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9 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
10 COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

12 CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, ) Case No. 23CV029956  
13 a non-profit corporation, )  
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15 Plaintiff, )  
16 vs. ) **[PROPOSED] CONSENT**  
17 LULULEMON USA INC., *et al.*, ) **JUDGMENT AS TO LULULEMON**  
18 Defendants. ) **USA INC.**  
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21 **1. INTRODUCTION**

22 **1.1** The parties to this Consent Judgment (“Parties”) are the Center for  
23 Environmental Health (“CEH”) and defendant Lululemon USA INC. (“Settling Defendant”).  
24 CEH and Settling Defendant are referred to collectively as the “Parties.”

25 **1.2** CEH alleges that Settling Defendant is a corporation that employs ten (10) or  
26 more persons and that manufactures, distributes, and/or sells latex yoga mats that contain n-  
27 nitrosodimethylamine (“NDMA”) in the State of California or has done so in the past.

1           **1.3**           Nitrosamines, such as NDMA, can form during the manufacturing process of  
2 latex rubber products, including the Covered Products. One study contends that Covered  
3 Products can be made using alternate accelerators (hereafter “Alternate Accelerator”) that do not  
4 form Nitrosamines. *See* Sheth, et al., *Nitrosamine Generating Accelerators in Curing of Rubber*,  
5 *IJSRD*, Vol. 1, Issue 3 (2013).

6           **1.4**           On September 14, 2022, CEH served a 60-Day Notice of Violation under  
7 Proposition 65 (The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health  
8 & Safety Code § 25249.5, *et seq.*) (“Notices”) on Settling Defendant, the California Attorney  
9 General, the District Attorneys of every County in the State of California, and the City Attorneys  
10 for every City in the State of California with a population greater than 750,000. The Notice  
11 alleges violations of Proposition 65 with respect to the presence of NDMA in latex yoga mats that  
12 are distributed and/or sold by Settling Defendant.

13           **1.5**           On March 24, 2023, CEH filed the above-captioned action in the Superior  
14 Court of California for Alameda County, naming Settling Defendant as a defendant in this action.

15           **1.6**           For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that: (i) this  
16 Court has jurisdiction over the allegations of violations contained in the operative Complaint in  
17 the above-captioned action (“Complaint”) and personal jurisdiction over Settling Defendant as to  
18 the acts alleged in the Complaint; (ii) venue is proper in the County of Alameda; and (iii) this  
19 Court has jurisdiction to enter and enforce this Consent Judgment.

20           **1.7**           Nothing in this Consent Judgment is, or shall be construed as, an admission by  
21 the Parties of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance  
22 with the Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by the Parties of any fact,  
23 conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall  
24 prejudice, waive, or impair any right, remedy, argument, or defense the Parties may have in any  
25 other legal proceeding. This Consent Judgment is the product of negotiation and compromise and  
26 is accepted by the Parties for purposes of settling, compromising, and resolving issues disputed in  
27 this action.  
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1 **2. DEFINITIONS**

2 **2.1** “Covered Products” means latex yoga mats manufactured, distributed, or sold  
3 by Settling Defendant in California.

4 **2.2** “Effective Date” means the date on which this Consent Judgment is entered by  
5 the Court.

6 **2.3** “Nitrosamine-Free Latex” means latex rubber that contains NDMA that is  
7 below the level of detection (“LOD”) using a detection limit equal to 100 parts per billion (ppb)  
8 by weight when tested pursuant to ISO 19577-2019 by an independent accredited laboratory. In  
9 the event that CEH becomes aware that the International Organization for Standardization  
10 (“ISO”) has validated and published a modified version of ISO 19577-2019 that results in a  
11 reduction in the LOD for NDMA, CEH may initiate a meet and confer pursuant to Section 6 to  
12 lower the LOD. In no event shall the LOD be reduced below 20 ppb. Alternatively,  
13 Nitrosamine-Free Latex may be demonstrated as containing NDMA less than 10 ppb as  
14 determined using ASTM F1313-90 (2011) or EN-71-12:2016, modified to use a sweat solution by  
15 an independent accredited laboratory.

16 **2.4** “Reformulation Date” means 180 days after the Effective Date.

17 **2.5** “Reformulation Requirements” means the injunctive obligations set forth in  
18 Sections 3.1 and 3.2.

19 **3. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

20 **3.1 Specification Compliance Date.** No more than thirty (30) days after the  
21 Effective Date, Settling Defendant shall issue specifications to its suppliers of the Covered  
22 Products requiring that the Covered Products manufactured after the Reformulation Date be made  
23 with Nitrosamine Free Latex. Settling Defendant shall obtain and maintain written  
24 certification(s) from the suppliers of Covered Products confirming that all such Covered Products  
25 manufactured or received by Settling Defendant for distribution in California are made with  
26 Nitrosamine-Free Latex. Settling Defendant may rely upon a written certification from its  
27 supplier that supplied a Covered Product that such Covered Product is made with Nitrosamine-  
28 Free Latex if such certification has not previously been demonstrated to be invalid. Settling

1 Defendant may comply with the requirements of this Section 3.1 by incorporating the  
2 requirements of this Section into its vendor guidelines, restricted substances list or similar vendor  
3 specifications documents and obtaining written confirmation from its suppliers through its  
4 standard vendor approval and consent processes.

5 **3.2 Reformulation Commitment.** As of the Reformulation Date, Settling  
6 Defendant shall not manufacture or purchase for sale in California any Covered Products that are  
7 not made with Nitrosamine-Free Latex. Nothing in this Consent Judgment requires Settling  
8 Defendant to (a) perform testing on the Covered Products; or (b) recall any Covered Products that  
9 are already in the stream of commerce as of the Reformulation Date.

10 **3.3 Sell-Through for Existing Inventory.** The Reformulation Requirements of  
11 Section 3 shall not apply to Covered Products that Settling Defendant has purchased or  
12 manufactured prior to the Reformulation Date, including but not limited to Covered Products in  
13 distribution centers, in inventory, or at retail locations.

#### 14 **4. ENFORCEMENT**

15 **4.1** CEH may, by motion or application for an order to show cause before the  
16 Superior Court of the County of Alameda, enforce the terms and conditions contained in this  
17 Consent Judgment. Prior to bringing any motion or application to enforce the requirements of  
18 Section 3 above, CEH shall provide Settling Defendant with a Notice of Violation setting forth the  
19 basis for the alleged violation. The Parties shall then meet and confer regarding the basis for CEH's  
20 anticipated motion or application in an attempt to resolve it informally. Should such attempts at  
21 meeting and conferring fail, CEH may file its enforcement motion or application. In ruling on any  
22 motion to enforce the terms of this Section, the Court may, in addition to ordering compliance with  
23 the terms of this Consent Judgment, employ such remedies as necessary to ensure compliance with  
24 Proposition 65 including, but not limited to, requiring Settling Defendant to provide warnings.  
25 Should CEH prevail on any motion or application to enforce a material violation of this Consent  
26 Judgment under this Section, CEH shall be entitled to its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs  
27 incurred as a result of such motion or application. Should Settling Defendant prevail on any motion  
28 or application under this Section, Settling Defendant may be awarded its reasonable attorneys' fees

1 and costs as a result of such motion or application upon a finding by the court that CEH's  
2 prosecution of the motion or application was not in good faith.

3 **5. PAYMENTS**

4 **5.1 Payments by Settling Defendant.** Within fifteen (15) calendar days of the  
5 Effective Date, Settling Defendant shall pay the total sum of \$ 140,000 as a settlement payment  
6 as further set forth in this Section. Any payment by Settling Defendant shall be deemed to be  
7 timely and not subject to a late charge and/or other penalty if (1) postmarked (if sent by the  
8 United States Postal Service) or (2) delivered to an overnight carrier (e.g. Fed Ex), on or before  
9 the deadline set forth in this paragraph.

10 **5.2 Allocation of Payments.** The total settlement amount for Settling Defendant  
11 shall be paid in five (5) separate checks in the amounts specified below and delivered as set forth  
12 below. The funds paid by Settling Defendant shall be allocated as set forth below between the  
13 following categories and made payable as follows:

14 5.2.1 \$38,500 as a civil penalty pursuant to Health & Safety Code  
15 § 25249.7(b). The civil penalty payment shall be apportioned in accordance with Health & Safety  
16 Code § 25249.12 (25% to CEH and 75% to the State of California's Office of Environmental  
17 Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA")). Accordingly, the OEHHA portion of the civil penalty  
18 payment for \$28,875 shall be made payable to OEHHA and associated with taxpayer  
19 identification number 68-0284486. This payment shall be delivered as follows:

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21 For United States Postal Service Delivery:

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

27 For Non-United States Postal Service Delivery:

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

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The CEH portion of the civil penalty payment for \$9,625 shall be made payable to the Center for Environmental Health and associated with taxpayer identification number 94-3251981. This payment shall be delivered to Lexington Law Group, 503 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, CA 94117.

5.2.2 \$28,500 as an Additional Settlement Payment (“ASP”) to CEH pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b), and California Code of Regulations, Title 11, § 3204. CEH will use these funds to support CEH programs and activities that seek to educate the public about toxic chemicals, including carcinogenic nitrosamines such as NDMA, work with industries interested in moving toward safer alternatives, advocate with government, businesses, and communities for business practices that are safe for human health and the environment, and thereby reduce the public health impacts and risks of exposure to NDMA, and other toxic chemicals in consumer products sold in California. CEH shall obtain and maintain adequate records to document that ASPs are spent on these activities and CEH agrees to provide such documentation to the Attorney General within thirty (30) days of any request from the Attorney General. The payment pursuant to this Section shall be made payable to the Center for Environmental Health and associated with taxpayer identification number 94-3251981. This payment shall be delivered to Lexington Law Group, 503 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, CA 94117.

5.2.3 \$73,000 as a reimbursement of a portion of CEH’s reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs. The attorneys’ fees and cost reimbursement shall be made in two separate checks as follows: (a) \$56,000 payable to the Lexington Law Group and associated with taxpayer identification number 94-3317175; and (b) \$17,000 payable to the Center for Environmental Health and associated with taxpayer identification number 94-3251981. Both of these payments shall be delivered to Lexington Law Group, 503 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, CA 94117.

5.2.4 To summarize, Settling Defendant shall deliver checks made out to

1 the payees and in the amounts set forth below:

2 <b>Payee</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Deliver To</b>
3 OEHHA	Penalty	\$ 28,875	OEHHA per Section 5.2.1
4 Center For Environmental Health	Penalty	\$ 9,625	LLG
5 Center For Environmental Health	ASP	\$ 28,500	LLG
6 Lexington Law Group	Fee and Cost	\$ 56,000	LLG
7 Center For Environmental Health	Fee and Cost	\$ 17,000	LLG

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9 **6. MODIFICATION**

10 **6.1 Modification.** This Consent Judgment may be modified from time to time by  
11 express written agreement of the Parties with the approval of the Court, or by an order of this  
12 Court upon motion and in accordance with law.

13 **6.2 Meet and Confer.** Any Party seeking to modify this Consent Judgment shall  
14 attempt in good faith to meet and confer with all affected Parties prior to filing a motion to  
15 modify the Consent Judgment.

16 **7. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED**

17 **7.1** This Consent Judgment is a full, final and binding resolution between CEH on  
18 behalf of itself and the public interest and Settling Defendant and Settling Defendant's parents,  
19 subsidiaries, affiliated entities that are under common ownership, directors, officers, members,  
20 employees, agents, shareholders, successors, assigns, and attorneys ("Defendant Releasees"), and  
21 all entities to which Settling Defendant directly or indirectly distributes or sells Covered Products,  
22 including but not limited to distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, licensors  
23 and licensees ("Additional Defendant Releasees"), of any violation of Proposition 65 based on  
24 failure to warn about alleged exposure to NDMA contained in the Covered Products that were  
25 manufactured, imported, sold, distributed or offered for sale by Settling Defendant prior to the  
26 Reformulation Date.

27 **7.2** CEH, for itself, its agents, successors and assigns, releases, waives, and  
28 forever discharges any and all claims against Settling Defendant, Defendant Releasees, and

1 Additional Defendant Releasees arising from any violation of Proposition 65 or any other  
2 statutory or common law claims that have been or could have been asserted by CEH regarding a  
3 violation of Proposition 65 and/or the failure to warn about exposure to NDMA or any other  
4 Proposition 65 listed nitrosamine arising or in connection with the Covered Products that were  
5 manufactured, imported, sold, distributed or offered for sale by Settling Defendant prior to the  
6 Reformulation Date.

7 **7.3** Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment by Settling Defendant  
8 shall constitute compliance with Proposition 65 by Settling Defendant, the Defendant Releasees  
9 and its Additional Defendant Releasees with respect to any alleged failure to warn about NDMA  
10 in the Covered Products manufactured, distributed, or sold by Settling Defendant after the  
11 Effective Date, except as to any other retail seller who fails to provide an internet or catalogue  
12 warning provided to said retailer pursuant to Section 3.6 in a manner consistent with Section  
13 3.6.1.

14 **8. NOTICE**

15 **8.1** When CEH is entitled to receive any notice under this Consent Judgment, the  
16 notice shall be sent by electronic mail to:

17 Mark Todzo  
18 Lexington Law Group  
19 503 Divisadero Street  
20 San Francisco, CA 94117  
21 mtodzo@lexlawgroup.com

22 **8.2** When Settling Defendant is entitled to receive any notice under this Consent  
23 Judgment, the notice shall be sent by electronic mail to:

24 George Gigounas  
25 DLA Piper LLP (US)  
26 555 Mission Street, Suite 2400  
27 San Francisco, CA 94105  
28 georgpe.gigounas@dlapiper.com

**8.3** Any Party may modify the person and address to whom the notice is to be sent  
by sending the other Party notice by first class and electronic mail.



1 **9. COURT APPROVAL**

2 **9.1** This Consent Judgment shall become effective upon entry by the Court. CEH  
3 shall prepare and file a Motion for Approval of this Consent Judgment and Settling Defendant  
4 shall support entry of this Consent Judgment.

5 **9.2** If this Consent Judgment is not entered by the Court, it shall be of no force or  
6 effect and shall never be introduced into evidence or otherwise used in any proceeding for any  
7 purpose other than to allow the Court to determine if there was a material breach of Section 9.1.

8 **10. GOVERNING LAW AND CONSTRUCTION**

9 **10.1** The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State  
10 of California.

11 **11. ATTORNEYS' FEES**

12 **11.1** Should CEH prevail on any motion, application for an order to show cause, or  
13 other proceeding to enforce a violation of this Consent Judgment, CEH shall be entitled to its  
14 reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred as a result of such motion or application. Should  
15 Settling Defendant prevail on any motion application for an order to show cause or other  
16 proceeding, Settling Defendant may be awarded its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs as a result  
17 of such motion or application upon a finding by the Court that CEH's prosecution of the motion  
18 or application lacked substantial justification. For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term  
19 substantial justification shall carry the same meaning as used in the Civil Discovery Act of 1986,  
20 California Code of Civil Procedure §§ 2016, *et seq.* This section is not intended to preclude the  
21 ordinary operation of California Civil Code §1717.

22 **11.2** Except as otherwise provided in this Consent Judgment, each Party shall bear  
23 its own attorneys' fees and costs.

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

26 **12. JOINT PREPARATION**

27 **12.1** The Parties have jointly participated in the preparation of this Consent  
28 Judgment and this Consent Judgment is the result of the joint efforts of the Parties. Accordingly,

1 any uncertainty or ambiguity existing in this Consent Judgment shall not be interpreted against  
2 any Party as a result of the manner of the preparation of this Consent Judgment. Each Party to  
3 this Consent Judgment agrees that any statute or rule of construction providing that ambiguities  
4 are to be resolved against the drafting Party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this  
5 Consent Judgment and, in this regard, the Parties hereby waive California Civil Code § 1654. No  
6 inference, assumption, or presumption shall be drawn, and no provision of this Consent Judgment  
7 shall be construed against any Party, based upon the fact that one of the Parties and/or their  
8 counsel prepared or drafted any portion of this Consent Judgment. It is conclusively presumed  
9 that the Parties participated equally in the drafting of this Consent Judgment.

10 **13. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

11 **13.1** This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and  
12 understanding of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter hereof, and any and all prior  
13 discussions, negotiations, commitments, or understandings related thereto, if any, are hereby  
14 merged herein and therein. There are no warranties, representations, or other agreements between  
15 the Parties except as expressly set forth herein. No representations, oral or otherwise, express or  
16 implied, other than those specifically referred to in this Consent Judgment have been made by any  
17 Party hereto. No other agreements not specifically contained or referenced herein, oral or  
18 otherwise, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the Parties hereto. No supplementation,  
19 modification, waiver, or termination of this Consent Judgment shall be binding unless executed in  
20 writing by the Party to be bound thereby. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Consent  
21 Judgment shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any of the other provisions hereof  
22 whether or not similar, nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

23 **14. SUBMISSION OF REPORTS AND DATA TO CEH**

24 **14.1** For any report or information that Settling Defendant submits to CEH pursuant  
25 to this Consent Judgment, Settling Defendant may make such a submission subject to the terms of  
26 a protective order and/or confidentiality agreement as appropriate.

1 **15. COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(f)**

2 **15.1** CEH and its attorneys agree to comply with the reporting form requirements  
3 referenced in California Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(f).

4 **16. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**

5 **16.1** This Consent Judgment shall apply to and be binding upon CEH and Settling  
6 Defendant, and other respective divisions, subdivision, and subsidiaries, and the successors and  
7 assigns of any of them.

8 **17. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION**

9 **17.1** This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to implement, enforce or  
10 modify the Consent Judgment.

11 **18. AUTHORITY TO STIPULATE TO CONSENT JUDGMENT**

12 **18.1** Each signatory to this Consent Judgment certifies that he or she is fully  
13 authorized by the Party he or she represents to stipulate to this Consent Judgment and to enter into  
14 and execute the Consent Judgment on behalf of the Party represented and legally bind that Party.

15 **19. NO EFFECT ON OTHER SETTLEMENTS**

16 **19.1** Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall preclude CEH from resolving any claim  
17 against an entity that is not the Settling Defendant (or a Defendant Releasee) on terms that are  
18 different than those contained in this Consent Judgment.

19 **20. EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS**

20 **20.1** The stipulations to this Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and  
21 by means of facsimile or portable document format (pdf), which taken together shall be deemed to  
22 constitute one document.

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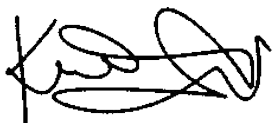
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Dated: October 12, 2023

**CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**



\_\_\_\_\_  
Kizzy Charles-Guzman  
Chief Executive Officer

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

**LULULEMON USA INC.**

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Judge of the Superior Court of the State of California

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

**CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

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Chief Executive Officer

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Dated: October 17 , 2023

**LULULEMON USA INC.**

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