	di d		
1	ENTORNO LAW, LLP		
2	Craig M. Nicholas (SBN 178444) Noam Glick (SBN 251582)		
3	Jake W. Schulte (SBN 293777) Janani Natarajan (SBN 346770)		
4	225 Broadway, Suite 1900 San Diego, California 92101		
5	Tel: (619) 629-0527 Email: craig@entornolaw.com Email: noam@entornolaw.com		
6	Email: jake@entornolaw.com		
7	Email: janani@entornolaw.com		
8	Attorneys for Plaintiff		
9	Environmental Health Advocates, Inc.		
10	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
11	IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA		
12	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	Case No. 23 CV 03 07 42	
13	ADVOCATES, INC.,	[PROPOSED] REVISED CONSENT JUDGMENT	
14	Plaintiff,		
15	V.	(Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 et seq. and Code Civ. Proc. § 664.6)	
16	FLAMBEAU, INC., a Wisconsin corporation; AMAZON.COM, INC., a Delaware		
17	corporation; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,		
18	Defendants.		
19			
20	<b>†</b> *		
21			
22	· ·		
23	• •		
24	:		
25			
26			
27			
28			

#### 

# 

# 

# 

# 

# 

### 

# 

# 

# 

# 

# 

# 

# 

# 

# 

# 

••

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Parties

This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between Environmental Health Advocates, Inc., ("EHA" or "Plaintiff") and Flambeau, Inc. ("Defendant" or "Flambeau") with EHA and Flambeau each individually referred to as a "Party" and collectively referred to as the "Parties."

#### 1.2 Plaintiff

EHA is a corporation organized in the state of California, acting in the interest of the general public. It 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 Defendant

Flambeau employs ten or more individuals and for purposes of this Consent Judgment only, 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 section 25249.6 et seq. ("Proposition 65").

#### 1.4 General Allegations

EHA alleges that Flambeau manufactures, imports, sells, and distributes for sale Limelight LED Light-Up Yo-Yo that contains BPA. EHA further alleges that Flambeau does so without providing a sufficient health hazard warning as required by Proposition 65 and related Regulations. Flambeau denies these allegations and asserts that its products are safe and in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

#### 1.5 Notice of Violation

On or around September 14, 2022, EHA served Defendant Flambeau, Amazon.com, Inc., Flambeau, Inc., the California Attorney General, and all other required public enforcement agencies with a 60-Day Notice of Violation of Proposition 65 ("Notice"). The Notice alleged that Flambeau had violated Proposition 65 by failing to sufficiently warn consumers in California of the health hazards associated with exposures to BPA contained in yo-yo's products, including but not limited to Limelight LED Light-Up Yo-Yo manufactured or processed by Flambeau that allegedly contain BPA and are imported, sold, shipped, delivered, or distributed for sale to consumers in California by Releasees (as defined in section 4.1).

No public enforcer has commenced or is otherwise prosecuting an action to enforce the violations alleged in the Notice.

#### 1.6 Product Description

The products covered by this Consent Judgment are all yo-yo products made of polycarbonate material manufactured or processed by Flambeau, or for Flambeau, that allegedly contain BPA and are imported, sold, shipped, delivered, or distributed for sale to consumers in California by Releasees (as defined in section 4.1) ("Covered Products").

#### 1.7 State of the Pleadings

On or around April 7, 2023, EHA filed a Complaint against Flambeau for the alleged violations of Proposition 65 that are the subject of the Notice ("Complaint").

#### 1.8 No Admission

Flambeau denies the material factual and legal allegations of the Notice and Complaint and maintains that all of the products it has manufactured, imported, sold, and/or distributed for sale in California, including Covered Products, have been, and are, in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be construed as an admission of any fact, finding, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law, nor shall compliance with this Consent Judgment be construed as an admission of any fact, finding, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law. This Section shall not, however, diminish or otherwise affect Flambeau's obligations, responsibilities, and duties under this Consent Judgment.

#### 1.9 Jurisdiction

For purposes of this Consent Judgment and the Complaint only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has jurisdiction over Flambeau as to the allegations in the Complaint, that venue is proper in the County of Alameda, 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 section 664.6.

#### 1.10 Effective Date

For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term "Effective Date" means the date on which this Consent Judgment is approved and entered as a judgment of the Court, as discussed in Section 5.

### 2. <u>INJUNCTIVE RELIEF</u>

### 2.1 Covered Products in Compliance with MADL

As of the Effective Date, and continuing thereafter, the Covered Products do not and will not exceed California's regulatory maximum allowable daily dose ("MADL") level of BPA (currently 3.0 micrograms per day from dermal exposure), as published in Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27 § 25805. The "Daily BPA Exposure Level" should not exceed more than 2.1 ug/cm^2 of BPA using content-based testing using HPLC-MS analysis, to fall below the regulatory MADL.

#### 2.2 Sell-Through Period

Notwithstanding anything else in this Consent Judgment, Covered Products that are manufactured, packaged, or put into commerce on or after before the date this Agreement is executed shall be subject to the release of liability pursuant to this Consent Judgment, without regard to when such Covered Products were, or are in the future, distributed or sold to customers.

#### 3. MONETARY SETTLEMENT TERMS

#### 3.1 Settlement Amount

Flambeau shall pay fifty two thousand dollars (\$52,000.00) in settlement and total satisfaction of all the claims referred to in the Notice(s), the Complaint, and this Consent Judgment. This includes civil penalties in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b) and attorneys' fees and costs in the amount of forty seven thousand dollars (\$47,000.00) pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5.

#### 3.2 Civil Penalty

The portion of the settlement attributable to civil penalties shall be allocated according to Health and Safety Code section 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%) of the penalty paid to EHA individually. The five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) in civil penalties shall be paid as follows:

• One payment of \$3,750.00 to OEHHA, due fourteen (14) days after the date the Court approves EHA's motion to approve this Consent Judgment.

• One payment of \$1,250.00 to EHA, due fourteen (14) days after the date the Court approves EHA's motion to approve this Consent Judgment.

All payments owed to EHA shall be delivered to the following address:

Isaac Fayman
Environmental Health Advocates
225 Broadway, Suite 2100
San Diego, CA 92101

All payments owed to OEHHA (EIN: 68-0284486) shall be delivered directly to OEHHA (Memo Line "Prop 65 Penalties") at the following addresses:

For United States Postal Service Delivery:

Mike Gyurics
Fiscal Operations Branch Chief
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
P.O. Box 4010
Sacramento, CA 95812-4010

For Federal Express 2-Day Delivery:

Mike Gyurics
Fiscal Operations Branch Chief
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Flambeau agrees to provide EHA's counsel with a copy of the check payable to OEHHA, simultaneous with its penalty payment to EHA.

Plaintiff and its counsel will provide completed IRS 1099, W-9, or other tax forms as required. Relevant information is set out below:

- "Environmental Health Advocates, Inc." (EIN: 84-2322975) at the address provided above.
- "Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment" 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

All payments referenced in this section shall be paid within fourteen (14) days of the date the Court approves EHA's motion to approve this Consent Judgment.

#### 3.3 Attorney's Fees and Costs

The portion of the settlement attributable to attorneys' fees and costs shall be paid to EHA's counsel, who are entitled to attorneys' fees and costs incurred by it in this action, including but not

limited to investigating potential violations, bringing this matter to Flambeau's attention, as well as litigating and negotiating a settlement in the public interest.

Flambeau shall provide its payment for civil penalty and for attorneys' fees and costs to EHA's counsel by physical check or by electronic means, including wire transfers, at Flambeau's discretion, as follows: forty seven thousand dollars (\$47,000.00) in Attorney's Fees and Costs shall be paid as follows: One payment of \$47,000.00, due fourteen (14) days after the date the Court approves EHA's motion to approve this Consent Judgment. This payment shall be made payable to Entorno Law, LLP. The address for this entity is:

Noam Glick Entorno Law, LLP 225 Broadway, Suite 1900 San Diego, CA 92101

#### 4. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASE

#### 4.1 EHA's Public Release of Proposition 65 Claims

Plaintiff, acting on its own behalf and in the public interest, releases Flambeau, and its parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities under common ownership or control, its directors, officers, principals, agents, employees, attorneys, insurers, accountants, predecessors, successors, and assigns, including, without limitation, Duncan Toys Company, LLC ("Defendant Entities"), each entity to whom Defendant directly or indirectly distributes, ships, or sells the Covered Products, including but not limited to downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers (including but not limited to Amazon.com, Inc.), and marketplaces franchisees, franchisors, cooperative members, suppliers, licensees, and licensors, and all of the foregoing entities' owners, directors, officers, agents, principals, employees, attorneys, insurers, accountants, representatives, predecessors, successors, and assigns (collectively referred to as the "Releasees") from all claims for violations of Proposition 65 based on exposure to BPA from Covered Products as set forth in the Notice(s). Compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to exposures to BPA from Covered Products as set forth in the Notice(s). This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution of all claims under Proposition 65 that were or could have been asserted against Flambeau and/or Releasees for failure to comply with Proposition 65 for Covered Products. This release does not

extend to any third-party retailers selling the product on a website who, after receiving instruction from Flambeau to include a warning as set forth above in section 2.2, do not include such a warning.

#### 4.2 EHA's Individual Release of Claims

EHA, in its individual capacity, also provides a release to Flambeau and/or Releasees, which shall be a full and final accord and satisfaction of, as well as a bar to, all actions, causes of action, obligations, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, losses, claims, liabilities, and demands of every nature, character, and kind, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, arising out of alleged or actual exposures to BPA in Covered Products manufactured, imported, sold, or distributed by Flambeau before the Effective Date.

#### 4.3 Flambeau's Release of EHA

Flambeau on its own behalf, and on behalf of Releasees as well as its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors, and assignees, hereby waives any and all claims against EHA and its attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made by EHA and its attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of investigating claims, otherwise seeking to enforce Proposition 65 against them, in this matter or with respect to the Covered Products.

#### 4.4 No Other Known Claims or Violations

EHA and EHA's counsel affirm that they are not presently aware of any actual or alleged violations of Proposition 65 by Flambeau or for which Flambeau bears legal responsibility other than those that are fully resolved by this Consent Judgment.

#### 5. <u>COURT APPROVAL</u>

This Consent Judgment is not effective until it is approved by the Court and shall be null and void if it is not approved by the Court within one year after it has been fully executed by the Parties, or by such additional time as the Parties may agree to in writing.

#### 6. **SEVERABILITY**

Subsequent to the Court's approval and entry of this Consent Judgment, if any provision is held 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 as applied within the state of California. In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed, or is otherwise rendered inapplicable for reasons, including but not limited to changes in the law, then Flambeau may provide written notice to EHA of any asserted change, and shall have no further injunctive obligations pursuant to this Consent Judgment with respect to, and to the extent that, the Covered Products are so affected.

In the event the California Office of Health Hazard Assessment adopts a regulation or safe use determination, or issues an interpretive guideline that exempts Covered Products from meeting the requirements of Proposition 65; or if BPA cases are permanently enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction; or if Proposition 65 is determined to be preempted by federal law or a burden on First Amendment rights with respect to BPA in Covered Products or Covered Products substantially similar to Covered Products, then Flambeau shall be relieved of its obligation to comply with Section 2 herein.

#### 8. ENFORCEMENT

In any action to enforce the terms of this Consent Judgment, the prevailing party shall be entitled to its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

#### 9. NOTICE

Unless otherwise specified herein, all correspondence and notice required by this Consent Judgment shall be in writing and sent by: (i) personal delivery; (ii) first-class, registered, or certified mail, return receipt requested; or (iii) a recognized overnight courier; and (iv) with a copy by email; to the following addresses:

### If to Flambeau: If to EHA:

Eugene Kim
Stream Kim Hicks Wrage & Alfaro,
P.C.
3403 Tenth Street, Suite 700
Riverside CA, 92501
eugene.kim@streamkim.com
Noam Glick
Entorno Law, LLP
225 Broadway, Suite 2100
San Diego, CA 92101
noam@entornolaw.com

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

# 

# 

# 

# 

# 

# 

# 

# 

#### 

## 

# 

### 

# 

## 

### 

# 

### 

### 

# 

# 

# 

# 

### 

### ///

///

#### 10. COUNTERPARTS; DIGITAL SIGNATURES

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

#### 11. POST EXECUTION ACTIVITIES

EHA agrees to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced in Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(f). The Parties further acknowledge that, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(f), a noticed motion is required to obtain judicial approval of the settlement, which motion EHA shall draft and file. In furtherance of obtaining such approval, the Parties agree to mutually employ their reasonable best efforts, including those of their counsel, to support the entry of this agreement as judgment, and to obtain 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 objection that any third-party may make, and appearing at the hearing before the Court if so requested.

#### 12. MODIFICATION

This Consent Judgment may be modified by: (i) a written agreement of the Parties and entry of a modified consent judgment thereon by the Court; or (ii) a successful motion or application of any Party, and the entry of a modified consent judgment thereon by the Court.

#### 13. **AUTHORIZATION**

The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment and acknowledge that they have read, understand, and agree to all of the terms and conditions contained herein.

# 14. GOOD FAITH ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE DISPUTES

If a dispute arises with respect to either Party's compliance with the terms of this Consent Judgment entered by the Court, the Parties shall meet and confer in person, or by telephone, and/or in writing and endeavor to resolve the dispute in an amicable manner. No action or motion may be filed in the absence of such a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute beforehand.

- 1	
2	This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the Parties
3	with respect to the entire subject matter herein, and any and all prior discussions, negotiations,
4	commitments, and understandings related hereto. No representations, oral or otherwise, express or
5	implied, other than those contained herein have been made by any Party. No other agreements, oral or
6	otherwise, unless specifically referred to herein, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any Party.
7	AGREED TO:
8	
9	Date: $10/10/24$ Date: $10/10/24$
0	By: Trul De By: Dan Roperto General Cours
1	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FLAMBEAU, INC. /
2	ADVOCATES, INC.
3	
4	IT IS SO ORDERED.
5	$\eta \dot{\eta}$
6	Date:
17	JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
8	
9	
20	
21	
22	
23	
24	
25	lacksquare
26	
27	
28	