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15	COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO	
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18	KEEP AMERICA SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL,	Case No. CGC-21-595906
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20	V.	[PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT
21 22	BAMBOO IMPORTS MN, INC.; AMAZON.COM, INC.; and DOES 1-30, inclusive,	(Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 et seq. and Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6)
23	Defendants.	
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CONSENT JUDGMENT

1. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between plaintiff Keep America Safe and Beautiful ("KASB") and defendant Bamboo Imports MN, Inc. ("Bamboo Imports"), with KASB and Bamboo Imports each individually referred to as a "Party" and collectively, as the "Parties," to resolve the allegations in the February 3, 2021 60-Day Notice of Violation and July 19, 2021 Supplemental 60-Day Notice of Violation in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 et seq. ("Proposition 65").

1.1 The Parties

KASB is a California-based non-profit organization proceeding in the public interest pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d) to ensure that chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm are disclosed or eliminated from consumer products sold in California. Bamboo Imports is a person in the course of doing business for purposes of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.11(b).

1.2 Consumer Product Description

KASB alleges that Bamboo Imports manufactures, imports, sells, or distributes for sale in California PU leather accessories and hand tools containing di(2ethylhexyl) phthalate ("DEHP"), including but not limited to, Bamboo MN-Medieval Reenactment Leather SCA LARP Knights Belt; ASIN: B07M68F3K5; UPC: 6 936739 942899; Model: XPD01-BR, scab-001-02 and Bamboo MN Brand-2 Piece Root Set-9" Root Pick and 9" Root Rake; ASIN: B01KYLQ3UU; UPC: 6 95511 4951073, without providing the health hazard warning that KASB alleges is required by California Health & Safety Code § 25249.5 et seq. ("Proposition 65"). PU leather accessories and hand tools are referred to hereinafter, collectively, as the "Products." DEHP is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm.

1.3 Notices of Violation

On February 3, 2021, KASB served Bamboo Imports, Amazon.com, Inc., the California Attorney General, and the requisite public enforcement agencies with a 60-Day Notice of Violation ("Notice"), alleging Bamboo Imports violated Proposition 65 by failing to warn its customers and consumers in California that its PU leather accessories can expose users to DEHP. Thereafter, on

July 19, 2021, KASB served the same parties and entities with a Supplemental 60-Day Notice of Violation ("Supplemental Notice"), alleging Bamboo Imports violated Proposition 65 by failing to warn its customers and consumers in California that its hand tools can expose users to DEHP. The Notice and Supplemental Notice are referred to hereinafter, collectively, as the "Notices." No public enforcer has commenced and is diligently prosecuting an action to enforce the allegations set forth in the Notices.

1.4 Complaint

On October 12, 2021, KASB commenced the instant action ("Complaint"), naming Bamboo Imports as a defendant for the alleged violations of Proposition 65 that are the subject of the Notices.

1.5 No Admission

Bamboo Imports denies the material, factual and legal allegations contained in the Notices and Complaint and maintains that all products it sold or distributed for sale in California, including the Products, have been, and are, in compliance with all laws. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as, nor shall compliance with this Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as, an admission by Bamboo Imports of any fact, finding, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law. This section shall not, however, diminish or otherwise affect Bamboo Imports' obligations, responsibilities, and duties under this Consent Judgment.

1.6 Jurisdiction

For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over Bamboo Imports as to the allegations contained in the Complaint; that venue is proper in San Francisco County; and that the Court has jurisdiction to enter and enforce the provisions of this Consent Judgment, pursuant to Proposition 65 and Code of Civil Procedure § 664.6.

1.7 Effective Date

The term "Effective Date" means the date on which the Court approves this Consent Judgment and enters Judgment pursuant to its terms.

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2. <u>INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: REFORMULATION & WARNINGS</u>

2.1 Commitment to Reformulate or Warn

Commencing on the Effective Date and continuing thereafter, all Products Bamboo Imports manufactures, imports or ships for sale, in or into California, shall either be: (a) Reformulated Products in accordance with and as defined by the following Reformulation Standard detailed in Section 2.2; or (b) accompanied by a clear and reasonable warning, pursuant to the following Sections 2.3 through 2.5.

2.2 Reformulation Standard Defined

For purposes of this Consent Judgment, "Reformulated Products" are defined as Products which, if they contain di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate ("DEHP"), di-n-butyl phthalate ("DBP"), diisononyl phthalate ("DINP"), butyl benzyl phthalate ("BBP"), di-isodecyl phthalate ("DIDP") and di-n-hexyl phthalate ("DnHP"), contain any or all such chemicals each in a maximum concentration of less than 0.1 percent (1,000 parts per million) when analyzed by a laboratory accredited by the State of California, a federal agency, or a nationally recognized accrediting organization. For purposes of compliance with this reformulation standard, testing samples shall be prepared and extracted using Consumer Product Safety Commission ("CPSC") methodology CPSC CH-C1001.09.3 and analyzed using U.S. Environmental Protection Agency methodology 8270D, or other methodologies utilized by federal or state government agencies to determine phthalate content in a solid substance.

2.3 Clear and Reasonable Warnings

Bamboo Imports shall provide clear and reasonable warnings for all Products in accordance with this Section and pursuant to Title 27 California Code of Regulations § 25600, et seq. Each warning shall be prominently placed with such conspicuousness as compared with other words, statements, or designs as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions before purchase or use and shall be provided in a manner such that it is clearly associated with the specific Product to which the warning applies.

(a) Warning. The Warning shall consist of one of the following statements:

1. For Products containing DEHP:

WARNING: This product can expose you to 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.

Or

2. For Products containing any other phthalate chemical(s):

WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including [name of chemical or chemicals] which [is/are] 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.

- **(b) Short-Form Warnings**. Bamboo Imports may, but is not required to, use one of the following short-form warnings, in lieu of the warnings set forth in subsection 2.3(a) ("**Short-Form**"), subject to the additional requirements in Sections 2.4 and 2.5 and modified to reflect the correct chemical endpoint, as follows:
 - MARNING: Cancer and Reproductive Harm www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.
 - MARNING: Reproductive Harm www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.
 - **WARNING**: Cancer www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.
- (c) Foreign Language Requirement. Where a consumer product sign, label or shelf tag used to provide a warning includes consumer information in language(s) other than English, the warning must also be provided in the other language(s) in addition to English.

2.4 Product Warnings

Bamboo Imports shall affix a warning to the Product label or otherwise directly on Products or on the Product's immediate container, wrapper, or packaging for those Products provided for sale to consumers located in California and to customers with retail outlets in California. For purposes of this Agreement, "Product label" means a display of written, printed or graphic material printed on or affixed to each of the Products or its immediate container or wrapper. A warning provided pursuant to section 2.3(a) or (b) must print the word "WARNING:" in all capital letters and in bold font. The warning symbol to the left of the word "WARNING:" must be a black exclamation point in a yellow equilateral triangle with a black outline, except, if the labeling does not use the color yellow, the

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symbol may be in black and white. The entire warning shall appear in at least 6-point type and no smaller than the largest type size used for other consumer information on the Products. The warning shall consist of either the Warning or the Short Form described in subsection 2.3(a) or (b), respectively.

2.5 Internet Warnings

If, after the Effective Date, Bamboo Imports sells Products to consumers located in California or to customers with retail outlets in California, in each case via the internet on websites it controls ("Bamboo Imports-controlled websites"), then Bamboo Imports shall provide warnings for the Products both on the Product label, in accordance with Section 2.4, and by prominently displaying the warning or a clearly marked hyperlink to the warning using the word "WARNING" to the consumer or customer prior to completing the purchase such that the consumer or customer does not have to search for the warning. The warning or a clearly marked hyperlink to the warning using the word "WARNING" given in conjunction with the sale of the Products via the Bamboo Imports-controlled website shall appear either: (a) on the same web page on which the Products are displayed; (b) on the same web page as the virtual cart displaying the Products; (c) on the same page as the price for the Products; or (d) on one or more web pages displayed to a purchaser prior to or during the checkout process. The warning shall appear in any of the above instances adjacent to or immediately following the display, description, or price of the Products for which it is given in the same type size or larger than other consumer information provided for the Products and shall not require customers or customers to seek out the warning. The internet warning may use the Short-Form described in Section 2.3(b), if the warning provided on the Product label also uses the Short-Form. For all other internet warnings, with respect to other online retailers or third-party controlled websites that sell Products in or into California, Bamboo Imports shall, after the Effective Date, provide Products to those third-party websites that bear the warning as set forth in Section 2.4 and shall require the thirdparty website to provide the internet warning as a condition of sale of the Products.

2.6 Compliance with Warning Regulations

Bamboo Imports may elect to comply with the warning requirements of this Section 2 by any means authorized by Health and Safety Code 25249.5 *et seq.* and/or by adhering to the safe harbor

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guidelines published by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and set forth in Title 27, Div. 4, Chap. 1, Ar. 6 of the California Code of Regulations, commencing at § 25600 et seq, as may be amended from time to time. The Parties agree compliance with the injunctive terms of this Consent Judgment and with Proposition 65 generally constitutes a significant benefit in the public interest.

MONETARY SETTLEMENT TERMS 3.

3.1 Civil Penalty

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(b), Bamboo Imports agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$1,500 within five (5) days of the Effective Date. Bamboo Imports' civil penalty payment will be allocated according to Health and Safety Code § 25249.12(c)(1) and (d), with seventy-five percent (75%) of the penalty paid to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA"), and the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) retained by KASB. Bamboo Imports shall issue its payment in two checks made payable to: (a) "OEHHA" in the amount of \$1,125; and (b) "Keep America Safe and Beautiful" in the amount of \$375. KASB's counsel shall deliver to OEHHA and KASB their respective portions of the penalty payment.

3.2 Reimbursement of Attorneys' Fees and Costs

KASB and its counsel offered to resolve the allegations in the Notices and Complaint without reaching terms on the amount of reimbursement of attorneys' fees and costs. Shortly after the Parties finalized the other material settlement terms, they negotiated and reached an accord on the amount of reimbursement to be paid to KASB's counsel, under general contract principles and the private attorney general doctrine, codified at California Code of Civil Procedure § 1021.5, for all work performed through the mutual execution and reporting of this Consent Judgment to the Office of the California Attorney General and entry of Judgment pursuant its terms, but exclusive of fees and costs on appeal, if any.

Bamboo Imports shall pay a total sum of \$21,500 for all fees and other costs incurred investigating, bringing this matter to Bamboo Imports' attention, litigating, and negotiating a settlement in the public interest. The attorneys' fees and costs payments shall be made as detailed in subsection (a) and shall be deposited according to the schedule detailed there and subject to its

terms. Within five (5) days of the Effective Date, or the date the court grants the motion to approve and enters the Settlement as a judgment, Bamboo Imports shall issue four (4) checks totaling \$21,500, made payable to "Seven Hills LLP", to be deposited according to the installment agreement terms detailed in subsection (a), below. All payments made under this Section 3 shall be delivered to the address listed in Section 3.3.

(a) Attorneys' Fees & Costs: Installment Agreement, Terms, and Timing

Bamboo Imports agrees to provide all attorneys' fees and costs payments due under this Agreement within five (5) days of the Effective Date. The Parties agree the payment of attorneys' fees and costs, totaling \$21,500, shall be broken out into four installment payments. The first installment payment shall consist of a check made payable to Seven Hills LLP in the amount of \$15,000. The remaining attorneys' fees and costs payments shall consist of three (3) separate, additional installment payments of \$2,166.67, \$2,166.67, and \$2,166.66. All payments under this Section shall be made in the form of individual checks payable to "Seven Hills LLP" and delivered to the address below, in Section 3.3. Upon receipt, Seven Hills LLP shall immediately deposit Bamboo Imports' initial payment of \$15,000. Seven Hills LLP agrees to hold the remaining payments and deposit them according to the following schedule. Seven Hills LLP shall deposit the remaining three (3) installment payments each roughly thirty days apart or on or about the 1st of each of the following months: April 2023, May 2023, and June 2023, with all attorneys' fees and costs deposited no later than June 1, 2023.

Bamboo Imports agrees and understands, should any installment payment due under this Section or this Agreement fail due to insufficient funds, the remaining payments shall become immediately due and payable. In the event Seven Hills LLP incurs fees for any returned checks, Bamboo Imports agrees to reimburse KASB's counsel for such fees.

Bamboo Imports acknowledges that, until the last installment payment is deposited and clears with sufficient funds, KASB reserves the right to institute a proceeding under Proposition 65, including the filing of a complaint based on the allegations in the Notice, a suit based on breach of or failure to perform under a contract, or any other remedy allowable under law. In the event any such

defenses.

3.3 Payments

All payments payable and due under this Consent Judgment shall be delivered to KASB's counsel at the following address:

action is brought, Bamboo Imports retains all defenses and does not hereby waive any potential

Seven Hills LLP Attn: Kimberly Gates Johnson 4 Embarcadero Center, Suite 1400 San Francisco, CA 94111

3.4 Tax Reporting Information to be Provided

Upon the full execution of this Consent Judgment by all signatory parties, Seven Hills LLP, on behalf of its client, KASB, agrees to provide IRS Form W9s for all payees under this agreement to counsel for Bamboo Imports, so that Bamboo Imports can comply with its duties to report to the IRS.

4. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

4.1 KASB's Release of Proposition 65 Claims

This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution of the claims that were or could have been asserted by KASB arising out of the allegations in the Notices and in the Complaint.

KASB, acting on its own behalf, in the public interest, and on behalf of its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors and assignees ("Releasors") releases Bamboo Imports, its past and present parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities under common ownership, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, and each entity to whom Bamboo Imports directly or indirectly distributes or sells the Products including, but not limited to, Amazon.com, Inc., its downstream distributors, wholesalers, marketplace hosts, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members, and licensees ("Releasees") based on the failure to provide a clear and reasonable warning under Proposition 65 about alleged exposures to DEHP contained in the Products that were manufactured, processed, distributed, sold and/or offered for sale in California before the Effective Date, as set forth in the Notices and Complaint. The Parties further agree that compliance with Section 2 of this Consent Judgment shall be deemed compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to alleged exposures to DEHP in the Products. The Parties understand and agree this Section 4.1 release shall

not extend to Releasees who have been instructed by Bamboo Imports, pursuant to Section 2.5, to provide a warning on Products that are not Reformulated Products and have failed to do so.

4.2 KASB's Individual Release of Claims

KASB, in its individual capacity only and *not* in its representative capacity, also hereby provides a release to Bamboo Imports and the Releasees which shall be effective as a full and final accord and satisfaction, as a bar to all actions, causes of action, obligations, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, losses, claims, liabilities and demands of KASB of any nature, character or kind, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, arising out of alleged or actual exposures to DEHP in Products manufactured or distributed into the State of California by Bamboo Imports prior to the Execution Date. Nothing in this section shall affect KASB's right to commence or prosecute an action under Proposition 65 against a Releasee that does not involve Bamboo Imports' Products.

4.3 Bamboo Imports' Release of KASB

Bamboo Imports, on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against KASB and its attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made (or those that could have been taken or made) by KASB and its attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of investigating claims or otherwise seeking to enforce Proposition 65 against him in this matter with respect to the Products.

The Parties further understand and agree Section 4 releases shall not extend upstream to any entities who sold, supplied, or manufactured the Products, or any component parts thereof, to Bamboo Imports. Nothing in these Section 4 releases shall affect KASB's right to commence or prosecute an action under Proposition 65 against a Releasee that does not involve Bamboo Imports' Products.

5. <u>COURT APPROVAL</u>

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(f)(4), Bamboo Imports shall file a noticed motion for judicial approval of this Consent Judgment. The Parties agree to mutually employ their best efforts, and those of their counsel, to support the entry of a judgment pursuant to the terms of this Consent Judgment, and to judicial approval of their settlement in a timely manner. For

purposes of this section, "best efforts" shall include, at a minimum, supporting the motion for approval, responding to any third-party objection, and appearing at the hearing before the Court if so requested.

6. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>

If, subsequent to the Court's approval and entry of this Consent Judgment as a judgment, any provision of this Consent Judgment is deemed by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be adversely affected.

7. GOVERNING LAW

The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and apply within California. In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed, preempted, or is otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or as to the Products, then Bamboo Imports may provide KASB with written notice of any asserted change in the law, and shall have no further injunctive obligations pursuant to this Consent Judgment, with respect to, and to the extent that, the Products are so affected. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be interpreted to relieve Bamboo Imports from its obligation to comply with any pertinent state or federal law or regulation.

8. NOTICE

Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notice required by this Consent Judgment shall be in writing and sent by: (i) first-class registered or certified mail, return receipt requested; or (ii) a recognized overnight courier to any Party by the other at the following addresses:

For KASB:

For Bamboo Imports:

Ryan Yoong, CEO

Bamboo Imports MN, Inc.

2050 West 96th Street

Bloomington, MN 55431

Kimberly Gates Johnson, Partner
SEVEN HILLS LLP
4 Embarcadero Center, Suite 1400
San Francisco, CA 94111

With a copy to:

Carey L. Cooper, Esq. KLINEDINST ATTORNEYS 501 W. Broadway, Suite 600 San Diego, CA 92101

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.

9. COUNTERPARTS, FACSIMILE AND PDF SIGNATURES

This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by 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.

10. COMPLIANCE WITH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

KASB and its counsel agree to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced in California Health and Safety Code § 25249.7(f).

11. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

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.

12. MODIFICATION

This Consent Judgment may be modified only by: (i) a written agreement of the Parties and the entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court thereon; or (ii) upon a successful motion of any party and the entry of a modified Consent Judgment by the Court thereon.

13. **AUTHORIZATION**

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

AGREED TO: AGREED TO:

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