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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 Kennedy International, Inc.			
CASE INFO	COURT DOCKET NUMBER 19STCV11539		COURT NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF CA, COUNTY OF LA	
	SHORT CASE NAME Shefa LMV, Inc. v. Kennedy International, Inc.			
REPORT INFO	INJUNCTIVE RELIEF COMPLIANT PRODUCTS AND WARNINGS			
	PAYMENT: CIVIL PENALTY \$2,000.00	PAYMENT: ATTORNEYS FEES \$14,000.00	PAYMENT: OTHER 0	
	WILL SETTLEMENT BE SUBMITTED TO COURT? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	IF YES, AFTER ENTRY OF JUDGMENT BY COURT, REPORT OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO ATTORNEY GENERAL	DATE SETTLEMENT SIGNED 6 / 6 / 2019	
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8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

9 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

10 SHEFA LMV, INC.,

11)
12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL, INC.; and
DOES 1 through 100, Inclusive,

15 Defendants.
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Case No. 19STCV11539

**[PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT
AS TO KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL,
INC.**

Action Filed: April 3, 2019

1 **1. INTRODUCTION**

2 **1.1 Parties**

3 This consent judgment (“**Consent Judgment**”) is entered into by and between plaintiff
4 Shefa LMV, Inc. (“**Shefa**” or “**Plaintiff**”) and Kennedy International, Inc. (“**Defendant**,” with
5 Shefa and **Defendant** individually referred to as a “**Party**” and collectively as the “**Parties.**”)

6 **1.2 Plaintiff**

7 Shefa is a public benefit, non-profit corporation that seeks to promote awareness of
8 exposures to toxic chemicals and to improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous
9 substances contained in consumer products.

10 **1.3 Settling Defendant**

11 Defendant employs ten (10) or more persons and is a person in the course of doing business
12 for purposes of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, Health and Safety
13 Code §25249.6 *et seq.* (“**Proposition 65**”).

14 **1.4 Products Covered**

15 The products covered by this Consent Judgment are plastic blanket bag products, including,
16 but not limited to, Simplify® Jumbo Blanket Bag; Style #5175; UPC: 633125051758; ID: 1281-
17 036302697-000499-06-2, that are manufactured, sold, or distributed for sale in California by
18 Defendant that contain Diisononyl Phthalate (“**DINP**”) (collectively, the “**Covered Products**”).

19 **1.5 General Allegations**

20 Shefa alleges that Defendant manufactures, imports, sells, or distributes, for sale in the state
21 of California, the Covered Products without first providing a clear and reasonable warning required
22 by Proposition 65. DINP (CAS # 28553-12-0) is a chemical listed under Proposition 65 as a
23 chemical known to the state to cause cancer.

24 **1.6 Notice of Violation**

25 On August 10, 2018, Shefa served Defendant and the requisite public enforcement agencies
26 with a 60-Day Notice of Violation (the “**Notice**”) alleging that Defendant violated Proposition 65
27 when it failed to warn its customers and consumers in California that the Covered Products expose
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1 users to DINP. To the best of the Parties' knowledge, no public enforcer has commenced and is
2 diligently prosecuting the allegations set forth in the Notice.

3 **1.7 Complaint**

4 On April 3, 2019, Shefa filed the instant complaint in the Superior Court in and for the
5 County of Alameda against Defendant and DOES 1-100, alleging violations of California Health &
6 Safety Code § 25249.6, based on exposures to DINP contained in the Covered Products sold in the
7 State of California (the "**Complaint**").

8 **1.8 No Admission**

9 Defendant denies the material, factual, and legal allegations contained in the Notice and
10 Complaint and maintains that all the products it has manufactured, sold, or distributed for sale in
11 California, including the Covered Products, have been, and are, in compliance with all laws.
12 Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission by Defendant of any fact,
13 finding, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law; nor shall compliance with this Consent
14 Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by Defendant of any fact, finding, conclusion
15 of law, issue of law, or violation of law, the same being specifically denied by Defendant. This
16 section shall not, however, diminish or otherwise affect Defendant's obligations, responsibilities,
17 and duties under this Consent Judgment.

18 **1.9 Consent to Jurisdiction**

19 For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has
20 jurisdiction over Defendant as to the allegations in the Complaint, that venue is proper in the
21 County of Alameda, the Defendant agrees that they employs or have employed ten or more persons
22 during time periods relevant to the Complaint and that this Court has jurisdiction over the Parties to
23 enter and enforce the provisions of this Consent Judgment pursuant to Proposition 65.

24 **1.10 Effective Date**

25 For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term "**Effective Date**" shall mean the date the
26 Consent Judgment is approved and entered by the Court.
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1 **2. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: COMPLIANT PRODUCTS AND WARNINGS**

2 **2.1 Reformulation Standards**

3 As of the Effective Date, Defendant shall not manufacture for sale in California any Covered
4 Products unless such Covered Products contain DINP in concentrations less than or equal to 1000
5 parts per million (“ppm”) when analyzed pursuant to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency testing
6 methodologies 3580A and 8270C or any other scientifically reliable methodology for determining
7 the concentration of DINP in the Covered Products.

8 **2.2 Warning Standards**

9 Defendant agrees, promises, and represents that, as of the Effective Date, to the extent they
10 ship or sell Covered Products that do not meet the reformulation standards set forth above in
11 Section 2.1, Defendant will provide warnings on such Covered Products that comply with
12 Proposition 65. The warnings shall be provided in a conspicuous and prominent manner such that
13 they will be likely to be read or seen by the consumer prior to or at the time of the sale or purchase.
14 The Parties agree that the warning set forth below shall constitute compliance with Proposition 65
15 with respect to any Covered Products that are not reformulated:

16 (a) the text, **“WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals,**
17 **including DINP, which is known to the State of California to cause Cancer. For**
18 **more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.”** accompanied by and placed
19 to the right of a symbol consisting of a black exclamation point in a yellow
20 equilateral triangle with a bold black outline sized to be no smaller than the word,
21 “WARNING” as provided by regulations adopted on or about August 30, 2016; or

22 (b) the text, **“WARNING: Cancer - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.”** accompanied
23 by and placed to the right of a symbol consisting of a black exclamation point in a yellow
24 equilateral triangle with a bold black outline sized to be no smaller than the word,
25 “WARNING” as provided by regulations adopted on or about August 30, 2016.

26 The triangular warning symbol specified in Section 2.2(a) and 2.2(b) shall be in yellow with
27 a black exclamation mark; *provided however*, the symbol may be printed in black and white if the
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1 Covered Product label is not printed against a yellow background.

2 **2.3 Covered Products in the Stream of Commerce.**

3 Any Covered Products that have been distributed, shipped, or sold by Defendant prior to the
4 Effective Date, shall not be subject to the requirements of Section 2.1.

5 **3. MONETARY SETTLEMENT TERMS**

6 **3.1 Payment from Defendant.** Within ten (10) business days of the Effective Date,
7 Defendant shall make the Total Settlement Payment of \$14,000.00

8 **3.2 Allocation of Payments.** The Total Settlement Payment shall be paid in three (3)
9 separate checks made payable and allocated as follows:

10 **3.2.1 Civil Penalty.** Defendant shall pay \$2,000.00 as a civil penalty
11 pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b). The civil penalty shall be apportioned in
12 accordance with Health & Safety Code § 25249.12 (25% to Shefa and 75% to the State of
13 California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA")). Accordingly, the
14 OEHHA portion of the civil penalty payment in the amount of \$1,500.00 shall be made payable to
15 OEHHA and associated with taxpayer identification number 68-0284486. This payment shall be
16 delivered as follows:

17 For United States Postal Service Delivery:

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

23 For Non-United States Postal Service Delivery:

24 Attn: Mike Gyurics
25 Fiscal Operations Branch Chief
26 Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
27 1001 I Street, MS #19B
28 Sacramento, CA 95814

29 The Shefa portion of the civil penalty payment in the amount of \$500.00 shall be made
30 payable to Shefa LMV, Inc. and associated with taxpayer identification number 81-0907002.
31 This payment shall be delivered to the Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum, 7120 Hayvenhurst

1 Ave, Suite 320, Van Nuys, CA 91406.

2 **3.2.2 Attorney's Fees and Costs.** A reimbursement of Shefa's attorney's
3 fees and costs in the amount of \$12,000.00 payable to the "Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum,"
4 and associated with taxpayer identification number 46-4580172. This payment shall be delivered to
5 the Law Office of Daniel N. Greenbaum, 7120 Hayvenhurst Ave, Suite 320, Van Nuys, CA 91406.

6 **4. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED**

7 **4.1 Public Release**

8 This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between Shefa and Defendant
9 of any violation of Proposition 65 that was or could have been asserted by Shefa, acting on behalf of
10 itself and in a representative capacity in the public interest under Health & Safety Code § 25249.7,
11 against Defendant, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities, manufacturers, suppliers, directors,
12 officers, employees, attorneys, and the predecessors, successors, or assigns of each of them, and
13 each entity to whom Defendant directly or indirectly exports, distributes or sells the Covered
14 Products, including, without limitation, distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees,
15 cooperative members, and licensees, including but not limited to TJX Companies, Inc.
16 ("Releasees"), based on failure to warn of alleged exposures to DINP from Covered Products
17 manufactured, sold, or distributed for sale in California by Defendant prior to the Effective Date.
18 The release in this Section 4.1 applies to all Covered Products that Defendant manufactured,
19 distributed, or sold prior to the Effective Date, regardless of the date any other Releasee distributes
20 or sells the Covered Products.

21 Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment shall constitute compliance with
22 Proposition 65 by Defendant and the Releasees with respect to DINP in Covered Products
23 manufactured, sold, or distributed on and after the Effective Date.

24 **4.2 Shefa's Individual Release of Claims**

25 In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, Shefa, on its own
26 behalf and on behalf of its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and/or
27 assignees, hereby waives all rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of
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1 legal action, and releases all claims that it may have against Defendant and Releasees, including,
2 without limitation, all actions and causes of action, suits, liabilities, demands, obligations, damages,
3 costs, fines, penalties, losses, or expenses, including, without limitation, investigation fees, expert
4 fees, and attorneys' fees arising under Proposition 65 for unwarned exposures to DINP from
5 Covered Products manufactured, sold, or distributed for sale by Defendant prior to the Effective
6 Date. The releases in Section 4.2 are provided in Shefa's individual capacity and are not releases on
7 behalf of the public.

8 **4.3 Defendant's Release of Shefa**

9 Defendant, on its own behalf and on behalf of its past and current agents, representatives,
10 attorneys, successors, and assignees, hereby waives any and all claims that it may have against
11 Shefa and its attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made
12 by Shefa and its attorneys and other representatives in the course of investigating the claims set
13 forth in the Complaint or otherwise seeking to enforce Proposition 65 against it in this matter.

14 **4.4 Release of Unknown Claims**

15 It is possible that other claims not known to the Parties arising out of the facts contained in
16 the Notice, or alleged in the Complaint, relating to the Covered Products, will hereafter be
17 discovered or developed. Shefa, on behalf of itself only, acknowledges that this Consent Judgment
18 is expressly intended to cover and include all such claims through and including the Effective Date,
19 including all rights of action therefor. Shefa acknowledges that the claims released in Sections 4.1
20 and 4.2 may include unknown claims, and nevertheless Shefa intends to release such claims, and in
21 doing so waives California Civil Code § 1542, which reads as follows:

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

28 Shefa understands and acknowledges that the significance and consequence of this waiver of
California Civil Code § 1542 is that, even if Shefa suffers future damages arising out of or resulting

1 from, or related directly or indirectly to, in whole or in part, the Covered Products, including but not
2 limited to any exposure to, or failure to warn with respect to exposure to, the Covered Products,
3 Shefa will not be able to make any claim for those damages against Defendant or any of the
4 Releasees.

5 **5. COURT APPROVAL**

6 This Consent Judgment is not effective until it is approved and entered by the Court.

7 **6. GOVERNING LAW**

8 The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of California
9 and apply within the State of California. In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed or is otherwise
10 rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or as to the Covered Products, then Defendant
11 may provide written notice to Shefa of any asserted change in the law, and with the exception of
12 Sections 3.1 and 3.2 above, have no further obligations pursuant to this Consent Judgment, with
13 respect to, and to the extent that, the Covered Products are so affected. None of the terms of this
14 Consent Judgment shall have any application to Covered Products sold outside of the State of
15 California.

16 **7. NOTICE**

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

21 To Defendant:

22 Mendy Reich
23 Kennedy International, Inc
24 1800 Water Works Road
Old Bridge, NJ 08857

25 Email: comptroller@kennedy-intl.com

To Shefa:

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

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

1 **8. COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE AND PDF SIGNATURES**

2 This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts, and by facsimile or portable
3 document format (PDF) signature, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which,
4 when taken together, shall constitute one and the same document.

5 **9. COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(f)**

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

8 **10. POST EXECUTION ACTIVITIES**

9 The Parties acknowledge that, pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f),
10 Shefa is obligated to file a noticed motion to obtain judicial approval of this Consent Judgment.
11 Upon the Parties' execution of this Consent Judgment, Shefa promptly shall proceed to submit this
12 Consent Judgment to the Court with a motion seeking Court approval.

13 **11. MODIFICATION**

14 This Consent Judgment may only be modified by a written instrument executed by the Party
15 or Parties to be bound thereby, and after approval by the Court upon a noticed motion. Any motion
16 to modify shall be served on all Parties and the Office of the Attorney General.

17 **12. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

18 If Shefa determines at a future date that a violation of this Consent Judgment has occurred,
19 Shefa shall provide notice to Defendant. Prior to bringing any action to enforce any requirement of
20 this Consent Judgment, the party alleging a violation of this Consent Judgment shall provide the
21 other party with written notice of the grounds for such allegation together with all supporting
22 information as well as a complete demand for the relief sought. The Parties shall then meet and
23 confer regarding the basis for the allegation to resolve the matter informally, including providing
24 the party alleged to be in violation with a reasonable opportunity of at least thirty (30) days to cure
25 any alleged violation. Should such attempt at informal resolution fail, the party alleging a violation
26 may file its lawsuit seeking the proposed relief.

1 **13. AUTHORIZATION**

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

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6 **AGREED TO:**

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8 Date: 6/6/2019

Date: 6/6/19

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11 By: 

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12 SHEFA LMV, INC.

KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL, INC.

1 **[PROPOSED] JUDGMENT**

2 Please note that on _____, 2019 at 8:30am, Plaintiff Shefa LMV Inc.'s ("Plaintiff") Motion
3 for Court Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Judgment as to Defendant Kennedy
4 International, Inc. came for hearing before this Court in Department 45, the Honorable Mel Red Recana
5 presiding. Counsel for Plaintiff did [not] appear; counsel for Defendant did [not] appear.

6 After full consideration of the points and authorities and related pleadings submitted, the Court
7 GRANTED Plaintiff's Motion pursuant to and in accordance with Health & Safety Code
8 §25249.7(f)(4). The Court reviewed the above Settlement Agreement and makes the following
9 findings pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f)(4):

10 a. The injunctive relief required by the Settlement Agreement complies with Health &
11 Safety Code § 25249.7;

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

14 c. The civil penalty amount to be paid pursuant to Settlement Agreement is reasonable.
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16 **IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED**

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18 _____
19 Date

_____ Judge of the Superior Court