant.
- 1.8 Tolco denies the material factual and legal allegations contained in the Notice, and maintains that all of the products it has sold and distributed in California, including the Covered Products, are and have been in compliance with all laws, including Proposition 65, and are completely safe for their intended use.
- 1.9 The Parties enter into this Settlement Agreement to settle disputed claims between the Parties as alleged in the Notice and as set forth below concerning the Parties' and the Covered Products' compliance with Proposition 65 (the "Dispute").
- 1.10 By execution of this Settlement Agreement, the Parties do not admit any facts or conclusions of law, including, but not limited to, any facts or conclusions of law regarding any alleged violation of Proposition 65, or any other statutory, regulatory, common law, or equitable

doctrine. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be construed as an admission against interest, by any Party, of any alleged fact, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law.

1.11 Nothing in this Settlement Agreement, nor compliance with its terms, shall constitute or be construed, considered, offered, or admitted as evidence of an admission against interest or evidence of fault, wrongdoing, or liability, by Tolco, its officers, directors, employees, parents, subsidiaries, affiliated corporations, or any person acting for Defendant, any direct or indirect customer of Tolco who sold or sells Covered Products, and/or any Downstream Releasees, as defined below, in any administrative or judicial proceeding or litigation in any court, agency, or forum.

1.12 Except for the allegations settled and compromised, nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy, argument, or defense that Shefa or Defendant may have against one another in any other legal proceeding as to allegations unrelated to the Dispute or claims released herein.

#### 2.0 Release

2.1 This Settlement Agreement is a full, final, and binding resolution between Shefa, individually and *not* in its representative capacity, and: (a) Defendant, and its owners, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, sister and related companies, employees, suppliers, licensors, licensees, brands, shareholders, members, officers, directors, insurers, agents, attorneys, predecessors, successors, and assigns (collectively, "Releasees"); and (b) all entities to whom Releasees directly or indirectly have provided, distributed, or sold Covered Products, including but not limited to distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members, and licensees, including but not limited to Candy's Beauty Supply LLC, and their respective attorneys, officers,

directors, employees, agents, contractors, subcontractors, predecessors, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, parent(s) and affiliated companies (and each of the officers, directors, legal representatives, insurers, and assigns thereof) (collectively, "Downstream Releasees"), of any violation(s) or alleged violation(s) of Proposition 65, or any other statutory or common law claim that has been, could have been, or may in the future be asserted against the Releasees and/or Downstream Releasees regarding exposures to the Listed Chemical and/or the failure to warn about exposures to the Listed Chemical arising in connection with Covered Products manufactured, shipped, and/or otherwise distributed prior to the Effective Date, even if sold by Downstream Releasees after the Effective Date.

2.2 Shefa, on behalf of its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, but not in its capacity as a representative of the general public, hereby waives and releases with respect to the Covered Products all rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action, 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 attorneys' fees) (collectively the "Claims"), against Releasees and/or Downstream Releasees that arise under Proposition 65 or any other statutory or common law claims that were or could have been asserted in respect of any Covered Products manufactured, shipped, and/or otherwise distributed up to the Effective Date, including without limitation to the extent that such claims relate to Releasees' and/or Downstream Releasees' alleged exposure of persons to the Listed Chemical contained in the Covered Product or any failure by Releasees and Downstream Releasees to warn about exposures to the Listed Chemical contained in the Covered Product.

2.3 Shefa acknowledges that it is familiar with Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides as follows:

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.

Shefa, on behalf of itself and its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, in its individual and not representative capacity, expressly waives and relinquishes any and all rights and benefits which it may have under, or which may be conferred on it by the provisions of, Civil Code § 1542, as well as under any other state or federal statute or common law principle of similar effect, to the fullest extent that it may lawfully waive such rights or benefits pertaining to the released matters.

## 3.0 <u>Defendant's Duties</u>

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and/ or sell or offer for sale in California, Covered Products that are Compliant Product. For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, "Compliant Product" is defined as those Covered Products that either: (a) contain the Listed Chemical in a concentration less than or equal to 1,000 parts per million ("ppm") (0.1%) when analyzed pursuant to a scientifically reliable application of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency testing methodologies 3580A and 8270C, or any other scientifically reliable methodology for determining the Listed Chemical content in a substance of the form of the Covered Product herein ("Reformulation Standard"); or (b) exhibiting a warning in compliance with Proposition 65 ("Compliant Warning"). Plaintiff agrees that no Proposition

65 warning is required for the Listed Chemical in Covered Products meeting the Reformulation Standard.

- 3.2 Whenever a clear and reasonable warning is required under Section 3.1 for Covered Products offered for sale in the State of California, it shall state one of the warnings described in Section 3.3 in such a manner as to make it reasonably likely to be read and understood by an ordinary consumer prior to or at the time of sale or purchase.
- 3.3 The Parties agree that any of the following warnings shall constitute a Compliant Warning for the Listed Chemical in the Covered Product:
  - ⚠ [California Proposition 65] WARNING: This product can expose you to DINP, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer. For more information go to <a href="https://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov">www.P65Warnings.ca.gov</a>. This warning only applies to the bag/case.

Or:

⚠ [California Proposition 65] WARNING: Cancer - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov. This warning only applies to the bag/case.

In the event that Tolco has reason to believe that an additional Proposition 65-listed chemical may be present in the Covered Product, the warning shall state either:

⚠ [California Proposition 65] WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including DINP, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer, and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to <a href="https://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov">www.P65Warnings.ca.gov</a>. This warning only applies to the bag/case.

Or:

⚠ [California Proposition 65] WARNING: Cancer and

Reproductive Harm - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

This warning only applies to the bag/case.

Language in brackets for all warnings above is optional. The background of the warning triangle should be yellow, but can be white if yellow is not otherwise used on the product label.

3.4 The Parties agree that the specifications for Compliant Warnings in this Settlement Agreement comply with Proposition 65 and its regulations as of the date of this Settlement Agreement, and with regulations adopted on or about August 30, 2016 and which became effective August 30, 2018.

3.5 If modifications or amendments to Proposition 65 or its regulations after the Effective Date are inconsistent with, or provide warning specifications or options different from the specifications in this Settlement Agreement, Defendant may modify the content and delivery methods of its warnings to conform to the modified or amended provisions of Proposition 65 or its regulations.

### 4.0 Payments

- 4.1 Payment from Defendant. In full satisfaction of all potential civil penalties, additional settlement payments, attorney's fees and expenses, investigative costs, and any other claim for monetary relief of any kind, within ten (10) business days of the Effective Date, Defendant shall make a total settlement payment of \$12,000 ("Total Settlement Payment").
- 4.2 Allocation of Payments. The Total Settlement Payment shall be paid in three (3) separate checks, made payable and allocated as follows:
- 4.3 Civil Penalty. In complete resolution of any claim for civil penalties, Defendant shall pay \$2,000 pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b). The civil penalty

shall be apportioned in accordance with Health & Safety Code § 25249.12 (25% to Shefa and 75% to the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA")). The OEHHA portion of the civil penalty payment in the amount of \$1,500 shall be made by check payable to OEHHA and associated with taxpayer identification number 68-0284486. This payment shall be delivered as follows:

## For United States Postal Service Delivery:

Attn: Mike Gyurics
Fiscal Operations Branch Chief
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
P.O. Box 4010, MS #19B
Sacramento, CA 95812-4010

## For Non-United States Postal Service Delivery:

Attn: Mike Gyurics
Fiscal Operations Branch Chief
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
1001 I Street, MS #19B
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Shefa portion of the civil penalty payment in the amount of \$500 shall be made by check payable to Shefa LMV, Inc. and associated with taxpayer identification number 81-0907002. This payment shall be delivered to the Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum, 7120 Hayvenhurst Ave, Suite 320, Van Nuys, CA 91406.

4.3.1 Attorneys' fees and Costs. As a complete and total reimbursement of all of Shefa's attorney's fees and expenses, including but not limited to investigative costs, testing costs, and all other expenses of any kind, Defendant shall make a payment in the amount of \$10,000 by checkpayable to the "Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum," associated with taxpayer identification number

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- 46-4580172. This payment shall be delivered to the Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum, 7120 Hayvenhurst Ave, Suite 320, Van Nuys, CA 91406.
- 4.3.2 Tax Forms: Additionally, two separate 1099s shall be issued for the above payments: The first 1099 shall be issued to OEHHA, P.O. Box 4010, Sacramento, CA 95184 (EIN: 68-0284486) in the amount of \$1,500. The second 1099 shall be issued in the amount of \$500 to Shefa and delivered to: Daniel N. Greenbaum, 7120 Hayvenhurst Avenue, Suite 320, Van Nuys, CA 91406.

# 5.0 Report of the Settlement Agreement to the Office of the Attorney General

5.1 Shefa shall have sole responsibility for reporting this Settlement Agreement to the California Attorney General's Office within five (5) days of the Parties' execution of this Settlement Agreement as required by applicable law.

## 6.0 Execution in Counterparts and Facsimile

- 6.1 This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts, which taken together shall be deemed to constitute the same document.
- 6.2 A facsimile or portable document format (PDF) signature shall be as valid as the original.

## 7.0 Entire Agreement

7.1 This Settlement Agreement contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter hereof, and all related prior discussions, negotiations, commitments, and understandings.

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7.2 No other agreements, oral or otherwise, exist to bind any of the Parties.

## 8.0 Modification of Settlement Agreement

8.1 Any modification to this Settlement Agreement must be in writing and signed by the Parties.

## 9.0 Application of Settlement Agreement

9.1 This Settlement Agreement shall apply to, and be binding upon, Shefa and the Releasees, and inure to the benefit of, Shefa and the Releasees and Downstream Releasees identified in Section 2 above. Defendant's compliance with this Settlement Agreement shall constitute compliance with Proposition 65 by the Releasees and Downstream Releasees with regard to the Listed Chemical in the Covered Product.

## 100 Enforcement of Settlement Agreement

- 10.1 Any Party may file suit before the Superior Court of the County of San Diego, consistent with the terms and conditions set forth in Sections 10.2 and 10.3 of this Settlement Agreement, to enforce the terms and conditions contained in this Settlement Agreement.
- 10.2 No action to enforce this Settlement Agreement may be commenced or maintained, and no Notice of Violation related to Covered Products may be served or filed against Defendant by Shefa, unless the Party seeking enforcement or alleging violation notifies the other Party of the specific act(s) alleged to constitute a breach of this Settlement Agreement at least 90 days before serving or filing any action or Notice of Violation and the entity receiving the notice fails to comply with the requirements set forth in Section 10.3 below. Any notice to Defendant alleging a new violation with respect to a Covered Product must contain: (a) the name of the product, including SKU if applicable; (b) specific dates when the product was sold after the Effective Date in

California without reformulation or a warning; (c) the store or other place at which the product was available for sale to consumers; (d) all evidence that the Reformulation Standard was exceeded or a warning was not provided; and (e) any other evidence or other support for the allegations in the notice.

10.3 Within thirty (30) days of receiving a notice in the form described in Section 10.2 (or such additional time as the Parties may mutually agree upon), Defendant and Shefa shall meet and confer on the alleged violation. If Defendant refutes the alleged violation (for example, by establishing the Covered Product is subject to the release of claims herein or producing test results documenting the subject Covered Product meets the Reformulation Standard), no further action is necessary. If Shefa establishes the violation, then Defendant shall send the store or other place at which the Covered Product was available for sale to the public in California a letter directing that the subject product be immediately removed from inventory and returned to Defendant, and Defendant shall have no monetary liability hereunder. Enforcement of this Settlement Agreement is the sole remedy for any alleged violations hereof. Should the Parties be unable to resolve the dispute, any Party may seek relief under Section 10.1.

## 11.0 Notification Requirements

11.1 Any notice required or permitted hereunder shall be effective only if given in writing and delivered in person, certified or registered mail return receipt requested, or traceable overnight delivery service, to the following designees:

#### For Shefa:

Daniel N. Greenbaum, Esq. Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum 7120 Hayvenhurst Avenue, Suite 320 Van Nuys, CA 91406

#### For Defendant:

William Lewis Vice President Tolco Corporation 1920 Linwood Ave. Toledo, OH 43604

### With Copy to:

J. Robert Maxwell, Esq. Rogers Joseph O'Donnell 311 California Street, 10th Fl. San Francisco, CA 94104

Any Party may change its designee(s) for purposes of notification by providing written notice of such change pursuant to this section.

## 12.0 <u>Severability</u>

12.1 If subsequent to the execution of this Settlement Agreement, any of the provisions of this Settlement Agreement are held by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the enforceable provisions remaining shall not be adversely affected.

## 13.0 Governing Law

- 13.1 The terms of this Settlement Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and apply within the State of California. This Settlement Agreement shall have no application to Covered Products which are not sold to California customers.
- 13.2 In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed, preempted, or otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or as to the Covered Products, then Defendant shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Settlement Agreement with respect to, and to the extent that, any Covered Products are so affected.

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- 13.3 The Parties, including their counsel, have jointly participated in the preparation of this Settlement Agreement, and this Settlement Agreement is the result of the joint efforts of the Parties.
- 13.4 This Settlement Agreement was subject to revision and modification by the Parties, and has been accepted and approved as to its final form by all Parties and their counsel.
- 13.5 Each Party to this Settlement Agreement agrees that any statute or rule of construction providing that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party should not be employed in the interpretation of this Settlement Agreement and, in this regard, the Parties hereby waive California Civil Code § 1654.

## 14.0 Authorization

- 14.1 Each signatory to this Settlement Agreement certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the Party he or she represents to stipulate to this Settlement Agreement and to enter into and execute the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Party represented, and to thus legally bind that Party.
- 14.2 The undersigned have read, understand, and agree to all of the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement.
- 14.3 Except as explicitly provided herein, each Party is to bear its own attorney's fees and costs.

## AGREED TO:

Dated: November 30, 2018

SHEFA LMV, INC.

By:

Dated: November 28, 2018

**TOLCO CORPORATION** 

By: