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12	IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO	
13	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATES, INC.,	Case No. CGC-25-626248
14	Plaintiff,	[PROPOSED] CONSENT JUDGMENT
15	V.	(Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 et seq. and Code Civ. Proc. § 664.6)
16	STANDARD PROCESS INC., a Wisconsin	
17	corporation; AMAZON.COM, INC., a Delaware corporation; and DOES 1 through	
18	100, inclusive,	
19	Defendants.	
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## 1. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

#### 1.1 Parties

This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between Environmental Health Advocates, Inc., ("EHA" or "Plaintiff") and Standard Process Inc. ("Defendant" or "Standard Process") with EHA and Standard Process 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

Standard Process 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 Standard Process manufactures, imports, sells, and distributes for sale POSSIBLE Snack Bar – Cashew Date Turmeric that contains lead. EHA further alleges that Standard Process does so without providing a sufficient health hazard warning as required by Proposition 65 and related Regulations. Standard Process 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 January 31, 2024, EHA served Defendant Standard Process, Amazon.com, 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 Standard Process had violated Proposition 65 by failing to sufficiently warn consumers in California of the health hazards associated with exposures to lead contained in snack bars products, including but not limited to POSSIBLE Snack Bar – Cashew Date Turmeric manufactured or processed by Standard Process that allegedly contain lead 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 snack bars products, including but not limited to POSSIBLE Snack Bar – Cashew Date Turmeric manufactured or processed by Standard Process that allegedly contain lead 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 June 18, 2025, EHA filed a Complaint against Standard Process for the alleged violations of Proposition 65 that are the subject of the Notice ("Complaint").

#### 1.8 No Admission

Standard Process 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 Standard Process' 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 Standard Process as to the allegations in the Complaint, that venue is proper in the County of San Francisco, 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 by the Court, as discussed in Section 5.

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#### 1.11 Compliance Date

For purposes of this Consent Judgment, the term "Compliance Date" means 30 days from the date on which this Consent Judgment is approved and entered as a judgment of the Court, as discussed in Section 5.

## 2. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

# 2.1 Reformulation Standard for the Covered Products

Beginning on the Compliance Date, Standard Process shall be permanently enjoined from distributing for sale in the State of California any Covered Products that expose a person to a "Daily Lead Exposure Level" of more than 0.5 micrograms of Lead in excess of the Naturally Occurring Lead Level based on a single serving per day (the "Reformulation Standard") unless such Covered Products comply with the warning requirements of Section 2.2. In consideration of the ingredients in the Covered Products, for purposes of this Consent Judgment, the amount of lead deemed to be "naturally occurring" within the meaning of Proposition 65 under 27 Cal Code Regs. Section 25501 ("the Naturally Occurring Lead Level") shall be 1.5 micrograms in a single 53 gram serving of the Covered Products. The "Daily Lead Exposure Level" shall be calculated by multiplying the recommended serving size in Covered Product by the concentration of lead in Covered Products, and then subtracting the Naturally Occurring Lead Level. As used in this Section, "distribute for sale in California" means to directly ship Covered Products into California or to sell Covered Products to a distributor Standard Process knows will sell Covered Products in California.

# 2.2 Clear and Reasonable Warnings

For Covered Products that contain lead in a concentration exceeding the Reformulation Standard set forth in section 2.1 above, and which are distributed by Standard Process in the State of California on or after the Compliance Date, Standard Process shall provide a "clear and reasonable" Proposition 65 warning, within the meaning of Section 2549.6 of the Act, subject to Section 2.3 of this Agreement. Standard Process agrees that each warning shall be prominently placed with such conspicuousness, as compared with words, statements, designs, or devices as to render it likely to be seen, read, and understood by an ordinary individual under customary conditions before purchase or use. Each warning shall be provided in a manner such that the consumer or user understands to which

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Pursuant to Section 25607.1, where the warning is provided on the food product label, it must be set off from other surrounding information and enclosed in a box. Where a specific food product sign, label, placard, or shelf tag is used to provide a warning, it must be displayed 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 prior to sale. In no case shall a warning statement appear in a type size smaller than 6-point type. Where a sign, labeling, or label as defined in Section 25600.1 is used to provide a warning that includes consumer information about a product in a language other than English, the warning must also be provided in that language in addition to English.

As set forth in Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 27, § 25602(b), to the extent Covered Products are sold online, a warning that complies with the content requirements of Cal. Code Regs Tit. 27, § 25603 must be provided via of the following methods: (1) A warning on the product display page; (2) A clearly marked hyperlink using the word "WARNING" or the words "CA WARNING" or "CALIFORNIA WARNING" on the product display page that links to the warning; or (3) An otherwise prominently displayed warning provided to the purchaser prior to completing the purchase. If a warning is provided using the short-form label content pursuant to Section 25602(a)(4), the warning provided on the website may use the same content. For purposes of this section, a warning is not prominently displayed if the purchaser must search for it in the general content of the website. For internet purchases made prior to 1/1/28, a retail seller is not responsible under Section 25600.2(e)(4) for conspicuously posting or displaying the new warning online until 60 calendar days after the retailer receives a warning or a written notice under Section 25600.2(b) and (c) which updates a short-form warning compliant with Section 25603(c) with content compliant with Section 25603(b). These requirements extend to any websites under the exclusive control of Standard Process where Covered Products are sold into California. In addition, Standard Process shall instruct any third-party website to which it directly sells its Covered Products to include the same online warning, as set forth above, as a condition of selling the Covered Products in California.

# 2.3 Sell-Through Period

Notwithstanding anything else in this Consent Judgment, Covered Products that are manufactured, packaged, or put into commerce on or before the Effective Date 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. As a result, the obligations of Standard Process, or any Releasees (if applicable), stated in this Section 2 do not apply to Covered Products manufactured, packaged, or put into commerce between the date this Agreement is executed and the Effective Date.

# 3. MONETARY SETTLEMENT TERMS

#### 3.1 Settlement Amount

Standard Process shall pay fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000.00) 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 six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(b) and attorneys' fees and costs in the amount of forty-nine thousand dollars (\$49,000.00) 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 six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) in civil penalties shall be paid as follows:

- One payment of \$4,500.00 to OEHHA, due fourteen (14) days after the Effective Date.
- One payment of \$1,500.00 to EHA, due fourteen (14) days after the Effective date.

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

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

Standard Process 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 after the Effective Date.

# 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 Standard Process' attention, as well as litigating and negotiating a settlement in the public interest.

Standard Process 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 Standard Process' discretion, as follows: forty-nine thousand dollars (\$49,000.00) in Attorney's Fees and Costs shall be paid as one payment of \$49,000.00, due fourteen (14) days after the Effective Date.

The attorney fee payments shall be made payable to Entorno Law, LLP and delivered to:

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 Standard Process, and its parents, subsidiaries, affiliated entities under common ownership or control, its directors, officers, principals, agents, employees, attorneys, insurers, accountants, predecessors, successors, and assigns ("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 up through the Effective Date based on exposure to lead 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 lead 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 Standard Process and/or Releasees for failure to comply with Proposition 65 for alleged exposure to lead from Covered Products. This release does not extend to any third-party retailers selling the product on a website who, after receiving instruction from Standard Process 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 Standard Process 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 lead in Covered Products manufactured, imported, sold, or distributed by Standard Process before the Effective Date.

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#### 4.3 Standard Process's Release of EHA

Standard Process 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 Standard Process or for which Standard Process bears legal responsibility other than those that are fully resolved by this Consent Judgment.

### 5. COURT APPROVAL

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; or 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 lead 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 lead in Covered Products or Covered Products substantially similar to Covered Products, then Standard Process may seek relief from the injunctive obligations imposed by this Consent Judgment to the extent

any Covered Products are so affected by modifying the agreement via the mechanisms set forth in Section 12.

#### 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 Standard Process: If to EHA:

Trent Norris
Hogan Lovells US LLP
4 Embarcadero Center, Suite 3500
San Francisco, CA 94111
trent.norris@hoganlovells.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,

Court if so requested. 2 12. **MODIFICATION** 3 This Consent Judgment may be modified by: (i) a written agreement of the Parties and entry of 4 a modified consent judgment thereon by the Court; or (ii) a successful motion or application of any 5 Party, and the entry of a modified consent judgment thereon by the Court. 6 13. AUTHORIZATION 7 The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment and acknowledge that they 8 have read, understand, and agree to all of the terms and conditions contained herein. 9 GOOD FAITH ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE DISPUTES 14. 10 If a dispute arises with respect to either Party's compliance with the terms of this Consent 11 Judgment entered by the Court, the Parties shall meet and confer in person, or by telephone, and/or in 12 writing and endeavor to resolve the dispute in an amicable manner. No action or motion may be filed 13 in the absence of such a good faith attempt to resolve the dispute beforehand. 14 15. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT** 15 This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the Parties 16 with respect to the entire subject matter herein, and any and all prior discussions, negotiations, 17 commitments, and understandings related hereto. No representations, oral or otherwise, express or 18 implied, other than those contained herein have been made by any Party. No other agreements, oral or 19 otherwise, unless specifically referred to herein, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any Party. 20 AGREED TO: 21 AGREED TO: 22 Date: August 28, 2025

By: Michael Riker

STANDARD PROCESSING Date: August 22, 2025 23 24 25 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATES, INC. 26 27 28

responding to any objection that any third-party may make, and appearing at the hearing before the

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