

SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Parties

This settlement and release agreement (“Settlement Agreement”) is entered into by and between Consumer Rights Advocates, LLC (“CRA”), on the one hand, and House Foods Holding USA Inc., House Foods America Corporation, Nature Soy, LLC (collectively, “HFA”), on the other hand, with CRA and HFA, each individually referred to herein as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.”

1.2 General Allegations

CRA alleges that HFA manufactures, and/or imports, distributes, and offers for sale certain products in California containing lead without a warning under California Health and Safety Code sections 25249.5 *et seq.* (“Proposition 65”). Lead is listed pursuant to Proposition 65 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

1.3 Covered Products

The products covered by this Settlement Agreement are soy products, as identified below. Such item shall be referred to herein as the “Covered Product.”

- Nature's Soy Hot Mapo Tofu Kit - UPC No.: 6-92623 20002-0

1.4 Notices of Violation

CRA served HFA and the requisite public enforcement agencies eligible to initiate Proposition 65 actions on behalf of the State of California, one (1) 60-day Notice of Violation pursuant to Cal. Health & Safety Code §§ 25249.5, *et seq.*, Notice of Violation No 2025-03157, dated August 18, 2025, alleging that HFA was in violation of Proposition 65 for failing to warn California consumers and customers that the Covered Products may have exposed users in California to lead. To the best of the Parties’ knowledge, no public enforcer has commenced or is diligently prosecuting an action to enforce the violations alleged in the Notices.

1.5 No Admission

HFA denies all of the material factual and legal allegations in the Notices and maintains the products it has manufactured, offered for sale, and/or distributed for sale in California, including the Covered Products, have been and are in compliance with Proposition 65 and all other applicable statutory, regulatory, common law, or equitable doctrines. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall be construed as an admission by HFA or any of its officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent or sister companies, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, franchisees, licensees, licensors, joint venture partners, customers, suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, or retailers, of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law or violation of law, nor shall compliance with this Settlement Agreement constitute or be construed as an admission by HFA or any of its officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, parent or sister companies, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates, franchisees, licensees, licensors, joint venture partners, customers, suppliers, distributors, wholesalers, or retailers of any fact, finding, conclusion, issue of law or violation of

law, all of such being specifically denied by HFA. This Section shall not, however, diminish or otherwise affect HFA's obligations, responsibilities, and duties under this Settlement Agreement.

1.6 Effective Date

For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, the term "Effective Date" shall mean the date on which a complete and fully executed copy of this Settlement Agreement is exchanged by the Parties' counsel.

2. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: WARNINGS AND REFORMULATION

Except as set forth in Section 2.1 and 2.2 below, HFA agrees that as of the Effective Date, it shall not "distribute into the State of California" or directly sell in the State of California any Covered Products that exposes a person to more than 0.5 micrograms of lead per day based on the recommended serving size on the Covered Product's label, unless the Covered Product bears a warning meeting the warning requirements under Sections 2.1 & 2.2.

For the purpose of this Settlement Agreement, exposure level shall be measured in micrograms and shall be calculated using the following formula: micrograms of lead per gram of product, multiplied by grams of product per serving of the product (using the largest serving size appearing on the product label), multiplied by servings of the product per day (using the largest number of recommended daily servings appearing on the label), which equals micrograms of lead exposure per day. If the label contains no recommended daily servings, then the number of recommended daily servings shall be one. All testing pursuant to this Settlement Agreement shall be performed using a laboratory method that complies with the performance and quality control factors appropriate for the method used, including industry standard practices regarding the limit of detection and limit of quantification, sensitivity, accuracy and precision.

As used in this Settlement Agreement, the term "distribute into the State of California" shall mean to directly ship the Covered Products into California for sale in California or to sell the Covered Products to an authorized distributor that HFA knows will sell the Covered Products in California. The term "distribute into the State of California" does not encompass unauthorized sales of the Covered Products by third parties.

2.1 CLEAR AND REASONABLE WARNINGS

Except as set forth below, and to the extent that HFA is required to provide a warning, HFA agrees that, within sixty (60) days of the Effective Date, it shall provide a clear and reasonable warning on the Covered Product in compliance with the requirements of Proposition 65. This requirement shall only be required for a Covered Product that is manufactured, distributed, marketed, imported, sold, shipped for sale, or offered for sale to consumers by HFA in the State of California.

The injunctive requirements of Section 2 shall not apply to any Covered Product that is already in the stream of commerce, or within sixty (60) days of the Effective Date, which Covered Product is expressly subject to the releases provided in Section 4 of this Settlement Agreement and shall be permitted to be sold through as previously manufactured, packaged, and/or labeled.

2.2 GENERAL WARNING REQUIREMENTS

For purposes of this Settlement Agreement, a clear and reasonable warning for the Covered Product shall consist of a warning affixed to the packaging, label, tag, or directly to the Covered Product sold or distributed in California by HFA. The warning shall comply with the safe harbor language under Article 6

of Proposition 65 regulations; for example, the warning options for lead are outlined directly below this paragraph. No Proposition 65 warning shall be required for any Covered Product already in the stream of commerce or sold or distributed by HFA within sixty (60) days of the Effective Date, and all such Covered Products are hereby deemed to be exempt from Proposition 65 enforcement and are expressly subject to the releases provided in Section 4 of this Settlement Agreement:

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

OR

2) **WARNING:** Risk of reproductive harm from exposure to lead. See www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/food.

OR THE FOLLOWING SHORT FORM WARNING WHICH IS ONLY PERMISSIBLE ON COVERED PRODUCT MANUFACTURED/LABELED PRIOR TO 1/1/28, REGARDLESS OF DATE OF SALE:

3) **WARNING:** Reproductive Harm - www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/food.

The warning shall be securely affixed to or printed upon the label of each Product and must be set off from other surrounding information and enclosed in a box. In addition, the same warning shall be posted on any website under the exclusive control of HFA, where the Covered Product is sold directly to consumers located in California. The warning requirements of this Section shall be satisfied if warnings compliant with Article 6 of Proposition 65 regulations, such as the foregoing warnings, appear either (a) on the same web page on which Covered Product is displayed and/or described by providing a clearly marked hyperlink using the word “WARNING”; (b) on the same page as the price for the Covered Product, or (c) on one or more web pages displayed to a purchaser prior to, or during, purchase of the Product during the checkout process. These requirements extend to any websites under the exclusive control of HFA where the Covered Product is sold into California.

The warning shall be at least the same size as the largest of any other health or safety warnings also appearing on the label, and the word “WARNING” shall be in all capital letters and in bold print. If there is “consumer information” (as defined in 27 CCR section 25600.1(c)) on the product packaging that is in a foreign language, the warning must also be in the foreign language.

2.3 CHANGES IN WARNING REGULATIONS, STATUTES, OR OTHER GOVERNING AUTHORITY

In the event that (a) the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (“OEHHA”) or another authorized agency promulgates one or more regulations, (b) legislation is enacted by the California legislature, United States Congress, or the voters, or (c) a published opinion is issued by a court of competent jurisdiction, requiring, permitting, or establishing a warning text and/or methods of transmission different than those set forth above or an alternative means of calculating exposure for purposes of Proposition 65 other than that set forth herein, HFA shall be entitled to use, at its discretion, such other warning text, method of transmission, or means of calculating exposure without being deemed in breach of this Settlement Agreement. If regulations, legislation, or judicial rulings are enacted or issued providing

that a Proposition 65 warning for the Product is no longer required, a lack of warning will not thereafter be a breach of this Settlement Agreement.

3. CONSIDERATION

3.1 Total Settlement Amount

In full satisfaction of all potential civil penalties, attorneys' fees, costs, and other expenses incurred by CRA and its counsel in connection with the Notice and Covered Products, and in exchange for CRA's total release of all liability in connection with the Covered Product, HFA shall pay a total of \$18,500 ("Total Settlement Amount") as set forth in this Section. No other payment is required by HFA under this Settlement Agreement.

3.2 Civil Penalties Pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 25249.7(b)

One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) of the Total Settlement Amount shall be a "civil penalty" under section 25249.7(b) of the California Health and Safety Code. This civil penalty payment will be allocated in accordance with sections 25249.12(c)(1) and (d) of the California Health and Safety Code. HFA shall have two separate checks issued within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, and all payments shall be made as follows:

(a) One check made payable to OEHHA in the amount of one thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$1,125), which represents seventy-five percent (75%) of the civil penalties; and

(b) One check made payable to Consumer Rights Advocates, LLC in the amount of three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375), which represents the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of the civil penalties.

(c) All civil penalty payments to OEHHA (EIN: 68-0284486) pursuant to this Section shall be delivered to OEHHA (memo line to read: "Proposition 65 Penalties") at the following address(es):

For the United States Postal Delivery Service:

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

For Non-United States Postal Delivery Service:

Attn: Mike Gyurics
Fiscal Operations Branch Chief
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
1001 I Street MS #19B
Sacramento, CA 95814

(d) All payments to Consumer Rights Advocates, LLC shall be mailed to:

Consumer Rights Advocates, LLC

c/o Cornerstone Law Firm, PC
357 S. Robertson Blvd, Second Floor
Beverly Hills, CA 90211

3.3 Reimbursement of Fees and Costs

Seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) of the Total Settlement Amount shall be paid to CRA's counsel, Cornerstone Law Firm, PC, in consideration of the releases provided by Section 4, and as part of the release to HFA of any Proposition 65 liability (including all costs and fees) in relation to the Notices and the Covered Products. The Parties reached an accord on the compensation owed to CRA and its counsel under the private attorney general doctrine and principles of contract law. HFA shall make a wire transfer within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, as follows:

Bank: Chase Manhattan

Routing No.: 322271627

Account No.: 2900956855

Account Name: Cornerstone Law Firm, PC

3.4 Tax Documentation

CRA and Cornerstone Law Firm, PC, agree to provide IRS W-9 forms under this Settlement Agreement. The Parties acknowledge that HFA cannot issue any portion of the Settlement Payment pursuant to this Section 3 until after HFA receives the requisite W-9 forms for CRA and Cornerstone Law Firm from CRA's counsel. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall alter the Parties' obligations to be liable for their own taxes or impose any obligations relating to taxes due on the payments made under this Agreement.

4. CLAIMS COVERED AND RELEASED

4.1 CRA Release of HFA and Others

This Settlement Agreement is a full, final, and binding resolution of all claims under Proposition 65 between CRA and HFA, and each of them, for any alleged violation of Proposition 65 that was or could have been asserted by CRA, on its own behalf, on behalf of its past and current agents, employees, representatives, attorneys, predecessors, successors managers, members, officers, successors in interest, insurers, affiliates, indemnitors, and assignees (collectively, "Releasers"), and releases any and all claims against HFA, and each of them and each of their respective past, present, or future parents, equity owners, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliated entities under common ownership, directors, officers, members, employees, attorneys, insurers, joint ventures, manufacturers, divisions, investors, creditors, guarantors, indemnitors, representatives and each upstream and downstream entity to whom HFA directly or indirectly distributes, offers for sale or sells the Covered Product, including, but not limited to, its downstream distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, franchisees, cooperative members and licensees, and the other entities named in the Notice (collectively, "Releasees") based on the failure or alleged failure to warn about exposures under Proposition 65 in the Covered Product manufactured, imported, distributed, sold, or offered for sale in California by HFA before the Effective Date, as alleged in the Notice.

In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, and for the payments to be made pursuant to § 3 above, CRA, on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys,

successors and/or assignees, hereby covenants not to sue and waives any right to institute, participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action and releases all claims that she may have, including without limitation, all actions and causes of action in law and in equity, all obligations, expenses (including without limitation all attorneys' fees, expert fees, and investigation fees, and costs), damages, fines, penalties, claims, losses, liabilities and demands against any of the Releasees of any nature, character, or kind, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, limited to and arising out of the alleged or actual exposure to lead from use of the Covered Products.

CRA and its attorneys represent and warrant that they have not filed and are not contemplating filing, that they are not aware of any other person who has filed or is contemplating filing, and that they have not engaged and do not intend to engage in any advertising or solicitation to locate additional persons to file any form of complaint against the Releasees, including any notices of Proposition 65 violation.

4.2 CRA's California Civil Code Section 1542 Waiver

CRA, on behalf of itself and all other Releasors, acknowledges that it is familiar with California Civil Code section 1542, which provides as follows:

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

CRA, on behalf of itself and all other Releasors, expressly waives and relinquishes any and all rights and benefits that it and they may have under, or which may be conferred on them, by the provisions of California Civil Code section 1542, as well as under any other state or federal statute or common law principle of similar effect, to the fullest extent that Releasors may lawfully waive such rights or benefits pertaining to the released matters. The Parties agree that compliance with the terms of this Settlement Agreement shall constitute compliance by any Releasee with Proposition 65.

4.3 HFA's Release of CRA

HFA, on behalf of itself, its past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, successors and/or assignees, waives any and all claims against CRA, its attorneys, and other representatives for any and all actions taken or statements made (or those that could have been taken or made) by CRA and its attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of investigating claims or otherwise seeking enforcement of Proposition 65 against it in this matter, and/or with respect to the Covered Product.

4.4 Binding Settlement Agreement

This Settlement Agreement shall apply to, be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of CRA, HFA, and the other Releasees, including each of their successors and assigns.

4.5 Public Benefit

It is the Parties' belief that the terms of this Settlement Agreement confer a significant benefit to the general

public as set forth in California Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5 and California Administrative Code title 11, section 3201. As such, it is the intent of the Parties that to the extent any other private party initiates an action alleging that the Covered Product is somehow in violation of Proposition 65, such private party action would not confer a significant benefit on the general public, so long as HFA is in material compliance with the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

5. ENFORCEMENT

If CRA alleges that HFA has failed to comply with this Settlement Agreement, prior to filing an action or a notice of violation as to any Releasee, CRA shall first provide HFA thirty (30) days' advance written notice of the alleged violation(s). CRA shall provide testing results, lot numbers, and photographs of the Covered Product packaging. The Parties shall meet and confer during such thirty (30) day period in an effort to resolve the matter informally without the need for litigation. If the matter is not resolved within thirty (30) days, CRA can file litigation.

6. GOVERNING LAW

The terms of this Settlement Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California without regard to its conflicts of law principles. In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed or is otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or as to the Covered Product specifically, then HFA shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Settlement Agreement.

7. COUNTERPARTS: FACSIMILE/E-SIGNATURES

This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile or portable document format (PDF) signature or electronically, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same document. Signatures by scanned and emailed image, electronic, or facsimile transmission shall have the same force and effect as an original signature and as an electronic record adopted and executed by a Party with the intent to sign the electronic record pursuant to California Civil Code sections 1633.1 *et seq.*

8. NOTICE

Unless otherwise specified herein, all correspondence and notice required to be provided pursuant to this Settlement Agreement shall be in writing and personally delivered or sent by electronic mail or overnight courier as follows:

To CRA: Davar Danialpour, Esq. CORNERSTONE LAW FIRM, P.C. 357 S. Robertson Blvd. Second Floor Beverly Hills, CA 90211 david@davarlaw.com	To HFA: Ryan Landis, Esq. GORDON REES SCULLY MANSUKHANI 5 Park Plaza, Suite 1100, Irvine, CA 92614 rlandis@grsm.com
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Any Party, from time to time, may specify in writing to the other Party a change of person, address, or electronic mail to which all notice and other communications shall be sent.

9. COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE §25249.7(f)

CRA and its attorneys agree to comply with the reporting form requirements referenced in California Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(f) and shall report this Settlement Agreement to the California Attorney General's Office within five (5) days of the Effective Date.

10. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement contains the sole and entire agreement and understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and all related prior discussions, negotiations, commitments, and understandings. No other agreements, oral or otherwise, exist to bind any of the Parties.

11. SEVERABILITY & MODIFICATION

If after execution of this Settlement Agreement, any provision of this Settlement Agreement is held by a court to be unenforceable, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be adversely affected. This Settlement Agreement may be modified only by a written agreement signed by the Parties.

12. INTERPRETATION

No inference, assumption, or presumption shall be drawn, and no provision of this Settlement Agreement shall be construed, against any Party, based upon the fact that one of the Parties or their counsel prepared or drafted any portion of this Agreement. The Parties waive the provisions of California Civil Code section 1654. It is conclusively presumed that the Parties participated equally in drafting this Settlement Agreement. Section headings and subsection headings are solely for the convenience of the reader and are not to be given substantive effect or used as an aid for interpretation of the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

13. AUTHORIZATION

Each Party represents that its signatory to this Settlement Agreement has the full legal authority to enter into and legally bind it to the terms herein. Each Party further represents that it has read, understood, and agreed to all the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement.

AGREED TO: CONSUMER RIGHTS ADVOCATES, LLC Faraz Adjnasian Name CEO Title 5/28/2026 Date Fah Signature	AGREED TO: HOUSE FOODS AMERICA CORPORATION Masakazu Nishida Name CFO Title 5.27.2026 Date MN (印) Signature
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