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9 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
10 COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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12 EMA BELL,

13 Plaintiff,

14 vs.

15 MONDELEZ GLOBAL LLC,

16 Defendant.

Case No.: CGC-26-638763

**[PROPOSED] CONSENT
JUDGMENT**

Judge: Christine Van Aken
Dept.: 301
Hearing Date: October 29, 2026
Hearing Time: 9:00 AM
Complaint Filed: July 8, 2026

1 **1. INTRODUCTION**

2 1.1 **The Parties.** This Consent Judgment is entered into by and between Ema Bell acting
3 on behalf of the public interest (hereinafter “Bell”) and Mondelēz Global, LLC (“Mondelēz” or
4 “Defendant”) with Bell and Defendant collectively referred to as the “Parties” and each of them as
5 a “Party.” Bell is an individual residing in California that seeks to promote awareness of exposures
6 to toxic chemicals and improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances
7 contained in consumer products. Mondelēz is alleged to be a person in the course of doing business
8 for purposes of Proposition 65, Cal. Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.6 et seq.

9 1.2 **Allegations and Representations.** Bell alleges that Defendant has exposed
10 individuals to lead from its sales of bars with peanut butter or peanut components distributed for
11 sale, offered for sale, and/or sold by Defendant and its subsidiaries in California, without providing
12 a clear and reasonable warning pursuant to Proposition 65. Lead is listed pursuant to Proposition
13 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other
14 reproductive harm.

15 1.3 **Notice of Violation/Action.** On July 9, 2025, Bell served Mondelēz and various
16 public enforcement agencies with documents entitled “60-Day Notice of Violation” pursuant to
17 Health & Safety Code §25249.7(d) (the “Notice”), alleging that Defendant violated Proposition 65
18 for failing to warn consumers and customers that use of bars with peanut butter or peanut
19 components distributed for sale, offered for sale, and/or sold by defendant Mondelēz Global, LLC
20 (“Mondelēz” or “Defendant”) and its subsidiaries in California, exposés consumers in California
21 to lead. No public enforcer has brought and is diligently prosecuting the claims alleged in the
22 Notice. On July 8, 2026, Bell filed a complaint (the “Complaint”). On August 26, 2026, Bell filed
23 a first amended complaint (the “First Amended Complaint”)¹.

24 1.4 For purposes of this Consent Judgment only, the Parties stipulate that this Court has
25 jurisdiction over Defendant as to the allegations contained in the Action filed in this matter, that
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27 ¹ The Complaint and First Amended Complaint are collectively referred to herein as, the
28 “Action.”

1 venue is proper in the County of San Francisco, and that this Court has jurisdiction to approve,
2 enter, and oversee the enforcement of this Consent Judgment as a full and final binding resolution
3 of all claims which were or could have been raised in the Action based on the facts alleged therein
4 and in the Notice.

5 1.5 Defendant denies the material allegations contained in Bell's Notice and Action and
6 maintains that it has not violated Proposition 65. Nothing in this Consent Judgment shall be
7 construed as an admission by Defendant of any fact, finding, issue of law, or violation of law; nor
8 shall compliance with this Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by
9 Defendant of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law, or violation of law, such being specifically
10 denied by Defendant. However, this section shall not diminish or otherwise affect the obligations,
11 responsibilities, and duties of Defendant under this Consent Judgment.

12 **2. DEFINITIONS**

13 2.1 **Covered Products.** The term "Covered Products" means bars with peanut butter or
14 peanut components distributed for sale, offered for sale, and/or sold by Defendant and its
15 subsidiaries in California.

16 2.2 **Effective Date.** The term "Effective Date" means the date this Consent Judgment is
17 entered as a Judgment of the Court.

18 **3. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: REFORMULATION AND/OR WARNINGS**

19 3.1 **Reformulation of Covered Products.** Commencing no later than ninety (90) days
20 after the Effective Date, and continuing thereafter, Covered Products that Mondelēz directly
21 manufactures, imports, distributes, sells, or offers for sale in California shall either be: (a)
22 Reformulated Products pursuant to § 3.2, below; or (b) labeled with a clear and reasonable warning
23 pursuant to §§ 3.3 - 3.4, below. For purposes of this Consent Judgment, a "Reformulated Product"
24 is a Covered Product that is in compliance with the standard set forth in § 3.2, below. The warning
25 requirement set forth in §§ 3.3 - 3.4 shall not apply to any Reformulated Product.

26 3.2 **Reformulation Standard.** "Reformulated Products" shall mean Covered Products
27 that expose a person to an exposure level of less than 0.5 micrograms of lead per day. For the
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1 purpose of this Consent Judgment, the amount of lead a person is exposed to from a Covered
2 Product shall be calculated using the following formula: micrograms of lead per gram of Covered
3 Product, multiplied by grams of Covered Product per serving, which equates to micrograms of lead
4 exposure per day. Conformance with the “Daily Lead Exposure Level” shall be based upon testing
5 of a composite sample from multiple source lots of the Covered Products.

6 **3.3 Clear and Reasonable Warning.** Commencing no later than 90 days after the
7 Effective Date, and continuing thereafter, a clear and reasonable warning as set forth in this §§ 3.3
8 and 3.4 must be provided for all Covered Products that Mondelēz manufactures, imports,
9 distributes, sells, or offers for sale in California that is not a Reformulated Product. There shall be
10 no obligation for Mondelēz to provide a warning for Reformulated Products, or for Covered
11 Products that entered the stream of commerce within 90 days after the Effective Date. The warning
12 shall consist of either the **Warning** or **Alternative Warning** described in §§ 3.3(a) or (b),
13 respectively:

14 (a) **Warning.** The “Warning” shall consist of the statement:

15 **WARNING:** Consuming this product can expose you to chemicals including
16 lead, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects
or other reproductive harm. For more information go to
17 www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/food.

18 (b) **Alternative Warning:** Mondelēz may, but is not required to, use the
19 alternative short-form warning as set forth in this § 3.3(b) (“**Alternative Warning**”) as follows:

20 **WARNING:** Risk of cancer and reproductive harm from exposure to lead. See
21 www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/food.

22 or

23 **WARNING:** Can expose you to lead, a carcinogen and reproductive toxicant. See
24 www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/food.

25 **3.4 A Warning or Alternative Warning** provided pursuant to § 3.3 must print the word
26 “**WARNING:**” in all capital letters and in bold font, followed by a colon. The terms “**CA**
27 **WARNING**” or “**CALIFORNIA WARNING**” are acceptable alternatives to the term
28 “**WARNING.**” The **Warning** or **Alternative Warning** shall be affixed to or printed on the

1 Covered Products' packaging or labeling, or on a placard, shelf tag, sign or electronic device or
2 automatic process only if such electronic device or automatic process provides the **Warning** or
3 **Alternative Warning** without the purchaser having to seek it out, provided that the **Warning** or
4 **Alternative Warning** is displayed with such conspicuousness, as compared with other words,
5 statements, or designs as to render it likely to be read and understood by an ordinary individual
6 under customary conditions of purchase or use. A **Warning** or **Alternative Warning** provided via
7 an electronic device or automatic process does not apply to internet purchases, which are subject to
8 the provisions of Section 25602(b). The **Warning** or **Alternative Warning** may be contained in
9 the same section of the packaging, labeling, or instruction booklet that states other safety warnings,
10 if any, concerning the use of the Covered Product and shall be at least the same size as those other
11 safety warnings. Where the **Warning** or **Alternative Warning** is provided on the Covered
12 Products' label, it must be set off from other surrounding information, and Mondelēz shall enclose
13 the **Warning** or **Alternative Warning** in a black box and comply with the content requirements
14 specified in Section 25607.2. If "consumer information," as that term is defined in Title 27,
15 California Code of Regulations, Section 25600.1(c) as it may be amended from time to time, is
16 provided in a foreign language, Mondelēz shall provide the **Warning** or **Alternative Warning** in
17 the foreign language in accordance with applicable warning regulations adopted by the State of
18 California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA").

19 In addition to affixing the **Warning** or **Alternative Warning** to the Covered Product's
20 packaging or labeling, the **Warning** or **Alternative Warning** shall be posted on websites where
21 Mondelēz offers Covered Products for sale to consumers in California. The requirements of this
22 Section shall be satisfied if the **Warning** or **Alternative Warning**, or a clearly marked hyperlink
23 using the word "**WARNING**," appears on the Covered Products' display page, or by otherwise
24 prominently displaying the warning to the purchaser prior to completing the purchase. To comply
25 with this Section, Mondelēz shall (a) post the **Warning** or **Alternative Warning** on its own website
26 and, if it has the ability to do so, on the websites of its third-party internet sellers; and (b) if it does
27 not have the ability to post the **Warning** or **Alternative Warning** on the websites of its third-party
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1 internet sellers, provide such sellers with written notice in accordance with Title 27, California
2 Code of Regulations, Section 25600.2. Third-party internet sellers of the Product that have been
3 provided with written notice in accordance with Title 27, California Code of Regulations, Section
4 25600.2 are not released in Section 5 of this Consent Judgment if they fail to meet the warning
5 requirements of this Section.

6 **3.5 Compliance with Warning Regulations.** The Parties agree that Mondelēz shall be
7 deemed to be in compliance with this Consent Judgment by either adhering to § 3 of this Consent
8 Judgment or by complying with warning regulations adopted by the State of California's OEHHA
9 applicable to the Covered Products and the exposure at issue.

10 **3.6** So long as Mondelēz can demonstrate that Covered Products entered the stream of
11 commerce no later than 90 days after the Effective Date, such Covered Products are not bound by
12 the injunctive terms set forth in this Section. Instead, these Covered Products may be sold "as is"
13 to California consumers and are released by Section 5 of this Consent Judgment.

14 **4. MONETARY TERMS**

15 **4.1 Civil Penalty.** Mondelēz shall pay \$4,000.00 as a Civil Penalty pursuant to Health
16 and Safety Code section 25249.7(b), to be apportioned in accordance with California Health &
17 Safety Code § 25192, with 75% of these funds remitted to OEHHA and the remaining 25% of the
18 Civil Penalty remitted to Bell, as provided by California Health & Safety Code § 25249.12(d).

19 **4.1.1 Payment by Mondelēz for the Civil Penalty and Bell's counsel's attorney's**
20 **fees is conditioned on (i) a conformed copy of the signed Consent Judgment being available for**
21 **download on the Court's docket or issued by the Court's clerk, (ii) Mondelēz's receipt of wire**
22 **instructions for payment of the Civil Penalty on Bell's counsel's letterhead, (iii) Mondelēz's**
23 **receipt of Bell's counsel's signed W9 for the current tax year. Within a) forty five (45) days of the**
24 **later of December 1, 2026 or the satisfaction of conditions (i) - (iii) set forth in this section, or b)**
25 **thirty (30) days of the satisfaction of conditions (i) - (iii) set forth in this section, if such**
26 **conditions are satisfied on or before October 31, 2026, Mondelēz shall initiate a wire transfer to**
27 **Bell's counsel that comprises the Civil Penalty payment and payment of Bell's counsel's**
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1 attorney's fees, as detailed in Section 4.2, from which Bell's counsel will distribute the \$3,000.00
2 to OEHHA and \$1,000 to Bell. Payment pursuant to this Section shall be delivered to the
3 following payment address:

4 Evan J. Smith, Esquire
5 Brodsky Smith
6 Two Bala Plaza, Suite 805
7 Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

8 Payment owed to OEHHA (EIN: 68-0284486) pursuant to this Section shall be delivered by
9 Bell's counsel to OEHHA (Memo Line "Prop 65 Penalties") at one of the following address(es):

10 For United States Postal Service Delivery:

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

16 For Non-United States Postal Service Delivery:

17 Mike Gyurics
18 Fiscal Operations Branch Chief
19 Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
20 1001 I Street
21 Sacramento, CA 95814

22 4.2 **Attorneys' Fees.** Of the payment described in Section 4.1.1, \$39,000.00 shall be
23 owed to Brodsky Smith as complete reimbursement for Bell's attorneys' fees and costs incurred as
24 a result of investigating, bringing this matter to the attention of Mondelēz, litigating and negotiating
25 and obtaining judicial approval of a settlement in the public interest, pursuant to Code of Civil
26 Procedure § 1021.5.

27 5. **RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS**

28 5.1 This Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution between Bell acting
on her own behalf, and on behalf of the public interest, and Mondelēz, and its past and present
parents, including Mondelēz International, Inc., shareholders, members, directors, officers,
managers, employees, representatives, agents, attorneys, insurers, divisions, subdivisions,
subsidiaries, including but not limited to Perfect Bar, LLC, partners, sister companies, and

1 affiliates, and their predecessors, successors and assigns (“Defendant Releasees”), and all entities
2 to whom they directly or indirectly distribute or sell Covered Products, including but not limited to
3 manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, customers, licensors, licensees retailers,
4 including but not limited to Mondelēz, and its past and present parents, subsidiaries, shareholders,
5 members, directors, officers, managers, employees, representatives, agents, attorneys, insurers,
6 divisions, subdivisions, partners, sister companies, affiliates, franchisees, distributors, customers,
7 and cooperative members (“Downstream Releasees”), of all claims for violations of Proposition 65
8 based on exposure to lead from use of the Covered Products manufactured, distributed, or sold by
9 Mondelēz no later than 90 days after the Effective Date, as set forth in the Notice. It is the Parties’
10 intention that this Consent Judgment shall have preclusive effect such that no other actions by
11 private enforcers, whether purporting to act in his, her, or its interests or the public interest shall be
12 permitted to pursue and take any action with respect to any violation of Proposition 65 based on
13 exposure to lead from use of the Covered Products that was alleged in the Complaint, or that could
14 have been brought pursuant to the Notice against Mondelēz, Defendant Releasees, and the
15 Downstream Releasees (“Proposition 65 Claims”). Mondelēz’s compliance with the terms of this
16 Consent Judgment constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 by Mondelēz with regard to
17 exposure to lead from use of the Covered Products.

18 5.2 In addition to the foregoing, Bell, on behalf of herself, her past and current agents,
19 representatives, attorneys, and successors and assignees, and not in her representative capacity,
20 hereby waives all rights to institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action
21 and releases Mondelēz, Defendant Releasees, and Downstream Releasees from any and all manner
22 of actions, causes of action, claims, demands, rights, suits, obligations, debts, contracts, agreements,
23 promises, liabilities, damages, charges, losses, costs, expenses, and attorneys’ fees, of any nature
24 whatsoever, known or unknown, in law or equity, fixed or contingent, now or in the future, with
25 respect to any alleged violations of Proposition 65 related to or arising from Covered Products
26 manufactured, distributed, or sold by Mondelēz, Defendant Releasees or Downstream Releasees.
27 With respect to the foregoing waivers and releases in this Section 5 of this Consent Judgment, Bell
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1 hereby specifically waives any and all rights and benefits which she now has, or in the future may
2 have, conferred by virtue of the provisions of § 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides
3 as follows:

4 A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE
5 CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO
6 EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE
7 RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, WOULD HAVE
8 MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE
9 DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

10 5.3 Mondelēz waives any and all claims against Bell, her attorneys and other
11 representatives, for any and all actions taken, or statements made (or those that could have been
12 taken or made) by Bell and her attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of
13 investigating claims or otherwise seeking enforcement of Proposition 65 against it in this matter,
14 and with respect to Covered Products.

15 6. INTEGRATION

16 6.1 This Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement of the Parties and
17 any and all prior negotiations and understandings related hereto shall be deemed to have been
18 merged within it. No representations or terms of agreement other than those contained herein exist
19 or have been made by any Party with respect to the other Party or the subject matter hereof.

20 7. GOVERNING LAW

21 7.1 The terms of this Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of
22 California and apply within the State of California.

23 8. NOTICES

24 8.1 Unless specified herein, all correspondence and notices required to be provided
25 pursuant to this Consent Judgment shall be in writing and personally delivered or sent by: (i) e-
26 mail; and (ii) either (a) first-class, (registered or certified mail) return receipt requested; or (b)
27 overnight courier on any party by the other party at the following addresses:

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1 For Defendant:

2 Natalie Rainer
3 *nrainer@steptoe.com*
4 Steptoe LLP
One Market Place, Steuart Tower, Ste. 1070
San Francisco, CA 94105

5 And

6 For Bell:

7 Evan Smith
8 *esmith@brodskysmith.com*
9 Brodsky Smith
9465 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 300
Beverly Hills, CA 90212

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

12 **9. GOOD FAITH ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE DISPUTES**

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

18 **10. COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE SIGNATURES**

19 10.1 This Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile, each of
20 which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and
21 the same document.

22 **11. COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(f)/COURT**
23 **APPROVAL**

24 11.1 Bell agrees to comply with the requirements set forth in California Health & Safety
25 Code § 25249.7(f) and to promptly bring a Motion for Approval of this Consent Judgment.
26 Defendant agrees it shall support approval of such Motion.

1 11.2 This Consent Judgment shall not be effective until it is approved and entered by the
2 Court and shall be null and void if, for any reason, it is not approved by the Court. In such case, the
3 Parties agree to meet and confer on how to proceed and if such agreement is not reached within 30
4 days, the case shall proceed on its normal course.

5 11.3 If the Court approves this Consent Judgment and is reversed or vacated by an
6 appellate court, the Parties shall meet and confer as to whether to modify the terms of this Consent
7 Judgment. If the Parties do not jointly agree on a course of action to take, the case shall proceed on
8 its normal course on the trial court's calendar.

9 **12. MODIFICATION**

10 12.1 This Consent Judgment may be modified only by further stipulation of the Parties
11 and the approval of the Court or upon the granting of a motion brought to the Court by either Party.

12 **13. ATTORNEY'S FEES**

13 13.1 A Party who unsuccessfully brings or contests an action arising out of this Consent
14 Judgment shall be required to pay the prevailing party's reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

15 13.2 Nothing in this Section shall preclude a Party from seeking an award of sanctions
16 pursuant to law.

17 **14. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION**

18 14.1 This Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter to implement or modify the
19 Consent Judgment.

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3 **15. AUTHORIZATION**

4 15.1 The undersigned are authorized to execute this Consent Judgment on behalf of their
5 respective Parties and have read, understood, and agree to all of the terms and conditions of this
6 document and certify that he or she is fully authorized by the Party he or she represents to execute
7 the Consent Judgment on behalf of the Party represented and legally bind that Party. Except as
8 explicitly provided herein each Party is to bear its own fees and costs.

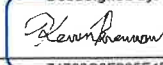
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10 **AGREED TO:**

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11 Date: _____

Date: September 9, 2026

12 By: _____
13 EMA BELL

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16 By: _____
17 MONDELEZ GLOBAL, LLC

18 **IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:**

19 Dated: _____

Judge of Superior Court

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9 Date: 9/11/26

Date: _____

10 By: [Signature]

By: _____

11 EMA BELL

MONDELÉZ GLOBAL, LLC

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Judge of Superior Court