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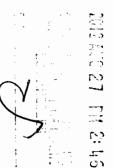
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SHENIQUE ROUTÉ, individually and on behalf CV12-7350 (W ( JEW) of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff.

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

MEAD JOHNSON NUTRITION COMPANY, d/b/a MEAD JOHNSON & COMPANY, LLC,

Defendant.

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CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Shenique Routé ("Plaintiff"), by her attorneys, makes the following allegations pursuant to the investigation of her counsel and based upon information and belief, except as to the allegations specifically pertaining to herself and her counsel, which are based on personal knowledge.

#### **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

- 1. This is a class action against Mead Johnson Nutrition Company, d/b/a Mead Johnson & Company, LLC ("Mead Johnson" or "Defendant") for falsely and misleadingly representing on product labels and in its nationwide marketing and advertising campaigns that Enfamil Premium Newborn formula, Enfamil Premium Infant formula, Enfamil A.R. for Spit-Up Infant formula, and Enfagrow Premium Older Toddler Vanilla Milk Drink products (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Enfamil" or the "Mislabeled Products") contain prebiotics that provide immunity-related health benefits for babies and young children. In fact, the Mislabeled Products do *not* "support your baby's developing immune system" as advertised.
- Mislabeled Products (a) include "Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics designed to help support your baby's natural defenses," (b) are "designed to act more like breast milk by promoting the growth of beneficial bacteria throughout more of his digestive tract," (c) "provide[] complete nutrition that has been proven to promote healthy growth similar to breastfed babies through 12 months," (d) include "prebiotics" that "feed the good bacteria, found naturally in the digestive tract where 70% of your baby's immune system is located. And emerging science suggests prebiotics may support your baby's developing immune system," (e) include "Triple Health Guard," "a clinically proven formula to promote growth, to improve brain and eye development, and to support the immune system too," (f) "provide[] your baby complete nutrition at every feeding in a formula designed to help support his immune system," (g) "improve[] respiratory health and immune outcomes," (h) "support[] your baby's developing immune system," (i) have "Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics for digestive health and provide[] three proven benefits: growth, brain & eye, and immune system

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Prebiotics" are carbohydrates that purportedly feed so-called beneficial bacteria in the intestinal tract.

development," (j) "designed to act more like breast milk than our previous formula, our proprietary dual prebiotic blend is designed to work throughout the digestive tract," (k) "help[] support a healthy immune system," (l) contain "Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics Blend – designed to foster the growth of beneficial bacteria throughout the large intestine,"(m) contain "Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics Blend, designed to help support digestive health," (n) contain "Clinically Proven Triple Health Guard – Growth, Brain & Eye, Immune System," and (o) has a "NEW Formulation" that "Includes Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics Blend for digestive health" (hereafter, the "Express Warranties" or the "Misrepresentations"). However, the Express Warranties are false, misleading, and unsubstantiated.

- 3. Defendant touts the inclusion of prebiotics in the Mislabeled Products, including its trademarked "Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics," as a marketing tool to induce consumers to purchase more of its product without regard to whether the prebiotics actually deliver any of the health benefits as advertised. Indeed, Defendant's marketing strategy of including the words "Natural Defense" in its proprietary trademarked prebiotic blend highlights a primary purported benefit of the Mislabeled Products —that is, the support of a baby or infant's immune system—which is the Mislabeled Products' distinguishing feature from other formula and a deceptive marketing hook. In fact, Enfamil's "Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics" do not provide health benefits as represented and certainly are not "proven" to do so.
- 4. Moreover, there is no competent and reliable scientific evidence supporting the Misrepresentations, and any purported link between immune response and prebiotics in the Mislabeled Products is entirely speculative.
- 5. Defendant also claims that the Mislabeled Products act "like breast milk" and provide "complete nutrition that has been proven to promote healthy growth similar to breastfed babies." However, experts agree that breast milk is immeasurably superior to baby formula in terms of infant nutrition and other health benefits. Therefore, it is misleading for Defendant to advertise the Mislabeled Products as similar to breast milk when formula cannot provide anywhere near the level of benefits provided by breast milk.

- 6. Defendant conveyed and continues to convey to Plaintiff and other consumers false, misleading and unsubstantiated health claims about the Mislabeled Products in prominent and conspicuous fashion on its product labels and in its multi-media marketing and advertising campaigns, including on the Internet and in point-of-sale displays.
- 7. Defendant sells the Mislabeled Products at a premium over predecessor and other formulas that do not contain prebiotics. However, the Mislabeled Products are ultimately worth less than their purchase price because of the Misrepresentations.
- 8. Plaintiff is a purchaser of Enfamil who asserts claims for violation of the Magnuson-Moss Act, for breach of express warranty, for breach of implied warranty of merchantability, for violation of California's Consumers Legal Remedies Act, for violation of California's Unfair Competition Law, for violation of California's False Advertising Law, and for unjust enrichment on behalf of herself and similarly situated purchasers of Enfamil.

#### **PARTIES**

- 9. Plaintiff Shenique Routé is a citizen of California who resides in Los Angeles County, California. On or about November of 2011, Ms. Routé purchased Enfamil Premium Infant formula from a Target retail store in Los Angeles County. Ms. Routé purchased Enfamil in reliance on Defendant's Misrepresentations, including those in its advertisements and labeling that Enfamil was "more like" breast milk and contained prebiotics that provide immunity-related health benefits that other brand formulas do not. Ms. Routé would not have purchased and paid a premium for Enfamil but for Defendant's misrepresentations, and she suffered injury in fact and lost money as a result of Defendant's deceptive, unfair, and fraudulent practices described herein.
- 10. On or about April 5, 2012, prior to filing this action, Ms. Routé, by and through her counsel, provided Defendant Mead Johnson with written notice of her claims pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 2310(e) and California Civil Code § 1782. Ms. Routé also notified Mead Johnson that she was acting on behalf of a class defined as all persons in the United States who purchased Enfamil, and a subclass of class members who purchased Enfamil in California. This notification is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

- 11. Defendant Mead Johnson Nutrition Company, d/b/a Mead Johnson & Company, LLC, is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located at 2701 Patriot Boulevard, Fourth Floor, Glenview, Illinois 60026. Mead Johnson is registered with the California Secretary of State to do business in California.
- 12. Mead Johnson has manufactured, marketed, and sold Enfamil using the deceptive, false, misleading, and unsubstantiated claims described herein since at least 2010.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 13. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question). This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over state law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.
- 14. This Court also has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)(A) because this case is a class action where the aggregate claims of all members of the proposed class are in excess of \$5,000,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs, and Plaintiff and most members of the proposed class are citizens of states different from the state of Defendant.
- 15. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Mead Johnson because Mead Johnson Nutrition Company is registered with the California Secretary of State to conduct business within California, intentionally avails itself of the markets in California through the promotion, marketing, and sale of merchandise, and conducts substantial business within California such that Mead Johnson has significant continuous and pervasive contacts with the State of California sufficient to render the exercise of jurisdiction by this Court permissible under traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.
- 16. Venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a) and (b) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to these claims occurred in this District and because the Court has personal jurisdiction over Mead Johnson.

#### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. Mead Johnson's Deceptive Marketing
- 17. The American Academy of Pediatrics ("AAP") is the preeminent authoritative resource for parents and pediatricians when it comes to issues relating to pediatric health. The

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AAP recommends breast milk as the main source of a baby's nutrition for the first six months of its life and further emphasizes that breastfeeding should be continued for at least the first year. The AAP states that the advantages of breastfeeding include "health, nutritional, immunologic, developmental, psychological, social, economic, and environmental benefits."

- 18. Because experts unanimously agree that breast milk is simply best for infants, it is deceptive for Defendant to market Enfamil as a near-equivalent of breast milk. However, to generate more sales, Defendant falsely claims through its marketing and advertising campaigns and package labeling that the Mislabeled Products possess nutritional qualities that are nearly equivalent to those of breast milk.
- 19. Defendant also claims that the prebiotics it adds to the Mislabeled Products are "designed to act more like breast milk." In truth, experts agree that breast milk is immeasurably superior to formula in terms of infant nutrition and offers innumerable health benefits to infants. It is misleading for Defendant to claim that Enfamil acts "like breast milk" when infant and follow-on formula cannot provide anywhere near the level of benefits offered from breastfeeding.
- 20. Defendant's marketing, advertising and packaging claims imply that there is a proven scientific basis to support the purported health claims in the Express Warranties that are linked to the inclusion of prebiotics in the Mislabeled Products. But this is false. Well-developed studies simply have not reliably demonstrated the efficacy of prebiotic supplementation of formula.
- 21. The label for each of the Mislabeled Products prominently features in large type, the false and misleading phrase, "Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics." Another label deceptively states, "Enfamil PREMIUM Infant now includes Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics. This prebiotic blend is designed to act more like breast milk by promoting the growth of beneficial bacteria throughout more of his digestive tract than our previous blend." A true and correct copy of the packaging for some of the Mislabeled Products is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 22. Mead Johnson also maintains a website at www.enfamil.com for the purposes of marketing the Mislabeled Products. Mead Johnson falsely claims on its website that the Mislabeled Products support babies' immune systems. For example:

Enfamil PREMIUM Infant formula is clinically proven to improve brain and eye development in babies up to 12 months. And it also provides the nutrients needed for healthy physical growth and development, including Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics to support the immune system. Designed to act more like breast milk than our previous formula, our proprietary dual prebiotic blend is designed to work throughout the digestive tract. Our dual prebiotic blend is designed to work longer in the digestive tract for

more complete support compared to our previous formula.

Prebiotics feed the good bacteria, found naturally in the digestive tract – where 70% of your baby's immune system is located. And emerging science suggests prebiotic [sic] may support your baby's developing immune system. With Enfamil PREMIUM Infant you can give infant nutrition designed to help support your baby's natural defenses.<sup>2</sup>

- 23. Mead Johnson's false and misleading immune support claim is similarly incorporated into the advertising for all of the Mislabeled Products. Mead Johnson conveyed and continues to convey its deceptive claims about the Mislabeled Products through a variety of media, including television, newspapers, magazines, direct mail, the Internet, point-of-sale displays, and on the products' labels and labeling. For example, in a Google search for "infant formula," Mead Johnson's Enfamil PREMIUM infant is prominently displayed in a paid listing on the results page. Consumers who click on the link are led directly to the Enfamil website indicated above, which highlights false and misleading immune-related health claims like, "[p]rovides Natural Defense Dual Prebiotic blend designed to help support your baby's immune system."
- 24. Mead Johnson's misleading marketing campaign incorporates deceptive names like "Triple Health Guard" and "Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics," which Mead Johnson describes as "[d]esigned to act more like breast milk... our proprietary dual prebiotic blend is designed to work throughout the digestive tract." The advertisement continues, "[p]rebiotics feed the good bacteria, found naturally in the digestive tract — where 70% of your baby's immune system is located. And emerging science suggests prebiotic may support your baby's developing immune system. With Enfamil PREMIUM Infant you can give infant nutrition designed to help support your baby's natural defenses." These scientific-sounding names and terms falsely suggest that the Mislabeled

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http://www.enfamil.com/app/iwp/enf10/content.do?dm=enf&id=/Consumer Home3/Infants/EnfamilPremiumInfant&i wpst=B2C&ls=0&csred=1&r=3511542244 (last visited July 18, 2012).

Products deliver the specific health benefits advertised. Mead Johnson's exhaustive marketing campaign builds on this deception.

- 25. The label for Enfamil Premium Infant Formula includes claims that it contains "Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics," that "Enfamil Premium Infant now includes Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics. This prebiotic blend is designed to act more like breast milk by promoting the growth of beneficial bacteria throughout more of his digestive tract than our previous formulation," that it "supports your baby's developing immune system," that it contains "Clinically Proven Triple Health Guard Growth, Brain & Eye, Immune System," and that "Enfamil Infant Has Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics for digestive health and provides three proven benefits: growth, brain & eye, and immune system development."
- 26. The label for Enfamil Premium Newborn formula includes claims that it contains "Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics," that it has "Triple Health Guard" that "Helps Support Growth, Brain & Eye, Immune System," that "[b]abies' digestive tracts are home to approximately 70 percent of their immune systems. Emerging science suggests prebiotics may support your baby's developing immune system by feeding the good bacteria found naturally in the digestive tract. With Enfamil Premium Newborn, you can give your baby a formula that includes the Natural Defense Dual Prebiotic Blend, designed to help support your babies' natural defenses. This dual prebiotic blend is designed to work throughout the digestive tract for more complete support compared to previous Enfamil formulas," and that it contains "[a] blend of antioxidants, DHA, ARA and prebiotics designed to help support your baby's immune system."
- 27. The label for Enfagrow Premium Older Toddler Vanilla Milk Drink includes claims that it has "Triple Health Guard" that "Helps Support Growth, Brain & Eye, Immune System," that it includes "Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics Blend," and that "Enfagrow Premium Older Toddler has our Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics Blend, designed to help support digestive health."
- 28. The label for Enfamil A.R. for Spit-Up Infant Formula includes claims that it is a "NEW Formulation" that "Includes Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics Blend," that it has "Triple Health Guard" that "Helps Support Growth, Brain & Eye, Immune System," that it "Includes

Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics Blend for digestive health," and that "This exclusive formula is available only from the Enfamil brand."

- 29. Mead Johnson's marketing, promotion, and labeling of the Mislabeled Products includes numerous false and misleading claims concerning the Mislabeled Products' efficacy. These false and deceptive claims, which are enumerated in the Express Warranties and further discussed in detail above, are likely to mislead consumers acting reasonably under the circumstances into believing that Mead Johnson's Mislabeled Products are near-equivalent to breast milk, and that their use will result in superior immune function and digestive health.
- 30. Mead Johnson leverages its false and deceptive marketing message that the Mislabeled Products provide immune benefits to sell the Mislabeled Products at a premium over predecessor and regular formulas that do not contain "Triple Health Guard" with "Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics."

#### B. The Mislabeled Products Do Not Support Babies' Immune Systems

- 31. There is no competent or credible evidence that the Mislabeled Products support or benefit a baby's immune system. In fact, there is no competent or credible evidence that the Mislabeled Products have any prebiotic effect at all.
- 32. Importantly, several studies referenced by Defendant as supporting the immunity claims on the Mislabeled Products do just the opposite. For example, Boehm and Moro, Structural and Functional Aspects of Prebiotics Used in Infant Nutrition, <u>Journal of Nutrition</u> (2008) (attached to a letter sent by counsel for Mead Johnson to Plaintiff's counsel on June 4, 2012 in response to Plaintiff's letter of April 5, 2012) does not even address the specific prebiotic ingredients in Mead Johnson's proprietary "Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics." Moreover, as a general matter, the study concludes "long term studies are needed to test the hypothesis that the influence of dietary factors on the immune system early in life might have beneficial consequences later in life." Thus, no immunity benefits were definitively extrapolated, and there was no proven scientific support for the purported health claims in the Express Warranties that are linked to the inclusion of prebiotics in the Mislabeled Products.

- 33. Similarly, a monograph published by Mead Johnson in 2009 commissioned expressly to support the Mislabeled Products' health claims, Prebiotics in Infant Nutrition, edited by Sharon Donovan, Glenn Gibson, and David Newberg, concludes that "more studies are needed to understand the conditions under which prebiotic formula ingredients can positively influence infant growth and development." Again, no particular immunity benefits were extrapolated, and the monograph does not address the specific prebiotic ingredients in Mead Johnson's proprietary "Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics." Moreover, there was no proven scientific support for the purported health claims in the Express Warranties that are linked to the inclusion of prebiotics in the Mislabeled Products.
- 34. Upon information and belief, Mead Johnson has never studied and obtained scientifically proven results about the immunological effect on newborns, infants, or toddlers of the specific blend of ingredients that make up its proprietary "Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics"
- 35. Importantly, the AAP does not recommend routine usage of probiotics and prebiotics based on inadequate supporting research.
- 36. In December 2010, the AAP issued a new clinical report, "Probiotics and Prebiotics in Pediatrics," in which the AAP reviewed the evidence surrounding the use of probiotics and prebiotics for children.<sup>3</sup> The AAP concluded that "Probiotics or prebiotics added to infant formula and other foods marketed for use in children do not appear to be harmful to healthy infants and children, but the clinical efficacy for their addition is insufficient to recommend their routine use in these formulas."
- 37. With respect to prebiotics, the AAP wrote: "more research is needed before such recommendations for the use of prebiotics in infant formula can be made;" "There is a paucity of RCTs examining prebiotics in children;" and "more information, including data from RCTs, is needed before the efficacy of adding prebiotics to infant formulas can be determined." 5

D. Thomas, et al., Clinical Report -Probiotics and Prebiotics in Pediatrics, PEDIATRICS Vol. 126, No. 6 (Dec. 2010).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *Id.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> *Id*.

- 38. Similarly, the International Association of Infant Food Manufacturers concluded after a review of the available scientific research that "data are still not conclusive as far as the global health effects of prebiotics."
- 39. The Committee on Nutrition of the European Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition ("ESPGHAN") also concluded that more studies are required to establish the safety and efficacy of probiotic and prebiotic products in children.<sup>7</sup>
- 40. Most recently, a review of the available scientific research was completed and concluded: "Routine application of probiotic- and/or prebiotic-supplemented formulae is not recommended and certain parameters such as mechanisms, optimal doses and intake durations, as well as long-term safety of these products require extensive clinical trials. A standard methodology for assessing the intestinal flora should be formulated and its adoption must be made mandatory for conducting related studies to arrive upon a conclusive result."
- 41. Defendant's false and misleading claims about the Mislabeled Products' immunerelated health benefits are in violation of federal law and regulations.
- 42. Federal law allows for statements of nutritional support referring to representations about a dietary supplement's effect on the structure or function of the body for maintenance of good health and nutrition so-called structure/function claims without FDA authorization. But structure/function claims are allowed only if the manufacturer has substantiation that the claim is truthful and not misleading, and also prominently displays a Dietary Supplement Health Education Acts ("DSHEA") disclaimer: "This statement has not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease." Moreover, a structure/function claim may not "claim to diagnose, mitigate, treat, cure or prevent a specific disease or class of diseases." *See* Dietary Supplement Health Education Act ("DSHEA"), 21 U.S.C. § 3431(6).

International Association of Infant Food Manufacturers, *Prebiotics in Infant Nutrition* (December 2004), available at http://www.ifm.net/industry/prebiotics.htm (last accessed Feb. 20, 2012).

ESPGHAN Committee on Nutrition, Supplementation of Infant Formula With Probiotics and/or Prebiotics: A Systematic Review and Comment by the ESPGHAN Committee on Nutrition (Aug. 8, 2010).

S. Sarkar, *Probiotics, Prebiotics and Symbiotics for Infant Feeding – A Review*, S1, J. MICROBIAL BIOCHEM. TECHNOL. (2011).

43. The Mislabeled Products' labeling and advertising makes structure/function claims related to the Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics and the properties of the Mislabeled Products – i.e., that they support the immune system – but the labeling on the Mislabeled Products does not display the DSHEA disclaimer. Further, based on the investigation of Plaintiff's counsel, the Mislabeled Products do not in fact provide immune support as advertised, and Defendant does not have the requisite substantiation that their claims about the ability of the Mislabeled Products to support the immune system are not false and misleading. Therefore, Defendant's claims that the Mislabeled Products provide immune support violate federal law.

#### C. Plaintiff's Claims Against Defendant Mead Johnson

- 44. Plaintiff is a resident of California who purchased Enfamil Premium Infant formula with Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics, believing that it, unlike other infant formulas, would act like breast milk and provide immune system support and development for her child.
- 45. Plaintiff relied upon and was misled by Defendant's Misrepresentations about Enfamil Premium Infant formula. The false claims relied upon by Plaintiff include but are not limited to the claims the product contains "Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics," that "Enfamil Premium Infant now includes Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics. This prebiotic blend is designed to act more like breast milk by promoting the growth of beneficial bacteria throughout more of his digestive tract than our previous formulation," that it "supports your baby's developing immune system," that it contains "Clinically Proven Triple Health Guard Growth, Brain & Eye, Immune System," and that "Enfamil Infant Has Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics for digestive health and provides three proven benefits: growth, brain & eye, and immune system development."
- 46. Plaintiff relied on these Misrepresentations in her decision to purchase Enfamil

  Premium Infant. Because Enfamil's representation about the health benefits of the prebiotics in its

  formula were false, Plaintiff's expectations were not met.
- 47. Defendant's representations regarding the ability of the Mislabeled Products to deliver immune-related health benefits were material to Plaintiff and members of the Class and California Subclass at the time that they purchased the Mislabeled Products. Plaintiff and members

of the Class and California Subclass did not receive the benefit of the bargain from their purchases because they paid for products that were represented as "more like breast milk" and as providing immune-related health benefits, but the products they actually received did not. Accordingly, Plaintiff and members of the Class and California Subclass suffered injury in fact and lost money as a result of Defendant's Misrepresentations. But for Defendant's Misrepresentations, Plaintiff and members of the Class and California Subclass would not have purchased the Mislabeled Products or they would have paid less for the Mislabeled Products.

#### **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

- 48. Plaintiff seeks to represent a class defined as all persons in the United States who purchased the Mislabeled Products for personal or household use, and not for resale or distribution. Excluded from the Class are governmental entities, Mead Johnson, and Mead Johnson's affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, employees, officers, and directors. Also excluded is any judicial officer presiding over this matter and the members of their immediate families and judicial staff.
- 49. Plaintiff also seeks to represent a subclass defined as all members of the Class who purchased the Mislabeled Products within the state of California (the "California Subclass").
- 50. Members of the Class and the California Subclass are so numerous that their individual joinder herein is impracticable. On information and belief, members of the Class and California Subclass number in excess of hundreds of thousands. The precise number of Class members and their identities are unknown to Plaintiff at this time but will be determined through discovery of Mead Johnson's records. Class members may be notified of the pendency of this action by mail, email, and/or publication.
- 51. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all Class and California Subclass members and predominate over questions affecting only individual Class and California Subclass members. These common legal and factual questions include, but are not limited to:
  - (a) whether Defendant misrepresented or omitted material facts in connection with the promotion, marketing, advertising, packaging, labeling and sale of the Mislabeled Products;

- (b) whether Defendant represented that the Mislabeled Products have characteristics, benefits, uses or qualities that they do not have;
- (c) whether Defendant knew or should have known that Defendant's claims regarding
  the Mislabeled Products, including, but not limited to, claims regarding these
   Mislabeled Products' effect on immunity, were false and/or misleading;
- (d) whether Defendant's acts and practices in connection with the promotion, marketing, advertising, packaging, labeling, distribution and sale of the Mislabeled Products violated the laws alleged herein;
- (e) whether Defendant's conduct, as set forth herein, injured members of the Class and whether they have been damaged by the wrongs complained of herein, and if so, the measure of those damages and the nature and extent of other relief that should be provided.
- 52. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the proposed Class and California Subclass in that Plaintiff was exposed to Defendant's false, misleading, and unsubstantiated marketing and promotional materials, purchased the Mislabeled Products, and suffered a loss as a result of the purchase. Each Class and California Subclass member was subjected to the same conduct, was harmed in the same way, and has claims for relief under the same legal theories.
- 53. Plaintiff is an adequate representative of the Class and California Subclass because her interests do not conflict with the interests of the Class and California Subclass members she seeks to represent, she has retained counsel competent and experienced in prosecuting class actions, and she intends to prosecute this action vigorously. The interests of Class and California Subclass members will be fairly and adequately protected by Plaintiff and her counsel.
- 54. The class mechanism is superior to other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of the claims of the Class and California Subclass members. Each individual Class member may lack the resources to undergo the burden and expense of individual prosecution of the complex and extensive litigation necessary to establish defendant's liability. Individualized litigation increases the delay and expense to all parties and multiplies the burden on the judicial

system presented by the complex legal and factual issues of this case. Individualized litigation also presents a potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments. In contrast, the class action device presents far fewer management difficulties and provides the benefits of single adjudication, economy of scale, and comprehensive supervision by a single court on the issue of defendant's liability. Class treatment of the liability issues will ensure that all claims and claimants are before this Court for consistent adjudication of the liability issues.

55. Unless a class is certified, Mead Johnson will retain monies received as a result of its conduct that were taken from Plaintiff and proposed Class and California Subclass members. Unless a class-wide injunction is issued, Mead Johnson will continue to commit the violations of law alleged, and the members of the Class, California Subclass, and the general public will continue to be misled.

#### **COUNT I**

Violation of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act ("MMWA"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 2310, et seq.

- 56. Plaintiff repeats the allegations contained in the paragraphs above as if fully set forth herein.
- 57. This Count I is brought against Defendant by Plaintiff individually and on behalf of the Class.
  - 58. The Mislabeled Products are consumer products as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 2301(1).
- 59. Plaintiff and Class and California Subclass members are consumers as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 2301(3).
- 60. Defendant Mead Johnson is a supplier and warrantor as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 2301(4) and (5).
- 61. In connection with the sale of the Mislabeled Products, Defendant issued written warranties as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 2301(6) in its product marketing and advertising, as well as on the Mislabeled Product labels, in the form of the Express Warranties which warrant health benefits comparable to those provided by breast milk and immune system support and development based on Defendant's proprietary blend of prebiotic ingredients.

- 62. In fact, the Mislabeled Products do not provide the health benefits as warranted.
- 63. By reason of Defendant's breach of the Express Warranties it has violated the statutory rights due Plaintiff and Class members pursuant to the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, thereby damaging Plaintiff and Class members. 15 U.S.C. §2301, et seq.
- 64. Plaintiff and the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breach because: (a) they would not have purchased the Mislabeled Products if the true facts concerning their purported health benefits had been known; (b) they paid a price premium due to Mead Johnson's misleading representations that the Mislabeled Products support the immune system of babies and toddlers; and (c) the Mislabeled Products do not perform as promised.

#### **COUNT II**

#### **Breach of Express Warranty**

- 65. Plaintiff repeats the allegations contained in the paragraphs above as if fully set forth herein.
- 66. This Count II is brought against Defendant by Plaintiff individually and on behalf of the Class.
- Plaintiff, and each Class member, formed a contract with the Defendant at the time Plaintiff and other members of the Class purchased the Mislabeled Products. The terms of that contract include the promises and affirmations of fact relating to the Mislabeled Products' characteristics and purported health benefits as reflected in the Misrepresentation on Defendant's product labels and through its marketing campaign, as described above. This product labeling and advertising became part of the basis of the bargain and is part of a standardized contract between Plaintiff and the members of the Class on the one hand, and Defendant on the other, and thus constituted an express warranty.
- 68. Defendant sold the goods to Plaintiff and other Class members, who bought the goods from Defendant.
- 69. Defendant breached the terms of this contract, including the express warranties, because the goods were in fact not capable of delivering immune-related health benefits, and

therefore the express warranties were false, misleading, and unsubstantiated. As a result of this breach, Plaintiff and the Class did not receive goods as warranted by Defendant.

70. Plaintiff and the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breach of contract and its warranties, because they would not have purchased the Mislabeled Products if the true facts concerning their characteristics and benefits had been known.

#### **COUNT III**

#### **Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability**

- 71. Plaintiff repeats the allegations contained in the paragraphs above as if fully set forth here.
- 72. This Count III is brought against Defendant by Plaintiff individually and on behalf of the Class.
- 73. Defendant, through its acts and omissions set forth herein, in their sale, marketing, and promotion of the Mislabeled Products, made representations to Plaintiff and the Class that the Mislabeled Products provide immune-related health benefits, among other representations, as described above. Plaintiff and the Class bought the Mislabeled Products which are manufactured, advertised and sold by Defendant.
- 74. Defendant is a merchant with respect to the goods of this kind which were sold to Plaintiff and the Class, and there was in the sale to Plaintiff and other consumers an implied warranty that the Mislabeled Products were merchantable.
- 75. However, Defendant breached that warranty implied in the contract for the sale of goods in that the Mislabeled Products do not provide the purported immune-related and other health benefits, as set forth in detail herein.
- 76. As a result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff and the Class did not receive goods as impliedly warranted by Defendant to be merchantable in that they did not conform to the promises and affirmations made on the container or label of the goods.
- 77. Plaintiff and the Class have sustained damages as a proximate result of the foregoing breach of implied warranty in an amount to be determined at trial.

#### **COUNT IV**

# Violation of California's Consumer Legal Remedies Act ("CLRA"), California Civil Code §§ 1750, et seq.

- 78. Plaintiff repeats the allegations contained in the paragraphs above as if fully set forth herein.
- 79. This Count IV is brought against Defendant by Plaintiff individually and on behalf of the California Subclass.
- 80. CLRA § 1770(a)(5) prohibits "[r]epresenting that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities which they do not have or that a person has a sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation, or connection which he or she does not have." Defendant violated this provision by making the Misrepresentations about the Mislabeled Products.
- 81. CLRA § 1770(a)(7) prohibits "[r]epresenting that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another." Defendant violated this provision by making the Misrepresentations about the Mislabeled Products.
- 82. CLRA § 1770(a)(9) prohibits "advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised." Defendant violated this provision by making the Misrepresentations about the Mislabeled Products.
- 83. CLRA § 1770(a)(16) prohibits "[r]epresenting that the subject of a transaction has been supplied in accordance with a previous representation when it has not." Defendant violated this provision by making the Misrepresentations about the Mislabeled Products.
- 84. Plaintiff and the California Subclass members suffered injuries caused by Defendant's Misrepresentations because they would not have purchased the Mislabeled Products had they known the true facts concerning their characteristics and benefits.
- 85. On or about April 5, 2012, prior to the filing of this Complaint, a CLRA notice letter was served on Defendant which complies in all respects with California Civil Code § 1782(a).

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Plaintiff sent Mead Johnson a letter via certified mail, return receipt requested, advising Mead Johnson that it is in violation of the CLRA and demanding that it cease and desist from such violations and make full restitution by refunding the monies received therefrom. A true and correct copy of Plaintiff's CLRA letter is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

86. Wherefore, Plaintiff presently seeks only injunctive relief for these violations of the CLRA.

#### **COUNT V**

### Violation of California's Unfair Competition Law ("UCL"), California Business & Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq.

- 87. Plaintiff repeats the allegations contained in the paragraphs above as if fully set forth herein.
- 88. This Count V is brought against Defendant by Plaintiff individually and on behalf of the California Subclass.
- 89. Defendant is subject to the Unfair Competition Law ("UCL"), Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 et seq. The UCL provides, in pertinent part: "Unfair competition shall mean and include unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business practices and unfair, deceptive, untrue or misleading advertising ...."
- 90. Defendant's Misrepresentations and other conduct, described herein, violated the "unlawful" prong of the UCL by violating the MMWA as described herein; the CLRA as described herein; the FAL as described herein; Health & Safety Code §11333; and DSHEA and regulations promulgated thereunder, including but not limited to 21 U.S.C. §§ 321 and 343(r)(6).
- 91. Defendant's Misrepresentations and other conduct, described herein, violated the "unfair" prong of the UCL in that Defendant's conduct is substantially injurious to consumers, offends public policy, and is immoral, unethical, oppressive and unscrupulous as the gravity of the conduct outweighs any alleged benefits.
- 92. Defendant's conduct, described herein, violated the "fraudulent" prong of the UCL by making the Misrepresentations about the Mislabeled Products.

93. Plaintiff and California Subclass members suffered lost money or property as a result of Defendant's UCL violations because they would not have purchased the Mislabeled Products had they known the true facts concerning their characteristics and benefits.

#### **COUNT VI**

### Violation of California's False Advertising Law ("FAL"), Calif. Business & Professions Code §§ 17500, et seq.

- 94. Plaintiff repeats the allegations contained in the paragraphs above as if fully set forth herein.
- 95. This Count VI is brought against Defendant by Plaintiff individually and on behalf of the members of the California Subclass.
- 96. California's False Advertising Law, Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500, et seq., makes it "unlawful for any person to make or disseminate or cause to be made or disseminated before the public in this state, ... in any advertising device ... or in any other manner or means whatever, including over the Internet, any statement, concerning ... personal property or services, professional or otherwise, or performance or disposition thereof, which is untrue or misleading and which is known, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading."
- 97. Defendant committed acts of false advertising, as defined by § 17500, by making the Misrepresentations about the Mislabeled Products.
- 98. Defendant knew or should have known, through the exercise of reasonable care that its Misrepresentations about the Mislabeled Products were untrue and misleading.
- 99. Defendant's actions in violation of § 17500 were false and misleading such that the general public is and was likely to be deceived.
- 100. Plaintiff and the California Subclass members suffered lost money or property as a result of Defendant's FAL violations because they would not have purchased the Mislabeled Products had they known the true facts concerning their characteristics and benefits.

#### **COUNT VII**

#### **Unjust Enrichment / Common Law Restitution**

- 101. Plaintiff repeats the allegations contained in the paragraphs above as if fully set forth herein.
- 102. This Count VII is brought against Defendant by Plaintiff individually and on behalf of the members of the Class.
- 103. Plaintiff and Class members conferred benefits on Defendant by purchasing the Mislabeled Products.
- 104. Defendant has been unjustly enriched in retaining the revenues derived from Plaintiff's and Class members' purchases of the Mislabeled Products. Retention of those monies under these circumstances is unjust and inequitable because Defendant misrepresented that the Mislabeled Products "support your baby's developing immune system" when in fact it does not, which caused injuries to Plaintiff and Class members because they would not have purchased the Mislabeled Products if the true facts had been known.
- 105. Because Defendant's retention of the non-gratuitous benefits conferred on them by Plaintiff and Class members is unjust and inequitable, Defendant must pay restitution to Plaintiff and the Class members for their unjust enrichment, as ordered by the Court.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and on behalf of the members of the proposed Class and California Subclass prays: (a) for all forms of relief set forth above, (b) for an order certifying the proposed Class and California Subclass and appointing Plaintiff and her undersigned counsel of record to represent the proposed classes, (c) damages, restitution and/or disgorgement in an amount to be determined at trial, (d) for punitive damages, (e) for costs of suit herein; (f) for both pre- and post-judgment interest on any amounts awarded, (g) for payment of reasonable attorneys' fees, and (h) for such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper.

#### **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

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Dated: August 27, 2012

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#### I, Shenique Routé, declare as follows:

- I am a plaintiff in this action and a citizen of the State of California. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.
- 2. The complaint filed in this action is filed in the proper place for trial under California Civil Code Section 1780(d) in that Defendant conducts a substantial amount of business in this District.
- 3. While living in California, I purchased Enfamil PREMIUM Infant formula for household consumer use. I saw Defendant's marketing and advertising claims about Enfamil PREMIUM Infant formula, including claims on the product label that it contained "Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics" and that "Enfamil Infant has Natural Defense Dual Prebiotics for digestive health and provides three proven benefits: growth, brain & eye, and immune system development," and I purchased Enfamil PREMIUM Infant formula in reliance on these claims. These representations were substantial factors influencing my decision to purchase Enfamil PREMIUM Infant formula. I would not have purchased Enfamil PREMIUM Infant formula had I known that it did not provide health benefits as represented.

I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, executed on August 20, 2012 at Lakewood, California.

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April 5, 2012

#### Via Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested

Mead Johnson Nutrition Company 2701 Patriot Boulevard Glenview, Illinois 60026

Re: Demand Letter Pursuant to California Civil Code § 1782

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves as a preliminary notice and demand for corrective action by Mead Johnson Nutrition Company ("Mead Johnson") pursuant to the provisions of California Civil Code § 1782, on behalf of our client, Shenique Route, and all other persons similarly situated.

Mead Johnson has sold and continues to sell Enfamil infant formula products, which are misrepresented as containing prebiotics that provide immunity-related health benefits when in fact there is insufficient competent and reliable scientific evidence that prebiotics provide any immunity-related health benefits. Mead Johnson makes such claims about the following products: (1) Enfamil Premium Newborn; (2) Enfamil Premium Infant; and (3) Enfagrow Premium Older Toddler Vanilla Milk Drink (hereinafter the "Mislabeled Products").

Mead Johnson has engaged in a uniform marketing and advertising program representing that the Mislabeled Products contain prebiotics that provide immunity-related health benefits to induce consumers to purchase the Mislabeled Products in reliance upon these representations. These representations were and are prominently displayed on the labels of the Mislabeled Products and on Enfamil's various advertisements, promotional materials and product website. Mead Johnson has misled and continues to mislead consumers into believing that the Mislabeled Products contain prebiotics that provide immunity-related health benefits to command a premium price for the Mislabeled Products, to gain market share from its competitors, and to increase its own profits.

Shenique Route is a citizen of the State of California and is a consumer as defined in California Civil Code §1761(d) in that she purchased one or more of the Mislabeled Products "for personal, family or household purposes." Ms. Route purchased one or more of the Mislabeled Products from retail stores in California. She saw and read Mead Johnson's misrepresentations that the Mislabeled Products contained prebiotics that provide immunity-related health benefits and relied on such misrepresentations in deciding to purchase one or more of the Mislabeled Products. If the truth about the Mislabeled Products had been known to her, Ms. Route would not have purchased them. Ms. Route suffered a loss of money as a result of

Mead Johnson's misrepresentations in the amount of the purchase price of the Mislabeled Products.

By misrepresenting the benefits of the Mislabeled Products, Mead Johnson has violated numerous provisions of California law including the Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Civil Code § 1770, including but not limited to subsections (a)(5), (7), and (9).

We hereby demand that Mead Johnson immediately (1) cease and desist from further sales of the Mislabeled Products, (2) issue an immediate recall of the Mislabeled Products, and (3) make full restitution to all purchasers of the Mislabeled Products of all money obtained from sales thereof.

It is further demanded that Mead Johnson preserve all documents and other evidence which refer or relate to any of the above-described practices including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1. All documents concerning the development and production of the Mislabeled Products;
- 2. All documents concerning the advertisement, marketing or sale of the Mislabeled Products;
- 3. All documents concerning the revenue generated from the sale of the Mislabeled Products; and
- 4. All communications with customers concerning complaints or comments about the Mislabeled Products.

Please comply with this demand within 30 days from receipt of this letter.

We are willing to negotiate with Mead Johnson to attempt to resolve the demands asserted in this letter. If Mead Johnson wishes to enter into such discussions, please contact me immediately.

If Mead Johnson contends that any statement in this letter is inaccurate in any respect, please provide us with your contentions and supporting documents immediately upon receipt of this letter, but in no event later than 30 days from the date of receipt.

Very truly yours,

L. Timothy Fisher

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Notice to Counsel/Parties: 1h or other papers as required by lay	oc CV-71 (JS-44) Ci	ed by the Judicial Conference	mation contained herein neither replace for supplement the filing and service of pleadings of the United States in September 1974, is required pursuant to Local Rule 3-1 is not filed ing the civil docket sheet. (For more detailed instructions, see separate instructions sheet.)	
Key to Statistical codes relating to So	cial Security Cases			
Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of	Cause of Action	
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))		
862	BI	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969 (30 U.S.C. 923)		
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under l'itle 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended, plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))		
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, 4s amended $(42.0.8C/405(g))$		
564	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Litle 16 of the Social Security Net, as aniended		
865	RSi	All claims for retirement (old uge) and survivors benefits under. Fithe 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. (g))		