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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 Amazon.com, Inc.			
CASE INFO	COURT DOCKET NUMBER 20STCV39282		COURT NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF CA, Los Angeles Co	
	SHORT CASE NAME Shefa LMV, Inc. v. Amazon.com, Inc., et al.			
REPORT INFO	INJUNCTIVE RELIEF COMPLIANT PRODUCTS AND WARNINGS			
	PAYMENT: CIVIL PENALTY \$2,000.00		PAYMENT: ATTORNEYS FEES \$11,500.00	PAYMENT: OTHER \$0.00
	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 2 / 8 / 2024
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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHEFA LMV, INC.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

AMAZON.COM, INC.; AMAZON.COM
SERVICES, INC.; and DOES 1 through 100,
Inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. 20STCV39282

**[PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT
AS TO AMAZON.COM, INC.**

Action Filed: October 13, 2020

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Parties

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

1.2 Plaintiff

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

1.3 Settling Defendant

Defendant employs ten (10) 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, Health and Safety Code §25249.6 *et seq.* (“**Proposition 65**”).

1.4 Products Covered

The products covered by this Consent Judgment are plastic crossbody purse and accessory bag products that allegedly contain di(2- ethylhexyl) phthalate (“DEHP”) and were manufactured, sold, distributed for sale, and/or imported by or for Hieyoung International (Hong Kong) Limited Corporation dba Cambond and sold in California on the website www.amazon.com, including, but not limited to, Cambond Clear Crossbody Purse, ASIN B07R6HSHFS (collectively, the “**Covered Products**”).

1.5 General Allegations

Shefa alleges that Defendant, at times relevant to the complaint, manufactures, imports, sells, or distributes for sale in the state of California, the Covered Products without first providing a clear and reasonable warning required by Proposition 65. DEHP (CAS # 68515-48-0) is a chemical listed under Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

On December 22, 2019, Plaintiff purchased the Covered Products on amazon.com. On

January 23, 2020, Shefa served Defendant and the requisite public enforcement agencies with a Sixty Day Notice of Violation (the “**Notice**”) alleging that as a retailer, Defendant violated Proposition 65 when it failed to warn its customers and consumers in California that the Covered Products expose users to DEHP. To the best of the Parties’ knowledge, no public enforcer has commenced and is diligently prosecuting the allegations set forth in the Notice.

1.6 Complaint

On October 23, 2020, Shefa filed the instant complaint in the Superior Court in and for the County of Los Angeles against Defendant alleging violations of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6, based on exposures to DEHP contained in the Covered Products sold in the State of California (the “**Complaint**”).

1.7 No Admission

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

1.8 Consent to Jurisdiction

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

1.9 Effective Date

For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term “**Effective Date**” shall mean the date the Consent Judgment is approved and entered by the Court.

2. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: COMPLIANT PRODUCTS AND WARNINGS

2.1 Reformulation Standards

Within 90 days of the Effective Date, Defendant shall not manufacture for sale in California any Covered Products unless such Covered Products contain DEHP in concentrations less than or equal to 1000 parts per million (“ppm”) when analyzed pursuant to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency testing methodologies 3580A and 8270C or any other scientifically reliable methodology for determining the concentration of DEHP in the Covered Products, unless the Covered Product has a warning consistent with Section 2.2, below.

2.2 Warning Standards

Defendant agrees, promises, and represents that, within 90 days of the Effective Date, to the extent it ships or sells Covered Products that do not meet the formulation standards set forth above in Section 2.1, Defendant will provide warnings on such Covered Products that comply with Proposition 65. The warnings shall be provided in a conspicuous and prominent manner such that they will be likely to be read or seen by the consumer prior to or at the time of the sale or purchase. The Parties agree that the warning set forth below or any substantially similar language shall constitute compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to any Covered Products that are not reformulated:

(a) the text, “**WARNING This product can expose you to chemicals including Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), which is known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.**” accompanied by and placed to the right of a symbol consisting of a black exclamation point in a yellow equilateral triangle with a bold black outline sized to be no smaller than the word, “WARNING” as provided by regulations adopted on or about August 30, 2016; or

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

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

2.3 Covered Products in the Stream of Commerce.

Any Covered Products that have been manufactured, distributed, shipped, or sold prior to ninety (90) days after the Effective Date, shall not be subject to the requirements of Sections 2.1 or 2.2.

3. MONETARY SETTLEMENT TERMS

3.1 Payment from Defendant. Within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, and Defendant’s receipt of a current W-9 form from the Greenbaum Law Firm, whichever is later, Defendant shall make the Total Settlement Payment of **\$13,500.00**.

3.2 Allocation of Payments. The Total Settlement Payment shall be paid in three (3) separate checks made payable and allocated as follows, or made in a single electronic transfer made payable to the “Greenbaum Law Firm” using banking information provided by Plaintiff’s counsel, in which case Plaintiff’s counsel shall send the allocated portions of the civil penalty to OEHHA and Shefa as follows:

3.2.1 Civil Penalty. Defendant shall pay \$2,000.00 as a civil penalty 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”)). Accordingly, the OEHHA portion of the civil penalty payment in the amount of \$1,500.00 shall be made payable to OEHHA and associated with taxpayer identification number 68-0284486. If sent by mail, this

1 payment shall be delivered to the Greenbaum Law Firm, 7120 Hayvenhurst Ave, Suite 320, Van
2 Nuys, CA 91406.

3 The Shefa portion of the civil penalty payment in the amount of \$500.00 shall be made
4 payable to Shefa LMV, Inc. and associated with taxpayer identification number 81-0907002. If
5 sent by mail, this payment shall be delivered to the Greenbaum Law Firm, 7120 Hayvenhurst
6 Ave, Suite 320, Van Nuys, CA 91406.

7 **3.2.2 Attorney's Fees and Costs.** A reimbursement of Shefa's attorney's
8 fees and costs in the amount of \$11,500.00 payable to the "Greenbaum Law Firm," and associated
9 with taxpayer identification number 46-4580172. If sent by mail, this payment shall be delivered to
10 the Greenbaum Law Firm, 7120 Hayvenhurst Ave, Suite 320, Van Nuys, CA 91406.

11 **4. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED**

12 **4.1 Public Release**

13 This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between Shefa acting on
14 behalf of itself and each of its past, current, and future agents, representatives, attorneys, successors,
15 and/or assignees, and in a representative capacity in the public interest under Health & Safety Code
16 § 25249.7, and Defendant and its past, current, and future and any and all direct and indirect
17 parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities, manufacturers, suppliers, directors, officers, managers,
18 shareholders, members, employees, agents, attorneys, and the predecessors, successors, or assigns
19 of each of them, and each entity to whom Defendant directly or indirectly distributes or sells, or in
20 the past directly or indirectly distributed or sold, the Covered Products, including, without
21 limitation, any and all distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative
22 members, and licensees (collectively "**Releasees**"), arising out of or resulting from, or related
23 directly or indirectly to, in whole or in part, any and all alleged or actual violations of Proposition
24 65 based on a failure to warn of alleged exposures to DEHP from Covered Products manufactured,
25 supplied, sold, or distributed for sale prior to the Effective Date. The release in this Section 4.1
26 applies to all Covered Products that were manufactured, supplied, sold, or distributed for sale prior
27 to the Effective Date.
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1 Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment shall constitute compliance with
2 Proposition 65 by Defendant and the Releasees with respect to DEHP in Covered Products
3 manufactured, sold, or distributed on and after the Effective Date.

4 **4.2 Shefa's Individual Release of Claims**

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

15 **4.3 Release of Unknown Claims**

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

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

27 Shefa understands and acknowledges that the significance and consequence of this waiver of
28 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 unless and until it is approved and entered by the
7 Court.

8 **6. GOVERNING LAW**

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

17 **7. NOTICE**

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

22 To Defendant:

23 Gregory Doll, Esq.
24 DOLL AMIR & ELEY LLP
25 725 S. Figueroa St., Suite 3275
26 Los Angeles CA 90017

To Shefa:

Daniel N. Greenbaum, Esq.
Greenbaum Law Firm
7120 Hayvenhurst Ave., Suite 320
Van Nuys, CA 91406

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

8. COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE AND PDF SIGNATURES

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

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

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

10. POST EXECUTION ACTIVITIES

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

11. MODIFICATION

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



12. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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

alleging a violation may file its lawsuit seeking the proposed relief.

13. AUTHORIZATION

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.

<p>AGREED TO:</p> <p>Date: <u>2/8/2024</u></p>	<p>By: <u></u></p> <p>PLAINTIFF SHEFA LMV, INC.</p>
<p>AGREED TO:</p> <p>Date: <u>February 8, 2024</u></p>	<p>DocuSigned by:</p> <p>By: <u></u></p> <p>61950B9EFB1945A...</p> <p>DEFENDANT AMAZON.COM, INC.</p>

[PROPOSED] JUDGMENT

Please note that on _____, 2023 at _____ am/pm, Plaintiff Shefa LMV Inc.'s ("Plaintiff") Motion for Court Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Judgment as to Defendant Amazon.com, Inc. came for hearing before this Court in Department 32, the Honorable Daniel S. Murphy presiding. Counsel for Plaintiff did [not] appear; counsel for Defendant did [not] appear.

After full consideration of the points and authorities and related pleadings submitted, the Court GRANTED Plaintiff's Motion pursuant to and in accordance with Health & Safety Code §25249.7(f)(4).

The Court reviewed the above Settlement Agreement and makes the following findings pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f)(4):

- a. The injunctive relief required by the Settlement Agreement complies with Health & Safety Code § 25249.7;
- b. The reimbursement of fees and costs to be paid pursuant to the Settlement Agreement is reasonable under California law; and
- c. The civil penalty amount to be paid pursuant to Settlement Agreement is reasonable.

IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED.

Date

Judge of the Superior Court