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10	UNITED STATES I	DISTRICT COURT
11	NORTHERN DISTRIC	CT OF CALIFORNIA
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13	NATASHA ARENS, on behalf of herself,	Case No.
14	and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	POPCORN, INDIANA LLC'S NOTICE
15	Plaintiff,	OF REMOVAL
16		DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY
17	VS.	[Filed concurrently with the Declarations
18	POPCORN, INDIANA, LLC, AND DOES 1 THROUGH 100, inclusive,	of Paul Schenfeld and Matthew R. Orr]
19	Defendants.	
20	Detendants.	
21		Complaint Filed: February 3, 2014
22		Trial Date: None Set
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24	TO THE CLERK OF THE UNITE	D STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE
25	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORN	NIA:
26	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursu	uant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, 1446, and
27	1453, Defendant Popcorn, Indiana LLC ("	Defendant" or "Popcorn Indiana") hereby
28	removes this action from the Superior Court	of the State of California for the County of

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Alameda to the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, on the following grounds:

STATEMENT OF THE CASE AND TIMELINESS OF REMOVAL

- On February 3, 2014, Plaintiff Natasha Arens ("Plaintiff") commenced an 1. action against Defendant in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Alameda, Case Number RG 14712371, by filing a Complaint entitled "Natasha Arens, on behalf of herself, and on behalf of all others similarly situated v. Popcorn, Indiana LLC."
- 2. On February 20, 2014, Defendant received a copy of the Complaint, Civil Case Cover Sheet, and Summons. True and correct copies of these documents are attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
- 3. In her Complaint, Plaintiff seeks, among other things, to certify a putative class that purports to include "[a]ll residents of California who, within the last four years, purchased a FIT Popcorn [sic] an unlawfully labeled product (the "Class") in California." (See Complaint ("Compl."), ¶ 68; see also ¶ 1.)
- 4. The Complaint purports to allege causes of action against Defendant for supposed violations of California Business and Professions Code §§ 17200 and 17500 et seq., and the Consumer Legal Remedies Act § 1750 et seq. based on Defendant's alleged improper labeling of the FIT products.
- On March 19, 2014, Defendant filed an Answer denying the allegations in 5. the Complaint and reserving a number of affirmative defenses. A true and correct copy of the Answer is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.
- On March 11, 2014 the Hon. Wynne Carvill of the Superior Court of 6. California, County of Alameda ordered this action be designated as Complex. Notice of a Case Management Conference reflects a conference date of April 14, 2014. True and correct copies of the Notice and Order are attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

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7. This removal is timely filed as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b) as it is brought within 30 days of service of the Complaint on February 20, 2014.

SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

8. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1453. This Court specifically has jurisdiction under the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 ("CAFA"), codified in part at 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(d)(2) and 1453(b), because it is a civil action styled as a class action in which: (1) the number of members of the proposed plaintiff class is not less than one hundred, in the aggregate; (2) the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs; and (3) any member of the class of plaintiffs is a citizen of a State different from any defendant. 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(d)(2) and (d)(5).

PLAINTIFF'S CASE IS STYLED AS A PUTATIVE CLASS ACTION WITH A PROPOSED CLASS OF NOT LESS THAN 100 MEMBERS

- 9. The Court has CAFA jurisdiction because this lawsuit is a putative class action, and the proposed class comprises more than 100 individuals.
- 10. CAFA jurisdiction exists over any "class action" brought under any "State statute or rule of judicial procedure authorizing an action to be brought by 1 or more representative persons as a class action." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(1)(B). This case constitutes a "class action" for purposes of removal because Plaintiff styles her complaint as a "Class Action," and the Complaint seeks certification of a class pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 382, a state statute that authorizes class actions if the representative plaintiff can prove that the "parties are numerous, and it is impracticable to bring them all before the court" (Compl., \P 67-74.) Thus, this action qualifies as a class action under CAFA.
- 11. CAFA jurisdiction exists unless "the number of members of all proposed plaintiff classes in the aggregate is less than 100." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(5)(A). CAFA

defines class members as "the persons (named or unnamed) who fall within the definition of the proposed or certified class in a class action." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(1)(D). This requirement is met here because Plaintiff seeks to represent a class defined as "[a]ll residents of California who, within the last four years, purchased a FIT Popcorn [sic] an unlawfully labeled product (the "Class") in California." (*See* Compl., ¶ 68; *see also* ¶ 1.) Plaintiff further alleges that the purported Class "numbers in the thousands." (*See* Compl., ¶ 70.) Thus, on the face of the pleadings there are more than 100 members in Plaintiff's proposed class.

THE AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY EXCEEDS \$5 MILLION

- 12. Under CAFA, "the claims of individual class members shall be aggregated to determine whether the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$5,000,000, exclusive of interests and costs." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(6). In determining the amount in controversy, "a court must assume that the allegations in the complaint are true and assume that a jury will return a verdict for the plaintiff on all claims made in the complaint." *Fong v. Regis Corp.*, No. C 13-04497 RS, 2014 WL 26996, *2 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 2, 2014).
- 13. Where, as here, a complaint does not specify the amount in controversy, the defendant must show "by a preponderance of the evidence, that the amount in controversy exceeds the statutory amount." *Lewis v. Verizon Commc'ns, Inc.*, 627 F.3d 395, 397 (9th Cir. 2010).
- 14. As discussed above, Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of a purported class of consumers consisting of everyone in California who, within the last four years, purchased FIT popcorn products. (*See* Compl., ¶¶ 1, 68.) Plaintiff also alleges, "Plaintiff and Class . . . are entitled to an order . . . to disgorge Defendant's ill-gotten gains and to restore to any Class Member any money paid for the misbranded food products." (Compl., ¶ 80, 82, 86, 93, 101, 102, 109, and 110.) Plaintiff seeks "compensatory damages and restitution, with interest, for the amounts paid by

CALL S consumers for FIT Popcorn products Plaintiff also seeks an order enjoining Defendants from further unlawful or deceptive conduct, as to FIT and other snack food products as to which FIT is violating the law, as well as attorneys' fees and costs." (*Id.* ¶ 5; *see also*, Prayer for Relief.) Thus, although Defendant denies Plaintiff's allegations of liability, injury, and damages and will oppose certification of the putative class, taking Plaintiff's allegations to be true, this is a "civil action in which the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$5,000,000." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2).

- 15. In addition, the Declarations of Matthew R. Orr ("Orr Declaration") and Paul Schenfeld ("Schenfeld Declaration") concurrently filed herewith, establish the amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional limit. *Abrego Abrego v. The Dow Chem. Co.*, 443 F.3d 676, 690 (9th Cir. 2006) (courts may consider "summary-judgment-type evidence relevant to the amount in controversy at the time of removal"). (*Id.* ¶¶ 2–3.)
- 16. The relief, damages, restitution and attorneys' fees claimed by Plaintiff for treatment on a class basis for all consumers in California for the four-year period beginning February 2010 through February 2014 would easily exceed \$5,000,000, provided such remedies were granted in full as demanded in the Complaint.
 - a. The costs of revising its product labeling and destroying old labels and product as demanded in the Complaint, as further detailed in the Schenfeld Declaration filed under seal with the Court;
 - b. Refunding the full purchase price to all putative class members during the claimed class period from February 2010 to February 2014, as further detailed in the Schenfeld Declaration filed under seal with the Court;
 - c. Plaintiffs' attorneys' fees, which they will demand are no less than \$2.0 million following trial and costs will likely exceed \$150,000. (Orr Declaration, ¶ 5.)
- 17. Based on the foregoing, the amount in controversy requirement is clearly met.

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CLASS MEMBERS ARE CITIZENS OF DIFFERENT STATES

- 18. CAFA jurisdiction is met where "any member of a class of plaintiffs is a citizen of a State different from any defendant." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)(A). That requirement is met here because Defendant is a California-based corporation, and at least some members of the putative class are outside California. (*See* Compl., ¶¶ 36, 75.)
- 19. Plaintiff alleges that Defendant "is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Englewood, New Jersey." (Compl., ¶7.) As such, Defendant is a citizen of New Jersey. See 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c)(1) ("a corporation shall be deemed to be a citizen of every State and foreign state by which it has been incorporated and of the State or foreign state where it has its principal place of business.") Plaintiff alleges that she is a citizen of California. (See Compl., ¶6.) Thus, at least one plaintiff is diverse from at least one defendant, and there is minimal diversity under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)(A).

EXCEPTIONS TO REMOVAL DO NOT APPLY

- 20. This action does not fall within any exclusions to removal jurisdiction recognized by 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(3), (4), and (9) or 28 U.S.C. § 1453(d). Under § 1332(d)(3), a court may decline to exercise jurisdiction over a class action where "greater than one-third but less than two-thirds of the members of all proposed plaintiff classes in the aggregate and the primary defendants are citizens of the State in which the action was originally filed" Here, because Plaintiffs allege a California-only class, greater than two-thirds of the members of the proposed class are citizens of California. Therefore, this exclusion does not apply.
- 21. 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(4)(A) requires a district court to decline jurisdiction where, among other things, "greater than two-thirds of the members of all proposed plaintiff classes in the aggregate are citizens of the State in which the action was originally filed...and at least 1 defendant is a defendant...who is a citizen of the State

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in which the action was originally filed..." Similarly, § 1332(d)(4)(B) requires a district court to decline jurisdiction where "two-thirds or more of the members of all proposed classes in the aggregate, and the primary defendants, are citizens of the state in which the action was originally filed." Here, no defendant is a citizen of California, and therefore neither of these exceptions applies.

22. In addition, this action does not fall within any of the other categorical exceptions under CAFA. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(9)(A), (B), and (C) (making exception for an action (1) "concerning a covered security"; (2) "that relates to the internal affairs or governance of a corporation or other form of business enterprise"; (3) "that relates to the rights, duties (including fiduciary duties), and obligations related to or created by or pursuant to any security").

ALL PROCEDURAL REQUISITES ARE SATISFIED

- 23. 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) allows civil actions brought in state court to be removed to the district court "embracing the place where such action is pending." The Complaint was filed and currently is pending in the California Superior Court for the County of Alameda. This District is the proper venue for this action upon removal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) because it is the District that embraces the county where the state court action was pending.
- 24. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), copies of all process, pleadings, and orders are attached hereto as Exhibits 1, 2 and 3.
- 25. Defendant will promptly serve a notice of filing of removal, with a copy of the notice of removal annexed thereto, on Plaintiff's attorneys and will file such notice with the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Alameda.

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1	CONCLUSION
2	26. For the foregoing reasons, Defendant Popcorn, Indiana LLC hereby
3	removes this case from the California Superior Court for the County of Alameda to this
4	Federal District Court.
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6	Dated: March 21, 2014 CALL & JENSEN
7	A Professional Corporation Matthew R. Orr
8	Scott R. Hatch
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10	By: <u>/s/ Matthew R. Orr</u> Matthew R. Orr
11	Attorneys for Defendant Popcorn, Indiana LLC
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14	DEMAND FOR JURY
15	Defendant Popcorn, Indiana LLC hereby demands a jury pursuant to FRCP 38(b)
16	on all issues subject to a jury trial raised in the Complaint of Plaintiff.
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18	Dated: March 21, 2014 CALL & JENSEN
19	A Professional Corporation Matthew R. Orr
20	Scott R. Hatch Joshua G. Simon
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22	By: /s/ Matthew R. Orr
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24	Attorneys for Defendant Popcorn, Indiana LLC
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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

POPCORN, INDIANA, LLC, AND DOES 1 THROUGH 100, inclusive.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:

(LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

NATHASHA ARENS, on behalf of herself and all

others similiarly situated

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ERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. head the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filling fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhetpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfheip), or by confacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la Información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de les Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulano de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá gultar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services. (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o ef colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

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Superior Court of California, County of Alameda Rene C. Davidson Alameda County Courthouse

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No. RG14712371

VS.

Popcorn Indiana, LLC

NOTICE OF HEARING

Defendant/Respondent(s)
(Abbreviated Title)

To each party or to the attorney(s) of record for each party herein: Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled action has been set for:

Complex Determination Hearing Case Management Conference

You are hereby notified to appear at the following Court location on the date and time noted below:

Complex Determination Hearing:

DATE: 03/11/2014 TIME: 08:45 AM DEPARTMENT: 21

LOCATION: Administration Building, Fourth Floor

1221 Oak Street, Oakland

Case Management Conference:

DATE: 04/14/2014 TIME: 08:30 AM DEPARTMENT: 21

LOCATION: Administration Building, Fourth Floor

1221 Oak Street, Oakland

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 3.400 et seq. and Local Rule 3.250 (Unified Rules of the Superior Court, County of Alameda), the above-entitled matter is set for a Complex Litigation Determination Hearing and Initial Complex Case Management Conference.

Department 21 issues tentative rulings on DomainWeb (www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/domainweb). For parties lacking access to DomainWeb, the tentative ruling must be obtained from the clerk at (510) 267-6937. Please consult Rule 3.30(c) of the Unified Rules of the Superior Court, County of Alameda, concerning the tentative ruling procedures for Department 21.

Counsel or party requesting complex litigation designation is ordered to serve a copy of this notice on all parties omitted from this notice or brought into the action after this notice was mailed.

All counsel of record and any unrepresented parties are ordered to attend this Initial Complex Case Management Conference unless otherwise notified by the Court.

Failure to appear, comply with local rules or provide a Case Management Conference statement may result in sanctions. Case Management Statements may be filed by E-Delivery, by emailing them to the following address:

EDelivery@alameda.courts.ca.gov. No fee is charged for this service. For further information,

go to Direct Calendar Departments at http://apps.alameda.courts.ca.gov/domainweb.

All motions in this matter to be heard prior to Complex Litigation Determination Hearing must be scheduled for hearing in Department 21.

If the information contained in this notice requires change or clarification, please contact the courtroom clerk for Department 21 by e-mail at Dept.21@alaineda.courts.ca.gov or by phone at (510) 267-6937.

TELEPHONIC COURT APPEARANCES at Case Management Conferences may be available by contacting CourtCall, an independent vendor, at least 3 business days prior to the scheduled conference. Parties can make arrangements by calling (888) 882-6878, or faxing a service request form to (888) 883-2946. This service is subject to charges by the vendor.

Dated: 02/06/2014

Executive Officer / Clerk of the Superior Court

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Deputy Clerk

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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I certify that the following is true and correct: I am the clerk of the above-named court and not a party to this cause. I served this Notice by placing copies in envelopes addressed as shown hereon and then by sealing and placing them for collection, stamping or metering with prepaid postage, and mailing on the date stated below, in the United States mail at Alameda County, California, following standard court practices.

Executed on 02/06/2014.

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Superior Court of California, County of Alameda Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Information Packet

The person who files a civil lawsuit (plaintiff) must include the ADR Information Packet with the complaint when serving the defendant. Cross complainants must serve the ADR Information Packet on any new parties named to the action.

The Court strongly encourages the parties to use some form of ADR before proceeding to trial. You may choose ADR by:

- Indicating your preference on Case Management Form CM-110;
- Filing the Stipulation to ADR and Delay Initial Case Management Conference for 90 Days (a local form included with the information packet); or
- Agree to ADR at your Initial Case Management Conference.

QUESTIONS? Call (510) 891-6055. Email adrprogram@alameda.courts.ca.gov Or visit the court's website at http://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/adr

What Are The Advantages Of Using ADR?

- Faster -Litigation can take years to complete but ADR usually takes weeks or months.
- Cheaper Parties can save on attorneys' fees and litigation costs.
- More control and flexibility Parties choose the ADR process appropriate for their case.
- Cooperative and less stressful In mediation, parties cooperate to find a mutually agreeable resolution.
- Preserve Relationships A mediator can help you effectively communicate your
 interests and point of view to the other side. This is an important benefit when you want
 to preserve a relationship.

What Is The Disadvantage Of Using ADR?

• You may go to court anyway – If you cannot resolve your dispute using ADR, you may still have to spend time and money resolving your lawsuit through the courts.

What ADR Options Are Available?

- Mediation A neutral person (mediator) helps the parties communicate, clarify facts, identify legal issues, explore settlement options, and agree on a solution that is acceptable to all sides.
 - Court Mediation Program: Mediators do not charge fees for the first two hours of mediation. If parties need more time, they must pay the mediator's regular fees.

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Some mediators ask for a deposit before mediation starts which is subject to a refund for unused time.

- o **Private Mediation**: This is mediation where the parties pay the mediator's regular fees and may choose a mediator outside the court's panel.
- Arbitration A neutral person (arbitrator) hears arguments and evidence from each side
 and then decides the outcome of the dispute. Arbitration is less formal than a trial and the
 rules of evidence are often relaxed. Arbitration is effective when the parties want
 someone other than themselves to decide the outcome.
 - O Judicial Arbitration Program (non-binding): The judge can refer a case or the parties can agree to use judicial arbitration. The parties select an arbitrator from a list provided by the court. If the parties cannot agree on an arbitrator, one will be assigned by the court. There is no fee for the arbitrator. The arbitrator must send the decision (award of the arbitrator) to the court. The parties have the right to reject the award and proceed to trial.
 - o Private Arbitration (binding and non-binding) occurs when parties involved in a dispute either agree or are contractually obligated. This option takes place outside of the courts and is normally binding meaning the arbitrator's decision is final.

Mediation Service Programs In Alameda County

Low cost mediation services are available through non-profit community organizations. Trained volunteer mediators provide these services. Contact the following organizations for more information:

SEEDS Community Resolution Center

1968 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94702-1612

Telephone: (510), 548-2377 Website: www.seedscrc.org

Their mission is to provide mediation, facilitation, training and education programs in our diverse communities — Services that Encourage Effective Dialogue and Solution-making.

Center for Community Dispute Settlement

291 McLeod Street, Livermore, CA 94550

Telephone: (925) 373-1035 Website: www.trivalleymediation.com CCDS provides services in the Tri-Valley area for all of Alameda County.

For Victim/Offender Restorative Justice Services

Catholic Charities of the East Bay: Oakland

433 Jefferson Street, Oakland, CA 94607

Telephone: (510) 768-3100 Website: www.cceb.org.

Mediation sessions involve the youth, victim, and family members work toward a mutually agreeable restitution agreement.

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 All parties have signed and filed this stipulation with the Case Management Conf 	Ference Statement at least 15 days before the
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☐ Private mediation ☐ Private arbitration	*
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Form Approved for Mandatory Use Superior Court of California, County of Alameda ALA ADR-001 [New January 1, 2010]

STIPULATION TO ATTEND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) AND DELAY INITIAL CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE FOR 90 DAYS

Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3,221(a)(4)

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INTRODUCTION

- 1. This is a class action brought on behalf of California consumers who have purchased snack food products marketed and sold by Defendant Popcorn, Indiana LLC, a limited liability corporation ("Defendant") since February 3, 2011 (the "Class"). This action challenges the unlawful, unfair and fraudulent business practices of Defendant in connection with its marketing and sale of products under the "FIT" brand.
- 2. Defendant is a snack food maker that markets itself as being "fanatical about healthier, whole grain snacking." Most egregiously, Defendant has a line of "FIT" popcorn ("FIT") products that it labels, advertises and promotes as being lower in calories and fat than competing snack and "junk" foods. FIT popcorn is advertised and promoted by Defendant as a snack that can help consumers lose weight. Despite Defendant's claims that its FIT popcorn products are "low-fat" and "low-calorie," a serving of FIT popcorn is not lower in fat or calories than Defendant's full calorie products. Further, the FIT popcorn products are not lower in fat or calories than most market-leading, full-calorie snack and "junk" foods.
- 3. Defendant has knowledge of the false and misleading nature of its labeling, advertising and promotion of FIT popcorn. Nonetheless, to exploit and profit from the fact that health claims increase product sales, Defendant has continued to falsely label and market FIT popcorn.
 - 4. Defendants other products also violate branding/labeling laws in various respects.
- 5. This action seeks compensatory damages and restitution, with interest, for the amounts paid by consumers for FIT Popcorn products fraudulently and deceptively represented and labeled as low in fat and calories, in contrast to the product they purchased. Plaintiff also seeks an order enjoining Defendants from further unlawful or deceptive conduct, as to FIT and other snack food products as to which FIT is violating the law, as well as attorneys' fees and costs.

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THE PARTIES

- 6. Plaintiff Natasha Arens ("Ms. Arens" or "Plaintiff") is a California citizen who resides in Contra Costa County. Plaintiff read some of Defendant's misrepresentations which were on the label prior to purchasing FIT products, and relied on, and was deceived by, those misrepresentations and deceptive communications in purchasing FIT popcorn in Alameda County, California, and else-where. Plaintiff would not have purchased the product had she known the truth about its misleading labeling. As such, Plaintiff has suffered a loss of money and has standing to sue under the Unfair Competition Law, Business & Professions §§ 17200 et. seq.
- Defendant Popcorn, Indiana is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Englewood, New Jersey. Defendant manufactures, packages, advertises and promotes FIT popcorn products.
- 8. Plaintiff does not know the true names and capacities of Defendants sued herein as DOES 1-100 and therefore sues these Defendants by fictitious names. Plaintiff will amend this complaint to state the true names and capacities when ascertained. Plaintiff is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that each of the fictitiously-named Defendants is responsible in some manner for the occurrences alleged herein, and thereby proximately caused Plaintiff's injuries alleged herein.
- 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that each of the Defendants acted in concert with each and every other Defendant, intended to and did participate in the events, acts, practices and courses of conduct alleged herein, and proximately caused damage and injury thereby to Plaintiff and members of the Class as alleged herein.
- 10. At all times herein mentioned, each Defendant was the agent or employee of each of the other Defendants and was acting within the course and scope of such agency or employment.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

11. This Court has jurisdiction over Plaintiff's and the Class claims because Defendant regularly conducts business in California through the sale of FIT popcorn in California to

California consumers, and because the violations of law alleged herein occurred throughout the State of California.

12. Venue is appropriate in the County of Alameda because Plaintiff resides in Alameda County, and because, pursuant to Civil Code section 1780, subdivision (d), some of the transactions between Plaintiff and Defendant occurred in Alameda County.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL CLAIMS

- 13. Defendant labels, advertises, and promotes that its FIT popcorn products are lower in calories and fat than other snack and "junk" foods and can help consumers lose weight. This deceptive marketing scheme leads health-conscious adults and children into purchasing FIT popcorn products instead of the healthy, alternative snack they are actually seeking. In reality, the FIT popcorn products are no lower in fat or calories than most market-leading, full calories snacks.
- 14. Defendant has knowledge that health and fitness claims increase product sales; that was its motive in creating its FIT popcorn line of products. Defendant's January 3, 2013 product launch promoted FIT as a "tasty new low-fat and low-calorie ready-to-eat popcorn" that is "better-for-you." Defendant falsely, deceptively and unlawfully represents that FIT popcorn is a "guilt free," "post-workout snack" that can help prevent childhood obesity. It has hired weight loss celebrities and athletic young spokespersons to hand out free samples at national fitness events. To encourage parents to buy Defendant's products for their children, Defendant falsely, deceptively, and unlawfully represents that its products are "school approved," "mom approved," and USDA approved.
- Biggest Loser, the highly popular, primetime, network television weight loss competition.

 Defendant's CEO, Mr. Hajarnavis, represented that getting physically fit no longer required "eating tasteless diet food it's time for Americans to enjoy getting fit and have a delicious, guilt-free snacking experience [like FIT popcorn] at the same time." Accordingly, "The Biggest Loser" and Popcorn, Indiana were "The Perfect FIT:" The Biggest Loser "approved" "all flavors of FIT popcorn," because they are "snacks that can be part of a healthy lifestyle."

- 16. Popcom, Indiana further advertises that overweight consumers can eat FIT "as a way of life" to lose weight and keep it off "forever":
- 17. On May 31, 2013, Defendant announced the FIT "Road Tour," where representatives of Defendant would visit 15 cities to "inspire healthy summer snacking." Former contestants from The Biggest Loser joined the FIT Road Tour as weight loss "Ambassadors" to share "tips" and "their personal mission of 'getting fit'" and "staying fit."
- 18. The FIT Road Tour visited national fitness events, including the Boston AIDS Walk/Run, the Illinois Biggest Loser Walk/Run (with an appearance at the largest Planet Fitness health club in the U.S.); the Philadelphia Half Marathon, the San Francisco Giants Race Fitness Expo; and numerous appearances with Biggest Loser "Ambassadors" like contestant Tara Costa in New York. Defendant offered "free workout accessories and post workout snacks" at these events.
- 19. Defendant advertises and promotes FIT to parents as a product that can help reduce childhood obesity. "Our goal on this year's 'The Biggest Loser' was to raise awareness of childhood obesity and the epidemic families are facing. Popcorn, Indiana supports our mission and provides delicious and healthy snacks that the whole family can enjoy," said Kerry O'Donnell, Director, Global Licensing, NBC Television Consumer Products, on May 31, 2013. "With this tour, 'The Biggest Loser' Ambassadors and Popcorn, Indiana will help showcase that it's simple to live a healthy and active lifestyle." There are numerous other instances of Defendant's fraudulent, deceptive and unlawful marketing and promotion of FIT products.
- 20. Pursuant to Section 403 of the FDCA, a claim that characterizes the level of a nutrient in a food is a "nutrient content claim" that must be made in accordance with the regulations that authorize the use of such claims. 21 U.S.C. § 343(r)(1)(A). California expressly adopted the requirements of 21 U.S.C. § 343(r) in § 110670 of the Sherman Law.
- 21. Nutrient content claims are claims about specific nutrients contained in a product. They are typically made on food packaging in a font large enough to be read by the average consumer. Because consumers rely upon these claims when making purchasing decisions, the regulations govern what claims can be made in order to prevent misleading claims.

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- 22. Section 403(r)(1)(A) of the FDCA governs the use of expressed and implied nutrient content claims on labels of food products that are intended for sale for human consumption. See 21 C.F.R. § 101.13.
- 23. 21 C.F.R. § 101.13 provides the general requirements for nutrient content claims, which California has expressly adopted. California Health & Safety Code § 110100.
- 24. An "expressed nutrient content claim" is defined as any direct statement about the level (or range) of a nutrient in the food (e.g., "low sodium" or "contains 100 calories"). See 21 C.F.R. § 101.13(b)(1).
- 25. An "implied nutrient content claim" is defined as any claim that: (i) describes the food or an ingredient therein in a manner that suggests that a nutrient is absent or present in a certain amount (e.g., "high in oat bran"); or (ii) suggests that the food, because of its nutrient content, may be useful in maintaining healthy dietary practices and is made in association with an explicit claim or statement about a nutrient (e.g., "healthy, contains 3 grams (g) of fat"). 21 C.F.R. § 101.13(b)(2)(i-ii).
- 26. FDA regulations authorize use of a limited number of defined nutrient content claims. In addition to authorizing the use of only a limited set of defined nutrient content terms on food labels, FDA's regulations authorize the use of only certain synonyms for these defined terms. If a nutrient content claim or its synonym is not included in the food labeling regulations it cannot be used on a label. Only those claims, or their synonyms, that are specifically defined in the regulations may be used. All other claims are prohibited. 21 C.F.R. § 101.13(b).
- 27. Only approved nutrient content claims will be permitted on the food label, and all other nutrient content claims will institute misbranding of a food. It is clear which claims are prohibited and which are permitted. Manufacturers are on notice that the use of an unapproved nutrient content claim is prohibited conduct. 58 FR 2302. In addition, 21 USC 343(r)(2) prohibits using unauthorized undefined terms and declares foods that do so to be misbranded.
- 28. Defendant has violated these referenced regulations. Accordingly, Defendant's misbranded food products are unlawful.

29. The FIT principal display panel (PDP) asserts that the products contain 40 or fewer calories per cup, as in the example of Fit Sea Salt popcorn that states it contains "only" 37—calories per cup. However, the products' serving size is much more than a single cup. The Nutrition Facts confirm that the serving size is 28 grams, which is stated as more than three cups by volume:

Nutrition	Amount Per Serving	%DV"	Amount Por Serving	*DV
Facts	Total Fat 6g	9%	Total Carb. 18g	6%
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The reference amount customarily consumed (RACC) for popcorn is 30 grams. 21 C.F.R.

§ 101.12(b).

- 30. A statement on the PDP that the product contains 40 or fewer calories per cup is an implied low calorie claim. 21 C.F.R. § 101.13(i)(2). An "implied" nutrient content claim is, inter alia, a claim that suggests that a nutrient is absent or present in a certain amount. 21 C.F.R. § 101.13(b)(2)(i-ii). To prevent misleading consumers, such a claim must also prominently disclaim that the product is "not a low calorie food." 21 C.F.R. § 101.13(i)(2). FIT products fail to provide this disclaimer.
- 31. On April 2, 2012 (i.e., nine months before Defendant launched FIT), the FDA published a Warning Letter that products failing to print the proper disclaimer were misbranded:

[Y]our 25 count labels for your Lucky Taco Mexican Fortune Cookie and Lucky Cruncher Cookie products bear the implied nutrient content claims "Only 30 Calories per Cookie" and "Only 19 Calories per Cookie," respectively. Your claims implicitly characterize your products as a low calorie food. A "low calorie" claim may be made if a food with a reference amount customarily consumed (RACC) of 30g or less does not provide more than 40 calories per RACC and, except for sugar substitutes, per 50g. The RACC for cookies is 30g (see 21 CFR 101.12(b), Table 2). Based on your Lucky Taco Mexican Fortune Cookie and Lucky Cruncher Cookie product labels, a 5g serving of these products contain 30 and 19 calories, respectively; this equals about 180 and 114 calories per RACC, and about 300 and 190 calories per 50g, respectively. Therefore, under 21 CFR 101.13(i)(2), the products are required to carry a disclaimer adjacent to the

claim, e.g., "Only 30 calories per serving, not a low calorie food." Because your products fail to bear the required disclaimer, they are misbranded within the meaning of section 403(r)(1)(A) of the Act. (Emphasis added.)

- 32. The adjacent disclaimer required under 21 C.F.R. § 101.13(i)(2) prevents companies from misrepresenting that their products contain fewer calories than competing products, and it helps consumers avoid overeating.
- 33. Defendant falsely advertises and promotes that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) officially approved its products for their whole grain content, earning the "official USDA whole grain icon." There is no "USDA whole grain icon," official or otherwise. A private organization, the Whole Grains Council, uses this stamp. The USDA does not certify or endorse products for their whole grain content with the stamp below or any other:
- 34. Defendant's web page also recommends that consumers eat "just two servings" daily of Sea Salt Popcom to fulfill the "USDA recommended allowance of 48 grams of whole grain." However, the USDA has stated that "there is currently not enough evidence to support a specific recommendation for "snacking" to help manage body weight. USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans, (2010) at 19. "Just two" servings of Defendant's Sea Salt Popcorn also contain 260 calories (13% of a 2,000 calorie daily diet and 1,820 calories per week), 12 grams of fat (18% Daily Value), and 360 mg of sodium (16% Daily Value). Two servings of Defendant's FIT Sea Salt Popcorn contain even more sodium (440 mg, 18% Daily Value).
- 35. The foregoing web page that recommends consumers eat "just two servings" (i.e., seven cups of FIT popcom) is inconsistent with FIT products' implied low calorie claim of 40 or fewer calories per cup on the PDP. While Defendant labels, advertises, and promotes that FIT should be eaten in one cup quantities as a part of living a FIT lifestyle, it also recommends that consumers eat seven times this amount to "reduce the incidence of cancer, digestive system maladies, gum and coronary disease, obesity, and diabetes." The only whole grain health claim that the FDA has approved for whole grain foods with moderate fat content (between 3 and 6.5 grams of fat and 1 gram or less of saturated fat per RACC) is that "diets rich in whole grain foods and other plant foods, and low in saturated fat and cholesterol, may help reduce the risk of heart disease." The unspecified "cancer, digestive system maladies," gum disease, obesity, and

diabetes health claims that Defendant makes about its products are unapproved, unfounded, false, misleading, and unlawful. Additionally, all whole grain health claims are proscribed for products that contain more than 6.5 grams of fat and/or 1 gram of saturated fat per serving, including but not limited to Defendant's Aged White Cheddar, Move Theater, American Cheese, Bacon Ranch, Black & White Drizzlecorn TM, Cinnamon Sugar Drizzlecorn TM, Dark Fudge Chocolate Chip Drizzlecorn TM, Dark Fudge Peppermint Drizzlecorn TM, and Chocolate Peanut Butter Drizzlecorn TM. Nonetheless, Defendant continues to promote its Drizzlecorn TM products as "guiltless pleasures."

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- 36. Defendant's false advertising is not limited to FIT. Defendant also falsely advertises and promotes its full-calorie products. A Defendant spokesperson in Los Angeles, California represented that their full-calorie products were "school approved," "mom approved," and "low in calories." These claims are false, misleading, and unlawful. A popcorn product labeled as being "low in calories" cannot contain more than 40 calories per serving and per 50 grams. 21 C.F.R. § 101.60(b)(2)(i)(B); see 21 C.F.R. § 101.12(b). None of Defendant's products meet these standards. Similarly, there is no known independent "school" or "mom" certification organization that has "approved" Defendant's products.
- 37. Popcorn, Indiana's website for its full-calorie Cinnamon and Sugar Kettlecorn includes a "School Approved Healthy Snack" certification stamp.
- 38. As with the false representations discussed above, no known independent "school" organization has "approved" Defendant's product as a "Healthy Snack." A food labeled as "healthy" under FDA regulations food must be "low fat," i.e., contain no more than 3 grams of fat per serving. 21 C.F.R. § 101.65(d)(2)(i)(F); see 21 C.F.R. § 101.62(b)(iii)(B). It must also contain at least 10% of the Daily Value for protein, fiber, Vitamin A, Vitamin C, Calcium, or

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 Iron. 21 C.F.R. § 101.65(d)(2)(i). Defendant's product contains too much fat and too little of these nutrients to meet this requirement:

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39. Defendant also falsely represented that its full-calorie Original Kettlecom was "healthy" in a 2011 National Popcorn Day direct-to-consumer promotion.

Popcorn, Indiana's Original Kettlecorn fails to meet the requirements of 21 C.F.R. § 101.65 to qualify for a "healthy" label:

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Nutrition	Amount For Barying	*04"	Amount Per Serving	%0V*
Facts	Total Fat 5g	8%	Total Carb. 21g	7%
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- 40. Defendant recommends that consumers, especially children, eat Popcorn, Indiana products as part of their "daily diet." "Popcorn, especially Popcorn, Indiana popcorn . . . is quite the healthful little munch" that is "surprisingly low in calories, especially when compared to other snacks."
- 41. Defendant provides free samples to persons who will promote Defendant's products on social media websites. A "Mom TV" reviewer of FIT popcorn was clearly deceived by FIT's implied low calorie claim due to the absence of the required disclaimer on the PDP, as she represented that it was okay to eat "the whole bag."
- 42. Although Defendant represents that its popcorn flavors are "surprisingly low in calories, especially when compared to other snacks," FIT products' calorie, fat, and sodium levels per serving are comparable, identical, or even higher than Defendant's full-calorie products and other snack/junk foods. Defendant's full-calorie products are also comparable, identical, or even

higher in calories, fat, and sodium per serving than other snack foods. FIT and full-calorie "Sea Salt" popcorn products provide identical amounts of calories and fat per serving. Ironically, the "FIT" version contains even more sodium:

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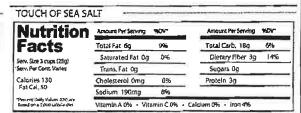
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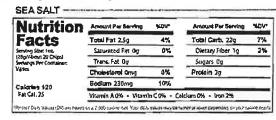
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- 43. The identical calorie and fat contents of these products (and more sodium of the FIT product) also demonstrate that Defendant exaggerates the volumetric serving size of FIT products (here, "about" 3.5 cups per 28 gram serving of FIT vs. 3 cups per 28 gram serving of Defendant's full-calorie popcorn). Defendant overstates these volumes to understate the number of calories per cup listed on the PDP, so that Defendant can falsely, misleadingly, and unlawfully label, advertise, and promote FIT as having fewer than 40 calories per cup.
- 44. A serving of FIT Sea Salt popcorn has more calories and fat (and comparable sodium) per serving than Defendant's Sea Salt Chip'ins popcorn chips:

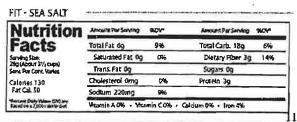
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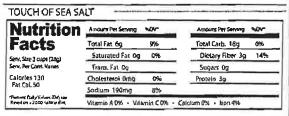


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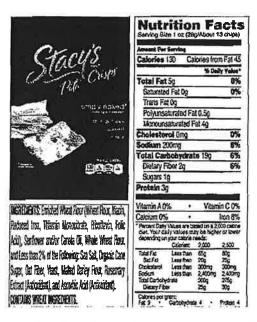
45. Defendant's FIT and full-calorie popcoms have the same calories, comparable sodium, and more fat per serving than full-calorie Stacy's Pita Crisps ®, a premium sea salt flavored snack manufactured by an industry leader:





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46. Defendant's FIT and full-calorie popcorns have the same calories and more fat and sodium per serving than Corn Nuts ®, the market-leading corn kernel snack:

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47. FIT Olive Oil has the same calories as, and more fat and sodium per serving than, Defendant's full calorie Original Kettlecorn:

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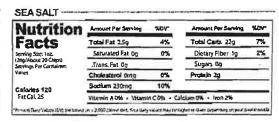
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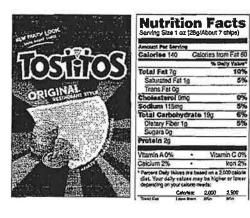
48. Fit Olive Oil popcom has more calories, fat, and sodium per serving than Defendant's own Sea Salt Chip'ins:

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49. Per serving, FIT Olive Oil popcorn has more sodium and comparable calories and fat to Tostitos ®, the top-selling full-calorie corn tortilla chips:

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1 50. Fit Olive Oil popcorn has more calories, fat, and sodium per serving than Triscuit 2 ® Cracked Pepper & Olive Oil crackers. **NUTRITION FACTS** 3 Serving Size 25 g Serving per container about 3 4 Amount Par Serving Calonea 120 Colorina from Fat 35 5 FIT - EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL Total Fat 4g Nutrition Amount Per Servino 3% Saturated Fat 0.5g 6 Total Carb. 179 Facts Total Fat 60 9% 6% Trans Fat Og 0% 12% Saturated Fat 1g 476 Distary Fiber 3g 03 Monournesturated Fot la Serving Size: 28g (About 31/4 cups) Trans. Fat 0g Sugars Og 0% 7 Chalenard Ding Sory, Per Cont. Vario 6% Cholesterol 0mg 0% Protein 2g Socium 175mg Calories 130 Fat Cal. 50 3% Fotonsium Hiting Sodium 210mg 8 Total Carbotyprata 203 Percent Daily Values (EV) and Based on a 2,000 calorie-deet Vitamin A 0% - Vitamin C 0% - Caldium 10% - from 0% 12% Dietory Fiber 3g Sugara Cg 9 Protein Sy 0% Cafelum 0% Vitamin C 0% 10 Phosphorus 10% iron 3% Parcant Daily Values are based on a 2,000 colocia diet. Your daily values may be higher 11 2,500 12 Sodium Total Carb Fiber 13 14 51. FIT Parmesan and Herb has marginally lower calorie, fat, and sodium levels per serving than Defendant's full-calorie White Cheddar popcorn: 15 AGED WHITE CHEDDAR FIT - PARMESAN & HERB 16 Nutrition Amount Serving Amount Per Serving Nutrition Amount Senter Facts Total Carb. 149 5% Total Fat So. 15% **Facts** Total Fat 6g 10% Total Carb, 16g 17 4% 12% Saturated fat 19 540 Dietary Fiber 2g 8% Salurated Fat 1g Dietary Fiber 3g Serv. Size 23 cups (28g) Serv. Per Cons., Varies Serving Stre: 25g (About 31/4 cups) Serv. Per Gord Variet Trans, Fat Og Sorgans 2g Trams. Fet Og Sugars 1g Calories 150 Fat Cal, 80 1% Cholesterol 5mg Protein 2g Chalesterol Smg 194 Protein sig Calories 130 Fat Cal. 60 18 10% Sodium 290mg 12% Vitamin A 2% • Vitamin C 0% • Calcium 4% • Iron 4% Vitamen A 0% - Vitamen C 0% - Calcium 4% - 4on 29 19 http://www.popcornindiana.com/sites/default/files/imagecache/thumb800w/NutInfo FIT_Parm.gif 20 http://www.popcornindiana.com/sites/default/files/imagecache/thumb800w/nutrition full chipwh 21 itecheddar.jpg 52. FIT Parmesan and Herb does not, however, meet the requirements for a "light" 22 product, which must have a 50% or greater reduction in fat compared to a full-calorie product that 23 derives 50% or more of its calories from fat. 21 C.F.R. § 101.56(b)(1); 21 C.F.R. § 101.13(j)(1); 24 /// 25 /// 26 /// 27

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	Trans. Fat Og		Sugars (g	
	Chokusterol Orng	0%	Protein 2g	
	Sodium 240mg	10%		
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53. FIT Onion Dijon has the same calories and more fat and sodium than full-calorie Original Kettle Corn; the same or more calories and fat (and comparable sodium) than any flavor of Defendant's Chip'ins; has comparable amounts of calories, fat, and sodium to Funyuns ®, the popular full-calorie onion-flavored snack; and the same calories and more fat and sodium per serving than Ranch Flavored, BBQ, or Chile Picante Con Limon Flavored Corn Nuts ®:

ONION DIJON Nutrition Amount Par Saving Amount Par Serving Total Fat 6g Total Carb. 17g 996 6% Facts Serving State 28g (About 37/₆ cups) Saturated Fat Og D96 Dietary Fiber 3g 13% Trans Fat Og Sugars Og Chalasteral Omg 0% Protein 3g Calorias 130 Fat Cal. 50 Sodium 230mg 9% Theoret Dally Values (DV) the Based on a 2,000 calorie clieb Vitamin A 0% · Vitamin C 0% · Caldum 0% · Iron 4%

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Calcium		0%		0%

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54. FIT Real Butter popcorn, despite stating a relatively low 30 calories per cup, fails to include the requisite "not a low calorie food" disclaimer adjacent to the "30 Calories Per Cup" claim, as required under 21 C.F.R. § 101.13(i)(2); it provides the same amount of calories, more fat, and comparable sodium to Defendant's own Sea Salt Chip'ins; it has more calories and fat per serving than Rold Gold ®, the market leader in full-calorie pretzels; and it has amounts of calories, fat, and sodium per serving that are comparable to Corn Nuts ® Original and Triscuit ® Original crackers:

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- 55. Defendant has violated California Health & Safety Code §§ 109885 and 110390, which make it unlawful to disseminate false or misleading food advertisements that include statements on products and product packaging or labeling or any other medium used to directly or indirectly induce the purchase of a food product.
- 56. Defendant has violated California Health & Safety Code § 110395 which prohibits the manufacture, sale, delivery, or offer to sell any misbranded food.
- 57. Defendant has violated California Health & Safety Code § 110398 by unlawfully advertising misbranded food.
- 58. Defendant has violated California Health & Safety Code § 110660, because its food products are misbranded in one or more ways, as follows:
- 59. They are misbranded under California Health & Safety Code § 110665, because their labeling fails to conform to the requirements for nutrient labeling set forth in 21 U.S.C. § 343(q) and the regulations adopted thereto;

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- 60. They are misbranded under California Health & Safety Code § 110670, because their labeling fails to conform with the requirements for nutrient content and health claims set forth in 21 U.S.C. § 343(r) and the regulations adopted thereto; and
- 61. They are misbranded under California Health & Safety Code § 110705, because words, statements and other information required by the Sherman Law to appear on their labeling either are missing or not sufficiently conspicuous.
- 62. Defendant has violated California Health & Safety Code §110760 that makes it unlawful for any person to manufacture, sell, deliver, hold, or offer for sale any food that is misbranded.
- 63. Defendant has violated California Health & Safety Code § 110765 that makes it unlawful for any person to misbrand any food.
- 64. Defendant has violated California Health & Safety Code § 110770 that makes it unlawful for any person to receive in commerce any food that is misbranded or to deliver or proffer for delivery any such food.
- 65. Defendant has violated the standard set by 21 C.F.R. § 101.2 that has been incorporated by reference in the Sherman Law, by failing to include on their product labels the nutritional information required by law.
- 66. Defendant has violated the standards set by 21 C.F.R. §§ 101.12, 101.13, 101.56, 101.60, 101.62, and 101.65 that have been adopted by reference in the Sherman Law, by including unauthorized nutrient content claims on, and excluding required disclaimers from, their products.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

67. Plaintiff brings this action as a class action on behalf of herself and all other persons similarly situated pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure § 382. Plaintiff brings this action in a representative capacity to remedy and put an end to the ongoing unlawful, unfair and fraudulent business practices alleged herein, and to seek redress on behalf of all those persons who have been affected thereby.

- 68. This proposed class is comprised of all residents of California who, within the last four years, purchased a FIT Popcorn an unlawfully labeled product (the "Class") in California. Excluded from the Class are: (a) officers, directors, and employees of Defendant, their subsidiaries and affiliates; (b) counsel, and the immediate families of counsel, who represent Plaintiff in this action; (c) the judge presiding over this action; and (d) jurors who are impaneled to render a verdict on the claims alleged in this action.
- 69. This action can be maintained as a class action, because there is a well-defined community of interest in the litigation and the proposed Class is easily ascertainable.
- 70. Based upon Defendant's publicly available sales data with respect to the misbranded products at issue, it is estimated that the Class numbers in the thousands, and that joinder of all Class members is impracticable.
- 71. This action involves common questions of law and fact applicable to each Class member that predominate over questions that affect only individual Class members. Thus, proof of a common set of facts will establish the right of each Class member to recover. Questions of law and fact common to each Class member include, for example:
- a) Whether Defendant engaged in unfair, unlawful or deceptive business practices by failing to properly package and label snack food products sold to consumers;
- b) Whether Defendant made unlawful and misleading nutrient content claims with respect to their food products sold to consumers;
- c) Whether Defendant, by the virtue of the premises, violated California Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 et seq., California Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500 et seq. and/or the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 1750 et seq.; and
 - d) Whether Plaintiff and the Class are entitled to restitution and/or injunctive relief;
- 72. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the Class, because Plaintiff bought Defendant's FIT products in Alameda County, California during the Class Period; Defendant's unlawful, unfair and/or fraudulent actions concern the same business practices described herein irrespective of where in California they occurred or were experienced. Plaintiff and the Class sustained similar harm arising out of Defendant's conduct in violation of California law. The injuries of

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each member of the Class were caused directly by Defendant's wrongful conduct. In addition, the factual underpinning of Defendant's misconduct is common to all Class members and represents a common thread of misconduct resulting in injury to all members of the Class. Plaintiff's claims arise from the same practices and course of conduct that give rise to the claims of the Class members and are based on the same legal theories.

- 73. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class. Neither Plaintiff nor Plaintiff's counsel have any interests that conflict with or are antagonistic to the interests of the Class members. Plaintiff has retained highly competent and experienced class action attorneys to represent their interests and those of the members of the Class. Plaintiff and Plaintiff's counsel have the necessary financial resources to adequately and vigorously litigate this class action, and Plaintiff and counsel are aware of their fiduciary responsibilities to the Class members and will diligently discharge those duties by vigorously seeking the maximum possible recovery for the Class.
- 74. The nature of this action and California law make a class action the superior and appropriate procedure to afford relief for the wrongs alleged herein.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(For Violation of Business and Professions Code, Sec. 17200, et seq., Re: Unlawful Business Acts and Practices)

- 75. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
 - 76. Defendant's conduct constitutes unlawful business acts and practices.
 - 77. Defendant sold misbranded food products in California during the Class Period.
- 78. Defendant's business practices are unlawful under § 17200, et seq., by virtue of Defendant's violations of the advertising provisions of the Sherman Law (Article 3) and the misbranded food provisions of the Sherman Law (Article 6).
- 79. Defendant sold Plaintiff and the Class misbranded food products that were not capable of being unlawfully sold or held legally, and which were legally worthless.

	80.	As a result of Defendant's unlawful business practices, Plaintiff and the Class,
pursua	nt to B	usiness and Professions Code § 17203, are entitled to an order enjoining such future
conduc	et and s	uch other orders and judgments which may be necessary to disgorge Defendant's
ill-gott	en gain	s and to restore to any Class Member any money paid for the misbranded food
produc	ts.	

- 81. Defendant's unlawful business acts present a threat and reasonable continued likelihood of injury to the Class.
- 82. As a result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff and the Class, pursuant to Business and Professions Code § 17203, are entitled to an order enjoining such future conduct by Defendant, and such other orders and judgments which may be necessary to disgorge Defendant's ill-gotten gains and restore any money paid for Defendant's misbranded FIT products to Plaintiff and the Class.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(For Violation of Business and Professions Code § 17200, et seq., Re: Unfair Business Acts and Practices)

- 83. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 84. Defendant's conduct as set forth herein constitutes unfair business acts and practices.
 - 85. Defendant sold misbranded food products in California during the Class Period.
- 86. Plaintiff and members of the Class suffered a substantial injury by virtue of buying Defendant's misbranded food products that they would not have purchased absent Defendant's illegal conduct as set forth herein.
- 87. Defendant's deceptive marketing, advertising, packaging and labeling, and the sale of its misbranded food products and its sale of unsalable misbranded food products that were illegal to possess was of no benefit to consumers, and the harm to consumers and competition is substantial.

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1	88.	The harmful consequences of Defendant's conduct as set forth herein outweighs				
2	any justification, motive or reason therefor. Defendant's conduct is and continues to be illegal					
3	and contrary to public policy, and is substantially injurious to Plaintiff and the Class.					
4	89.	As a result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff and the Class, seek such relief as is				
5	requested her	rein below.				
6	THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION					
7 8	(For Violation of Business and Professions Code § 17200, et seq., Re: Fraudulent Business Acts and Practices)					
9	90.	Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the				
10	preceding pa	ragraphs as though fully set forth herein.				
11	91.	Defendant's conduct as set forth herein constitutes fraudulent business practices				
12	under Califor	mia Business and Professions Code §§ 17200, et seq.				
13	92.	Defendant sold misbranded food products in California during the Class Period.				
14	93.	Defendant's fraudulent and deceptive marketing, advertising, packaging and				
15	labeling of m	isbranded food products was likely to deceive reasonable consumers, and in fact,				
16	Plaintiff and	members of the Class were deceived into purchasing products with no value which				
17	they would n	ot have purchased had they known the truth.				
18	94.	As a result of Defendant's conduct as set forth herein, Plaintiff and the Class, seek				
19	an order prov	riding relief as set forth herein below.				
20		FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION				
21 22	(For Vio	olation of Business and Professions Code § 17500, et seq., Re: Misleading and Deceptive Advertising)				
23	95.	Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the				
24	preceding par	ragraphs as though fully set forth herein.				
25	96.	Plaintiff asserts this cause of action for violations of California Business and				
26	Professions C	Code § 17500, et seq. for misleading and deceptive advertising against Defendant.				
27	97.	Defendant sold misbranded food products in California during the Class Period.				
28	98.	Defendant engaged in a scheme of offering misbranded food products for sale to				
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Plaintiff and members of the Class by way of, inter alia, product packaging and labeling, and other promotional materials. These materials misrepresented and/or omitted the true contents and nature of Defendant's misbranded food products. Defendant's advertisements and inducements were made within California and come within the definition of advertising as contained in Business and Professions Code §17500, et seq. in that such product packaging and labeling, and promotional materials were intended as inducements to purchase Defendant's misbranded food products and are statements disseminated by Defendant to Plaintiff and the Class that were intended to reach members of the Class. Defendant knew that these statements were misleading and deceptive as set forth herein.

- 99. In furtherance of its plan and scheme, Defendant prepared and distributed within California via product packaging and labeling, and other promotional materials, statements that misleadingly and deceptively represented the contents and nature of Defendant's misbranded food products. Plaintiff and the Class necessarily and reasonably relied on Defendant's materials, and were the intended targets of such representations.
- 100. Defendant's conduct in disseminating misleading and deceptive statements in California to Plaintiff and the Class was and is likely to deceive reasonable consumers by obfuscating the true ingredients and nature of Defendant's misbranded food products in violation of the "misleading prong" of California Business and Professions Code § 17500, et seq.
- 101. As a result of Defendant's violations of the "misleading prong" of California Business and Professions Code § 17500, et seq., Defendant has been unjustly enriched at the expense of Plaintiff and the Class. Misbranded products cannot be legally sold or held and are legally worthless.
- 102. Plaintiff and the Class, pursuant to Business and Professions Code § 17535, are entitled to an order enjoining such future conduct by Defendant, and such other orders and judgments which may be necessary to restore any money paid for Defendant's misbranded food products by Plaintiff and the Class.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(For Violation of Business and Professions Code § 17500, et seq., Re: False Advertising)

- 103. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 104. Plaintiff asserts this cause of action against Defendant for violations of California Business and Professions Code §17500, et seq., regarding false advertising.
 - 105. Defendant sold misbranded food products in California during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff and the Class by way of product packaging and labeling, and other promotional materials. These materials misrepresented and/or omitted the true contents and nature of Defendant's misbranded food products. Defendant's advertisements and inducements were made in California and come within the definition of advertising as contained in Business and Professions Code § 17500, et seq. in that the product packaging and labeling, and promotional materials, were intended as inducements to purchase Defendant's misbranded food products, and are statements disseminated by Defendant to Plaintiff and the Class. Defendant knew these statements were untrue, false, and misleading.
- 107. In furtherance of their plan and scheme, Defendant prepared and distributed in California via product packaging and labeling, and other promotional materials, statements that falsely advertise the ingredients contained in Defendant's misbranded food products, and falsely misrepresented the nature of those products. Plaintiff and the Class were the intended targets of such representations and would reasonably be deceived by Defendant's materials.
- 108. Defendant's conduct in disseminating untrue advertising throughout California deceived Plaintiff and members of the Class by obfuscating the contents, nature and quality of Defendant's misbranded food products in violation of the "untrue prong" of California Business and Professions Code § 17500.
- 109. As a result of Defendant's violations of the "untrue prong" of California Business and Professions Code §17500, et seq., Defendant has been unjustly enriched at the expense of

Plaintiff and the Class. Misbranded products cannot be legally sold or held and are legally worthless.

110. Plaintiff and the Class, pursuant to Business and Professions Code § 17535, are entitled to an order enjoining such future conduct by Defendant, and such other orders and judgments which may be necessary to restore any money paid for Defendant's misbranded food products by Plaintiff and the Class.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(For Violation of Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 1750, et seq.)

- 111. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 112. This cause of action is brought pursuant to the CLRA. This cause of action does not currently seek monetary relief and is limited solely to injunctive relief. Plaintiff intends to amend this Complaint to seek monetary relief in accordance with the CLRA after the 30 day period following notice to Defendant sent pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § 1782.
- 113. The CLRA was designed and enacted to protect consumers from unfair and deceptive business practices. To this end, the CLRA sets forth a list of unfair and deceptive acts and practices in Civil Code section 1770.
- 114. At all relevant times, Plaintiff and members of the Class were "consumers" as defined in California Civil Code section 1761, subdivision (d), who sought or purchased a good for personal, family, or household use.
- 115. At all relevant times, Defendant's FIT popcorn products were a "good" under California Civil Code section 1761, subdivision (a), given that it was a tangible chattel bought by Plaintiff and members of the Class for use primarily for personal, family or household purposes.
- 116. At all relevant times, Defendant was a "person" under California Civil Code section 1761, subdivision (c).
- 117. At all relevant times, Plaintiff and members of the Class engaged in "transactions" under California Civil Code section 1761, subdivision (e), including purchasing and consuming FIT poporn products.

- 118. Pursuant to Civil Code section 1781, Plaintiff brings this claim on behalf of herself and all members of the class as described above.
- 119. As alleged above, Defendant has misrepresented and are likely to continue to misrepresent the particular ingredients, characteristics, uses, benefits and quantities of the goods, in violation of Civil Code section 1770, subdivision (a)(5).
- 120. As alleged above, Defendant violated and continues to violate Section 1770(a)(7) of the CLRA, because Defendant's conduct constitutes unfair methods of competition and unfair or fraudulent acts or practices in that it misrepresents the particular standard, quality or grade of the goods.
- 121. As alleged above, Defendant violated and continues to violate Section 1770(a)(9) of the CLRA, because Defendant's conduct constitutes unfair methods of competition and unfair or fraudulent acts or practices in that it advertises goods with the intent not to sell the goods as advertised.
- 122. Plaintiff and members of the Class were subject to the same material misrepresentations contained on the labels as well as in the advertising and promotion of FIT popcorn products of Defendant. Plaintiff and members of the Class each reasonably and justifiably relied on Defendant's representations that its products contained certain health attributes when they purchased the products.
- 123. Plaintiff and members of the Class would not have purchased Defendant's products had they known the representations regarding the health attributes of the products were false and/or misleading.
- 124. Defendant's violations of Civil Code section 1770 present a continuing threat to Plaintiff and members of the Class in that, unless enjoined from doing so by this Court, Defendant is likely to continue to engage in the above-described unlawful and deceptive practices, all to the damage of Plaintiff and the Class.
- 125. Additionally, Plaintiff seeks an award of attorney's fees and costs pursuant to Civil Code section 1780, subdivisions (a) and (e).

1 JURY DEMAND 2 Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury of her claims. 3 PRAYER FOR RELIEF 4 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, and on behalf 5 of the general public, prays for judgment against Defendant as follows: 6 A. For an order certifying this case as a class action and appointing Plaintiff and her 7 counsel to represent the Class; 8 B. For an order awarding, as appropriate, restitution or any relief to Plaintiff and the 9 Class for all causes of action other than the CLRA, as Plaintiff does not currently seek 10 monetary relief under the CLRA, but rather intends to amend her Complaint to seek such relief; 11 C. For an order requiring Defendant to immediately cease and desist from selling its 12 13 misbranded food products in violation of law; enjoining Defendant from continuing to 14 market, advertise, distribute, and sell these products in the unlawful manner described 15 herein; and ordering Defendant to engage in corrective action; 16 D. For all equitable remedies available pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § 1780; 17 E. For an order awarding attorneys' fees and costs; 18 F. For an order awarding pre- and post-judgment interest; and 19 For an order providing such further relief as this Court deems proper. 20 DATED: January 31, 2014 THE VEEN FIRM, P.C. CHAVEZ & GERTLER LLP 21 22 23 By: 24 torneys for Plaintiffs 25 26 27 28

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

NATASHA ARENS, on behalf of herself, and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

VS.

POPCORN, INDIANA, LLC, AND DOES 1 THROUGH 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No. RG14712371

Assigned for all purposes to: Hon. Wynne Carvill, Dept. 21

GENERAL DENIAL AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES OF POPCORN, INDIANA LLC

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Complaint Filed:

February 3, 2014

Trial Date:

None Set

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Popcorn, Indiana LLC ("Defendant" or "Popcorn Indiana"), in response to Plaintiff Natasha Arens's ("Plaintiff") unverified Class Action Complaint ("Complaint"), hereby answers the allegations of the Complaint as follows:

GENERAL DENIAL

Pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 431.30(d), Popcorn, Indiana LLC ("Defendant" or "Popcorn Indiana") denies, generally and specifically, conjunctively and disjunctively, each and every allegation of the Complaint, and each and every cause of action contained and asserted therein. Defendant further denies that it is or will be liable to Plaintiff to any

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1	degree and in any sum whatsoever. Defendant further denies, generally and specifically, that Plaintiff
2	has suffered damages in the amount alleged, or in any sum, or that Plaintiff is entitled to any relief at
3	all, by reason of any wrongful act or omission or purported act or omission of Defendant. Defendant
4	further denies that this case is appropriate for class or representative treatment.
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6	AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES
7	Without admitting any of the facts alleged in the Complaint, Defendant further alleges the
8	following separate and independent affirmative defenses, without prejudice to Defendant's right to
9	argue that Plaintiff bears the burden of proof or persuasion as to any one or more of said defenses.
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11	FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
12	Plaintiff fails to state a claim and/or sufficient facts upon which relief can be granted.
13	Plaintiff's Complaint fails to allege the time, place, manner and substance regarding her purported
14	reliance on Popcorn Indiana's alleged representations.
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16	SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
17	Popcorn Indiana's compliance with FDA and FTC regulations is a complete and/or partial
18	defense to Plaintiff's claims.
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20	THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
21	Plaintiff's claims are preempted by federal law.
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23	FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE
24	Plaintiff's claims are barred by the doctrine of primary jurisdiction.
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26	<u>FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE</u>
27	Certain additional defenses to the Complaint, or to one or more of the purported causes of
28	action contained therein, may be available to Defendant. However, these additional defenses require

1	discovery before they can be properly alleged.	Defendant will move to amend its Answer, if				
2	necessary, to allege such defenses once they have been ascertained or according to proof at that time.					
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15	5 Defendant Popcorn, Indiana LLC hereby de	mands a jury on all issues raised in the Complaint				
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1 PROOF OF SERVICE 2 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE 3 I am employed in the County of Orange, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action; my business address is 610 Newport Center Drive, Suite 700, Newport 4 Beach, CA 92660. 5 On March 19, 2014, I served the foregoing document described as GENERAL DENIAL AND 6 AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES OF POPCORN, INDIANA LLC on the following person(s) in the manner indicated: 7 8 SEE ATTACHED SERVICE LIST 9 (BY ELECTRONIC SERVICE) I am causing the document(s) to be served on the Filing User(s) through the Court's Electronic Filing System. 10 11 [X] (BY MAIL) I am familiar with the practice of Call & Jensen for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. Correspondence so collected and 12 processed is deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day in the ordinary course of business. On this date, a copy of said document was placed in a sealed envelope, with postage fully 13 prepaid, addressed as set forth herein, and such envelope was placed for collection and mailing at Call & Jensen, Newport Beach, California, following ordinary business practices. 14 15 (BY FEDEX) I am familiar with the practice of Call & Jensen for collection and processing of correspondence for delivery by overnight courier. Correspondence so collected and processed is 16 deposited in a box or other facility regularly maintained by FedEx that same day in the ordinary course of business. On this date, a copy of said document was placed in a sealed envelope designated by 17 FedEx with delivery fees paid or provided for, addressed as set forth herein, and such envelope was placed for delivery by FedEx at Call & Jensen, Newport Beach, California, following ordinary 18 business practices. 19 (BY FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION) On this date, at the time indicated on the transmittal 20 sheet, attached hereto, I transmitted from a facsimile transmission machine, which telephone number is (949) 717-3100, the document described above and a copy of this declaration to the person, and at the 21 facsimile transmission telephone numbers, set forth herein. The above-described transmission was 22 reported as complete and without error by a properly issued transmission report issued by the facsimile transmission machine upon which the said transmission was made immediately following the 23 transmission. (BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION) I served electronically from the electronic notification the document described above and a copy of this declaration to the person and at the electronic notification address set forth herein. The electronic transmission was reported as complete and without error. 27 28

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on March 19, 2014, at Newport Beach, California.

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Plaintiff/Petitioner(s)

VS.

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Defendant/Respondent(s)
(Abbreviated Title)

No. RG14712371

Order

Complaint Business Tort/Unfair Business Practice

The Complex Determination Hearing was set for hearing on 03/11/2014 at 08:45 AM in Department 21 before the Honorable Wynne Carvill. The Tentative Ruling was published and has not been contested.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

The tentative ruling is affirmed as follows: The Court designates this case as complex pursuant to Rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court. The matter is assigned for all purposes including trial to Department 21 of the Alameda County Superior Court. Counsel are advised to be familiar with the Alameda County Local Rules concerning complex litigation, including Rule 3.250 et seq.

COMPLEX CASE FEES

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PROCEDURES

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Case Management Statements may be filed by E-Delivery, by emailing them to the following address: EDelivery@alameda.courts.ca.gov. No fee is charged for this service. For further information, go to Direct Calendar Departments at http://apps.alameda.courts.ca.gov/domainweb. However, courtesy copies of statements must be delivered directly to Dept. 21. The filing and delivery date is not later than five court days before the conference.

The Court strongly prefers joint CCMC statements prepared in narrative form, and not using Form CM-110, after counsel have met and conferred as required by CRC 3.724. CCMC statements must address the following issues when applicable:

- A. A brief factual summary to assist the Court in understanding the background of the case, a statement of the issues presented, including each theory of liability and defense and a summary of the facts supporting each position taken, and the relief sought, including an estimate of damages.
- B. The number of parties and their posture, including a proposed structure of representation, (e.g., liaison/lead counsel or by committee) if applicable;
- C. Deadlines and limits on joinder of parties and amended or additional pleadings;
- D. Class discovery and class certification;
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- (8) severance of issues for trial; and
- (9) calendar conflicts for any attorney, witness, or party, and any other matter which may affect the setting of a trial date.
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SERVICE OF THIS ORDER

Counsel for plaintiff(s) shall have a continuing obligation to serve a copy of this order on newly joined parties defendant not listed on the proof of service of this order and file proof of service. Each party defendant joining any third party cross-defendant shall have a continuing duty to serve a copy of this order on newly joined cross-defendants and to file proof of service.

Dated: 03/11/2014

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Cause called for: Complex Determination Hearing on March 11, 2014.

There being no request for oral argument, the court affirms its tentative ruling in its entirety.

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CASE MANAGEMENT

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Case Management Statements may be filed by E-Delivery, by emailing them to the following address: EDelivery@alameda.courts.ca.gov. No fee is charged for this service. For further information, go to Direct Calendar Departments at http://apps.alameda.courts.ca.gov/domainweb. However, courtesy copies of statements must be delivered directly to Dept. 21. The filing and delivery date is not later than five court days before the conference.

The Court strongly prefers joint CCMC statements prepared in narrative form, and not using Form CM-110, after counsel have met and conferred as required by CRC 3.724. CCMC statements must address the following issues when applicable:

- A. A brief factual summary to assist the Court in understanding the background of the case, a statement of the issues presented, including each theory of liability and defense and a summary of the facts supporting each position taken, and the relief sought, including an estimate of damages.
- B. The number of parties and their posture, including a proposed structure of representation, (e.g., liaison/lead counsel or by committee) if applicable;
- C. Deadlines and limits on joinder of parties and amended or additional pleadings;
- D. Class discovery and class certification;
- E. A proposed schedule for the conduct of the litigation including, but not limited to, a discovery plan, a plan for hearing remaining law and motion, and a projected trial date;
- F. An identification of all potential evidentiary issues involving confidentiality or protected evidence;
- G. A detailed description of the procedural posture of the case, describing any outstanding procedural problems, including, but not limited to:
 - (1) unserved parties and the reasons for the failure to serve;
 - (2) unserved and/or unfiled cross-complaints;
 - (3) related actions pending in any jurisdiction and the potential for coordination or consolidation;
 - (4) any possible jurisdictional or venue issues that may arise;
- (5) the status of discovery, including a description of all anticipated discovery and incomplete or disputed discovery issues;
 - (6) unresolved law and motion matters;
- (7) requests for, or opposition to, any ADR proceedings, including but not limited to mediation, judicial or contractual arbitration;
 - (8) severance of issues for trial; and
- (9) calendar conflicts for any attorney, witness, or party, and any other matter which may affect the setting of a trial date.
- H. Counsel may make suggestions for streamlining the litigation, including, but not limited to, a master file system, designation of lead counsel [for plaintiff(s) and/or defendant(s)] to streamline service of process and/or management of discovery, the use of e-filing, and the use of a web-page maintained by lead counsel for the purpose of posting the litigation schedule and agenda.

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SERVICE OF THIS ORDER

Counsel for plaintiff(s) shall have a continuing obligation to serve a copy of this order on newly joined parties defendant not listed on the proof of service of this order and file proof of service. Each party defendant joining any third party cross-defendant shall have a continuing duty to serve a copy of this order on newly joined cross-defendants and to file proof of service.

Minutes of 03/11/2014 Entered on 03/11/2014

Executive Officer / Clerk of the Superior Court

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CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS NATASHA ARENS, on behalf of herself, and on behalf of all others similarly situated, (b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Contra Costa County (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)				POPCOR	DEFENDANTS POPCORN, INDIANA, LLC, AND DOES 1 THROUGH 100, inclusive,			
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(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Add William L. Veen, Esq. The Veen Firm, P.C. 711 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 9410 Tel: (415) 673-4800	Suite 220 02			Newport Tel: (949	R. Orr, ensen, A port Ce Beach, 0) 717-3	APC enter Drive, Suite 70 CA 92660 000		
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