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**Tomato Sauce,**" in a Walmart store located in the United States, between October 7, 2009 and the present ("the Nationwide Class").

- 2. This action is also brought on behalf of three proposed sub-classes, the California Sub-Class, the New Jersey Sub-Class and the Pennsylvania Sub-Class, composed of all those who purchased the Product at a Walmart store located in California, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, respectively, between October 7, 2009 and the present.
- 3. "Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce" ("the Product") is a Walmart store -brand food product which is distributed by Defendants and is sold exclusively by Defendants at Walmart stores, including Walmart stores located in every state in the United States.
- 4. Despite the inclusion of the words "Pork & Beans" in the name of the Product itself, and despite the fact that the "INGREDIENTS" section on the label on each and every container of the product lists "Pork" as an ingredient of the product, rigorous scientific testing has revealed that the Product actually contains no pork whatsoever.
- 5. Thus, each and every can of the Product bears a uniformly-worded label which makes the same false, affirmative statements of fact regarding whether pork is included in the Product.

 Upon information and belief, Defendants have been fully aware that the Product actually contains no pork since its inception.

7. This complaint seeks injunctive, declaratory and monetary relief for Plaintiff, the proposed Nationwide Class, and the proposed State Sub-Classes, as outlined in greater detail herein.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

8. There is federal subject matter jurisdiction over this matter under the Class Action Fairness Act in that it is a proposed class action, there are more than 100 members of the Nationwide Class and each State Sub-Class, at least some class members and some defendants are citizens of different states, and the amount in controversy is more than \$5 million.

#### THE PARTIES

9. Plaintiff Matthew Tye resides in Brea, California.

10.Like all members of the proposed class, Plaintiff Tye purchased the
Product in a Walmart store located in the United States between October
7, 2009 and the present. Like all members of the proposed California Subclass, Plaintiff Tye purchased the Product at a Walmart store located in
California between October 7, 2009 and the present.

11.Specifically, Plaintiff Tye purchased the Product at Walmart Store #5641 located in La Habra, California, on various dates between October 7, 2009 and the present, including on October 2, 2015, when Plaintiff Tye purchased a can of the Product at this location. <u>See</u> Attachment A, Receipt dated October 2, 2015.

12.Plaintiff Schmoll resides in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

13.Like all members of the proposed class, Plaintiff Schmoll purchased the Product in a Walmart store located in the United States between October 7, 2009 and the present. Like all members of the proposed New Jersey sub-class, Plaintiff purchased the Product at a Walmart store located in New Jersey between October 7, 2009 and the present.

14.Specifically, Plaintiff Schmoll purchased the Product at Walmart Store
#5340 located in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, on various dates between
October 7, 2009 and the present, including on August 30, 2015, when
Plaintiff Schmoll purchased three cans of the product at this location. <u>See</u>
Attachment B, Receipt dated August 30, 2015.

15. Plaintiff Michael Wilcox resides in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

16.Like all members of the proposed class, Plaintiff Wilcox purchased the Product in a Walmart store located in the United States between October 7, 2009 and the present. Like all members of the proposed Pennsylvania Sub-class, Plaintiff Wilcox purchased the Product at a Walmart store located in Pennsylvania between October 7, 2009 and the present.

17.Specifically, Plaintiff Wilcox purchased the Product at Walmart Store #2141 located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on various dates between October 7, 2009 and the present, including on October 6, 2015, when Plaintiff Wilcox purchased a can of the Product at this location. <u>See</u> Attachment C, Receipt dated October 6, 2015

18.Defendant Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. is a corporation which is headquartered at 702 SW 8th Street, Bentonville, Arkansas, 72716. The uniformly-worded label on the product states, <u>inter alia</u>, admits that the product was **"DISTRIBUTED BY: Wal-Mart Stores, Inc."** Upon information and belief, Defendant Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is the owner and operator of various Walmart stores throughout the United States, including California.
19.Defendant Wal-Mart Stores East, L.P. maintains its principal offices at 702 SW 8th Street, Bentonville, Arkansas, 72716. Wal-Mart Stores East, L.P. purports to own and operate all Walmart stores in various states, including New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

20.Together, Defendants Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and Wal-Mart Stores East, L.P. jointly manufactured, distributed, advertised, labeled and sold the product, with each defendant jointly determining that each such container of the product would bear the name **"Great Value Pork & Beans in**  

Tomato Sauce" and would list "PORK" under the portion of the product	t
label marked "INGREDIENTS."	
<b>CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS</b>	
21.Plaintiffs bring this action as a class action pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 23, o	n
behalf of a Nationwide Class defined as:	
All persons who, between October 7, 2009 and the present, purchased one or more containers of "Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce" at a Walmart store located in the United States.	
22.Plaintiff Tye also brings this action as a class action pursuant to	
Fed.R.Civ.P. 23, on behalf of a California Sub-Class defined as:	
All persons who, between October 7, 2009 and the present, purchased one or more containers of "Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce" at a Walmart store located in California.	
23.Plaintiff Schmoll also brings this action as a class action pursuant to	
Fed.R.Civ.P. 23, on behalf of a New Jersey Sub-Class defined as:	
All persons who, between October 7, 2009 and the present, purchased one or more containers of "Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce" at a Walmart store located in New Jersey.	
24.Plaintiff Wilcox also brings this action as a class action pursuant to	
Fed.R.Civ.P. 23, on behalf of a Pennsylvania Sub-Class defined as:	
All persons who, between October 7, 2009 and the present, purchased one or more containers of "Great	

#### Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce" at a Walmart store located in Pennsylvania.

25.The members of the class and sub-classes for whose benefit this action is brought are so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable.
26.Upon information and belief, the proposed Nationwide Class is composed of over 100,000 persons and each proposed State Sub-Class is composed of at least 5,000 persons.
27.No violations alleged in this complaint are a result of any oral

communications or individualized interaction of any kind between class members and Defendants.

28.Rather, all claims in this matter arise from the identical, false, written

affirmative statements on the Product label as outlined in detail herein.

29. There are common questions of law and fact affecting the rights of all

Nationwide Class members, including, inter alia, the following:

a. Whether there is pork in the Product;

b. Whether Defendants' act in naming the Product "Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce" was a false, affirmative statement of fact;

c. Whether Defendants' act in placing a uniform written statement on the label of the Product, listing "PORK" under the word "INGREDIENTS" was a false, affirmative statement of fact;

d. Whether each Defendant was aware that the Product contained no pork whatsoever; and

### e. The date each Defendant became aware that the Product contained no pork whatsoever.

30.In addition, there are common questions of law and fact affecting the

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- a. Whether Defendants' actions, as outlined herein, violated the California Business & Professions Code § 17200 <u>et seq</u>.;
- b. Whether Defendants' actions, as outlined herein, violated the California Business & Professions Code § 17500 <u>et seq</u>.;
- c. Whether Defendants' action in placing the word "PORK" under the word "INGREDIENTS" on the Product label constituted an express warranty under California law; and

#### d. Whether, by the facts alleged herein, Defendants have breached an express warranty under California common law.

31.In addition, there are common questions of law and fact affecting the

rights of all New Jersey Sub-Class members, including, inter alia, the

following:

- a. Whether Defendants' action, in naming the Product "Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce," was a misleading sales practice in the sale of goods in violation of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 56:8-2 of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act;
- b. Whether Defendants' action, in placing a uniform written statement listing "PORK" under the word "INGREDIENTS" on the Product label, was a false, affirmative statement of fact in the sale of goods in violation of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 56:8-2 of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act;

c. Whether Defendants' action in placing the word "PORK" under the word "INGREDIENTS" on the Product label constituted an express warranty under New Jersey law;

- d. Whether, by the facts alleged herein, Defendants have breached an express warranty under New Jersey law;
- e. Whether the Product label was a consumer notice or warranty within the meaning of the New Jersey Truth in Consumer Contract, Warranty and Notice Act;
- f. Whether Defendants' actions, as described herein, violated the New Jersey Truth in Consumer Contract, Warranty and Notice Act;
- g. Whether an implied contract relating to the sale of the Product existed under New Jersey common law between Defendants and each member of the New Jersey Sub-Class; and
- h. Whether, by placing false statements of fact on the Product label, as described herein, Defendants breached the implied duty of good faith and fair dealing which was part of the implied contract of sale between Defendants and each member of the New Jersey Sub-Class.

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a. Whether Defendants' action, in naming the Product "Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce," was "deceptive conduct which creates a likelihood of confusion or misunderstanding" within the meaning of the Pennsylvania Uniform Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, 73 P.S. § 201-2(4)(xxi); b. Whether Defendants' action, in placing a uniform written statement listing "PORK" under the word "INGREDIENTS" on the Product label, was "deceptive conduct which creates a likelihood of confusion or misunderstanding" within the meaning of the Pennsylvania Uniform Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, 73 P.S. § 201-2(4)(xxi);

- c. Whether Defendants' action in placing the word "PORK" under the word "INGREDIENTS" on the Product label constituted an express or implied warranty under Pennsylvania law;
- d. Whether, by the facts alleged herein, Defendants have breached an express or implied warranty under Pennsylvania law;
- e. Whether an implied contract relating to the sale of the Product existed under Pennsylvania common law between Defendants and each member of the Pennsylvania Sub-Class; and
- f. Whether, by placing false statements of fact on the Product label, as described herein, Defendants breached the implied duty of good faith and fair dealing which was part of the implied contract of sale between Defendants and each member of the Pennsylvania Sub-Class.

33.Plaintiffs are each members of the class and sub-class he seeks to

represent.

- 34. The claims of Plaintiffs are not only typical of all class and sub-class members, they are identical.
- 35.All claims of Plaintiffs and the class and sub-classes arise from the same identical, false, written statement of affirmative fact on the Product label as described herein.

- 36.All claims of Plaintiffs and the class and sub-classes are based on the same legal theories.
- 37.Plaintiffs have no interest antagonistic to, or in conflict with, the class or sub-classes.
- 38.Plaintiffs will thoroughly and adequately protect the interests of the class and sub-classes, having retained qualified and competent legal counsel to represent themselves and the class and sub-classes.
- 39.Defendants have acted and refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the class and sub-classes, thereby making appropriate injunctive and declaratory relief for the class as a whole.
- 40. The prosecution of separate actions by individual class members would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications.
- 41.A class action is the only practical, available method for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy since, <u>inter alia</u>, the damages suffered by each class member were less than \$2 per container of the Product purchased and, as such, individual actions are not economically feasible.

42.Common questions will predominate, and there will be no unusual manageability issues.

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#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

43. Defendants are in the business of manufacturing, distributing, marketing, and selling, inter alia, "Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce."
44. "Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce" is a an exclusive Walmart "store brand" food product, sold at Walmart stores throughout the United States, including 200 Walmart stores in California, 60 Walmart stores in New Jersey and 136 Walmart stores in Pennsylvania.
45.Since the initial offering of the Product, each and every label on this Product has borne a uniformly-worded label which identifies the name of the Product in large letters as "Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato

Sauce," as depicted in Figure 1, below.

#### Figure 1



46.Since the initial offering of the Product, each and every label on this
Product has borne a uniformly-worded label which includes, <u>inter alia</u>, the word "**PORK**" under the word "**INGREDIENTS**," as depicted in Figure 2, below.

Figure 2

INGREDIENTS: PREPARED WHITE BEANS, WATER, TOMATO PUREE (WATER, TOMATO PASTE), SUGAR, CONTAINS LESS THAN 2% OF: HIGH FRUCTOSE CORN SYRUP, SALT, DISTILLED VINEGAR, PORK, BAKING SODA, ONION POWDER, NATURAL AND ARTIFICIAL FLAVORS, SPICE, CALCIUM CHLORIDE (A FIRMING AGENT). ALLERGY WARNING: MAY CONTAIN TRACES OF MILK, WHEAT AND SOY. DISTRIBUTED BY: Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Bentonville, AR 72716

47.In actuality, rigorous scientific testing, including microscopic and chemical analysis, has revealed that the Product contains no pork whatsoever.

48.Defendants, as developers, manufacturers, and exclusive sellers and distributors of **"Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce"** have been aware since the Product's inception that the Product contains no pork whatsoever. 49.It is equally clear that Defendants have been fully aware for some time that in order to label a product as "Pork & Beans," the product must contain at least some pork. See U.S. Food and Drug Administration CPG Sec. 567.200, entitled "Pork and Beans and Similar Bean Products," which makes clear that the product must be made "with pork."
50.Indeed, over fifteen years ago, the United States Department of Agriculture promulgated a written "Commercial Item Description" which specifies that any product described as "Pork and Beans in Tomato Sauce' ... shall contain a minimum of 12 percent ham, bacon or pork based on the weight of the smoked or fresh meat at the time of formulation."

51.Despite this, Defendants opted to name the Product "Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce," knowing that it contains no pork whatsoever.
52.Defendants also choose to list the word "PORK" on the Product label, under the word "INGREDIENTS," knowing that the Product actually contained no pork whatsoever.

53.Despite all of the foregoing, Defendants continue to sell the Product, with the same written, false, uniformly-worded statements on the Product label outlined herein, in Walmart stores throughout the United States, including California, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. 54. While no one reasonably expects any product called "pork & beans" to contain a majority of pork, or even a large quantity of pork, it is clear that labeling a product which contains no pork whatsoever as **"pork & beans"** is misleading and deceptive.

#### COUNT I BREACH OF WARRANTY

#### **On Behalf of the Nationwide Class**

55.Defendants sold the Product in their regular course of business.

56.Plaintiffs and the members of the Nationwide Class purchased the Product.57.The written, uniformly-worded label on the Product (as depicted herein) constituted an express warranty provided to all purchasers of the Product under the law of each state in the United States in which the Product was

58.Defendants' written affirmations of fact, promises, and/or descriptions on the Product label were part of that express warranty under the laws of each state in the United States in which the Product was sold.

59.By the acts alleged herein, Defendants breached that warranty because the Product cannot and does not conform to the properties Defendants represented on the label.

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60. The false information provided on the label was undiscoverable to Plaintiffs and the members of the Nationwide Class at the time of purchase of the Product.

- 61.All conditions precedent to seeking liability under this claim for breach of warranty have been performed by or on behalf of Plaintiffs and the members of the Nationwide Class in terms of paying for the goods at issue.
- 62.Defendants had actual and/or constructive notice of the false labeling information and to date have taken no action to remedy their breaches of warranty.

## 63.Defendants were on notice of their breaches of warranty and have refused to remedy such breaches.

- 64.By placing the Product into the stream of commerce, by operation of law in each state in the United States, Defendants also impliedly warranted to Plaintiffs and the members of the Nationwide Class that the Product was accurately labeled in conformance with the law.
- 65.Defendants' breaches of warranty have caused Plaintiffs and the members of the Nationwide Class to suffer injuries by paying for falsely labeled products. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breaches of warranty, Plaintiffs and the members of the Nationwide Class have

suffered damages and continue to suffer damages, including economic damages in terms of the difference between the value of the Product as promised and the value of the Product as delivered.

66.As a result of the breach of these warranties, Plaintiffs and the members of the Nationwide Class are entitled to legal and equitable relief including damages, costs, attorneys' fees, rescission, and/or other relief as deemed appropriate, for an amount to compensate them for not receiving the benefit of their bargain.

#### COUNT II UNJUST ENRICHMENT

#### **On Behalf of the Nationwide Class**

67.Plaintiffs incorporate all preceding paragraphs of this complaint as if set forth fully herein.

68.Plaintiffs and the members of the Nationwide Class have conferred substantial benefits on Defendants by purchasing the Product, and Defendants have knowingly and willingly accepted and enjoyed these benefits.

69.Defendants either knew or should have known that the payments rendered by Plaintiffs and the members of the Nationwide Class were given and received with the expectation that the Product would be as represented and warranted.

- 70.Under the common law of unjust enrichment in every state in the United States where the Product was sold, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain the benefit of the payments under these circumstances and such retention constitutes unjust enrichment.
- 71.Under the law of every state in the United States where the Product was sold, both law and equity demand disgorgement of Defendants' ill-gotten gains.

72.As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' wrongful conduct and unjust enrichment, Plaintiffs and the members of the Nationwide Class are entitled to restitution from Defendants and institution of a constructive trust disgorging all profits, benefits, and other compensation obtained by Defendants.

#### COUNT III

#### CALIFORNIA BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS CODE § 17200 <u>et seq</u>. Unlawful Business Acts and Practices

#### **On Behalf of the California Sub-Class Only**

73.Plaintiff Tye incorporates all preceding paragraphs of this complaint as if set forth fully herein.

74.Defendants' conduct as set forth herein constitutes unlawful business acts and practices within the meaning of the California Business &

Professionals Code §17200 et seq.

75.Defendants sold the Product in California during the class period applicable to Plaintiff Tye and the members of the California Sub-Class.
76.Defendants are each a "person" within the meaning of the Sherman Food Drug & Cosmetic Law, California Health & Safety Code section 109875, <u>et seq</u>. (the "Sherman Law").

- 77.Defendants' business practices, as described herein, are unlawful under section 17200, <u>et seq</u>. by virtue of Defendants' violations of the advertising provisions of Article 3 of the Sherman Law and the misbranded food provisions of Article 6 of the Sherman Law.
- 78.Defendants' business practices are unlawful under section 17200 <u>et seq</u>. by virtue of Defendants' violations of section 17500 <u>et seq</u>., which forbids untrue and misleading advertising.
- 79.Defendants' business practices are unlawful under section 17200 <u>et seq</u>. by virtue of Defendants' violations of the Consumer Legal Remedies Act, California Civil Code section 1750, <u>et seq</u>.

76.Defendants sold Plaintiff Tye and the members of the California Sub-Class the Product, which was not capable of being sold or held legally in California, and which was legally worthless or worth less than advertised, and Plaintiff Tye and the members of the California Sub-Class paid a premium price for the Product. 77.As a result of Defendants' illegal business practices, Plaintiff Tye and the members of the California Sub-Class, pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 17203, are entitled to an order enjoining such future conduct and such other orders and judgments which may be necessary to disgorge Defendants' ill-gotten gains and to restore to Plaintiff Tye and members of the California Sub-Class any money paid for the Product.

78.Defendants' unlawful business acts present a threat and a reasonable continued likelihood of injury to Plaintiff Tye and members of the California Sub-Class.

79.As a result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiff Tye and members of the California Sub-Class, pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 17203, are entitled to an order enjoining such future conduct by Defendants, and such other orders and judgments which may be necessary to disgorge Defendants' ill-gotten gains and restore to Plaintiff Tye and members of the California Sub-Class any monies paid for the Product.

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#### <u>COUNT IV</u> CALIFORNIA BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS CODE § 17200 <u>et seq</u>. Unfair Business Acts and Practices

#### **On Behalf of the California Sub-Class Only**

80.Plaintiff Tye incorporates all preceding paragraphs of this complaint as if set forth fully herein.

81.Defendants' conduct as set forth herein constitutes unfair business acts and practices within the meaning of the California Business and Professions Code § 17200, <u>et seq</u>.

82.Defendants sold the Product in California during the class period applicable to Plaintiff Tye and the members of the California Sub-Class.

83.Plaintiff Tye and the members of the California Sub-Class suffered a substantial injury by virtue of buying the Product which they would not have suffered absent Defendants' illegal conduct.

84.Defendants' deceptive marketing, advertising, packaging and labeling of the Product and their sale of unsalable misbranded products that were illegal to possess was of no benefit to consumers, and the harm to consumers and competition is substantial.

85.Defendants sold the product to Plaintiff Tye and the California Sub-Class, which was not capable of being legally sold in California and which was legally worthless. 86.Plaintiff and the members of the California Sub-Class had no way of reasonably knowing that the Product was misbranded and was not properly marketed, advertised, packaged and labeled, and thus they could not have reasonably avoided the injury each of them suffered.

87.The consequences of Defendants' conduct as set forth herein outweigh any justification, motive or reason therefor. Defendants' conduct is and continues to be immoral, unethical, unscrupulous, contrary to public policy, and is substantially injurious to Plaintiff Tye and the California Sub-Class.
88.Pursuant to Business and Professions Code § 17203, and as a result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiff Tye and the California Sub-Class are entitled to an order enjoining such future conduct by Defendants, and such other orders and judgments which may be necessary to disgorge Defendants' ill-gotten gains and restore any money paid by Plaintiff Tye and the members of California Sub-Class to purchase the Product from Defendants in California.

#### <u>COUNT V</u> CALIFORNIA BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS CODE § 17200 <u>et seq</u>. Fraudulent Business Acts and Practices

#### **On Behalf of the California Sub-Class Only**

89.Plaintiff Tye incorporates all preceding paragraphs of this complaint as if set forth fully herein.

90.Defendants' conduct as set forth herein constitutes fraudulent business practices under California Business and Professions Code section 17200, <u>et seq</u>.

91.Defendants' conduct in mislabeling and misbranding its food products originated from and was approved at Defendants' headquarters.

92.Defendants sold the Product in California during the class period.

93.Defendants' misleading marketing, advertising, packaging, and labeling of the Product and their misrepresentations that the Product was salable, capable of legal possession and not misbranded were likely to deceive reasonable consumers, and in fact, Plaintiff Tye and the members of the California Sub-Class were deceived. By the acts set forth herein,

Defendants have engaged in fraudulent business acts and practices.

94.Defendants' fraud and deception caused Plaintiff Tye and members of the California Sub-Class to purchase the Product from Defendants which they would have not otherwise purchased had they known the true nature of the Product.

95.Defendants sold Plaintiff Tye and members of the California Sub-Class the Product, which was not capable of being sold or held legally and which was legally worthless. Plaintiff Tye and members of the California Sub-Class paid a premium price for the Product. 96.As a result of Defendants' conduct as set forth herein, Plaintiff Tye and members of the California Sub-Class, pursuant to California Business and Professions Code section 17203, are entitled to an order enjoining such future conduct by Defendants, and such other orders and judgments which may be necessary to disgorge Defendants' ill-gotten gains and restore any money paid for the Product by Plaintiff Tye and members of the California Sub-Class.

#### <u>COUNT VI</u> CALIFORNIA BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS CODE § 17500 et seq. Misleading and Deceptive Advertising

#### **On Behalf of the California Sub-Class Only**

97.Plaintiff Tye incorporates all preceding paragraphs of this complaint as if set forth fully herein.

98.Plaintiff Tye asserts this cause of action for violations of California Business and Professions Code § 17500, <u>et seq</u>. for misleading and deceptive advertising against Defendants on behalf of the California Sub-Class.

99.Defendants sold the Product to Plaintiff Tye and the members of the California Sub-Class in California.

- 100. Defendants sold the Product to Plaintiff Tye and the California Sub-Class, which was not capable of being legally sold in California and which was legally worthless.
- 101. By the acts alleged herein, Defendants engaged in a scheme of offering the Product for sale in California to Plaintiff Tye and the members of the California Sub-Class by way of, inter alia, product packaging and labeling.

102. These materials misrepresented and/or omitted the true contents and nature of Defendants' Product, as outlined in greater detail previously.
103. Defendants' labels for the Product were used within California and come within the definition of advertising as contained in California Business and Professions Code § 17500, <u>et seq</u>. in that such Product packaging and labeling were intended as inducements to purchase the Product and are statements disseminated by Defendants to Plaintiff Tye and the California Sub-Class that were intended to reach members of the California Sub-Class.

104. Defendants knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care, should have known, that these statements were misleading and deceptive as set forth herein. 105. In furtherance of their plan and scheme, Defendants prepared and distributed within California via product packaging and labeling, statements that misleadingly and deceptively represented the composition and the nature of the Product.

106. Plaintiff Tye and the members of the California Sub-Class necessarily and reasonably relied on Defendants' labels, and were the intended targets of such representations.

107. Indeed, as the misrepresentations at issue were contained on the label of the Product itself, the Court may presume that the members of the California Sub-Class relied upon this false statement.

108. Defendants' conduct in disseminating misleading and deceptive statements in California to Plaintiff Tye and the members of the California Sub-Class was and is likely to deceive reasonable consumers by obfuscating the true composition and nature of the Product in violation of the "misleading prong" of California Business and Professions Code § 17500, et seq.

109. As a result of Defendants' violation of the "misleading prong" of California Business and Professions Code § 17500, <u>et seq</u>., Defendants have been unjustly enriched at the expense of Plaintiff Tye and the members of the California Sub-Class.

- 110. Misbranded products cannot be legally sold or held in California and are legally worthless.
- 111. Pursuant to California Business and Professions Code § 17535, Plaintiff Tye and the members of the California Sub-Class are entitled to an order enjoining such future conduct by Defendants, and such other orders and judgments which may be necessary to disgorge Defendants' ill-gotten gains and restore any money paid for Defendants' Product in California.

#### <u>COUNT VII</u> CALIFORNIA BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS CODE § 17500 <u>et seq</u>. Untrue Advertising

#### **On Behalf of the California Sub-Class Only**

112. Plaintiff Tye incorporates all preceding paragraphs of this complaint as if set forth fully herein.

113. Plaintiff Tye asserts this cause of action against Defendants on behalf of the California Sub-Class for violations of California Business and Professions Code § 17500, et seq., regarding untrue advertising.

114. Defendants engaged in a scheme of offering the Product for sale toPlaintiff Tye and the members of the California Sub-Class in Californiaby way of product packaging and labeling, as outlined herein.

# 115. These materials misrepresented and/or omitted the true contents and nature of the Product.

116. With regard to sales of the Product in California during the class period relevant to the California Sub-Class, Defendants' advertisements and inducements were made in California and come within the definition of advertising as contained in California Business and Professions Code § 17500, <u>et seq</u>. in that the Product's packaging and labeling were intended as inducements to purchase the Product, and are statements disseminated by Defendant to Plaintiff Tye and the California Sub-Class.

- 117. Defendants knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care, should have known that these statements were untrue.
- 118. In furtherance of their plan and scheme, Defendants prepared and distributed in California via the Product's packaging and labeling, statements that falsely advertise the composition of the Product, as outlined in greater detail previously, and which falsely misrepresented the nature of the Product.
- 119. Plaintiff Tye and the members of the California Sub-Class were the intended targets of such representations and would reasonably be deceived by Defendants' materials.
- 120. Indeed, it is impossible to envision a scenario in which someone who desired to purchase pork and beans would not look at the label of the product, which identified the name of the product as **"Pork & Beans."**

121. Defendants' conduct in disseminating untrue advertising throughout California deceived Plaintiff Tye and members of the California Sub-Class by obfuscating the true contents, nature and quality of the Product in violation of the "untrue prong" of California Business and Professions Code § 17500.

122. As a result of Defendants violations of the "untrue prong" of California Business and Professions Code § 17500, <u>et seq</u>., Defendants have been unjustly enriched at the expense of Plaintiff and the members of the California Sub-Class.

123. Pursuant to California Business and Professions Code § 17535, Plaintiff Tye and the members of the California Sub-Class are entitled to an order enjoining such further conduct by Defendants, and such other orders and judgments which may be necessary to disgorge Defendants' ill-gotten gains and restore any money paid for the Product in California by Plaintiff Tye and the members of the California Sub-Class.

#### <u>COUNT VIII</u> CALIFORNIA COMMON LAW REGARDING BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY

#### **On Behalf of the California Sub-Class Only**

124. Plaintiff Tye incorporates all preceding paragraphs of this complaint as if set forth fully herein.

125. By operation of California law, Defendants entered into a contract with each member of the California Sub-Class when the member purchased a container of the Product at Walmart located in California.

126. By operation of California law, the terms of this contract included an express warranty incorporating the identical affirmation, promise and description by Defendants regarding the Product, made in writing on the label, that the Product contained **"PORK"** as an ingredient and that the name of the product was **"Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce."** 

127. The relevant terms and language of the express warranty between Defendants and each member of the California Sub-Class are identical.
128. Defendants have breached the terms of this express warranty in an identical manner for each member of the California Sub-Class because the Product actually contained no pork whatsoever and therefore did not, and could not, conform to the affirmation, promise, and description on the label of the Product.

129. As a direct and proximate result of this breach of express warranty by Defendants, each member of the California Sub-Class has suffered economic loss.

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### <u>COUNT IX</u> NEW JERSEY CONSUMER FRAUD ACT, <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 56:8-1 <u>et seq.</u> <u>On Behalf of the New Jersey Sub-Class Only</u>

130. Plaintiff Schmoll incorporates all preceding paragraphs of this complaint as if set forth fully herein.

131. The New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act clearly applies to all sales of "Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce" sold in Walmart stores located in New Jersey.

132. The New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act ("CFA") was enacted to protect consumers against sharp and unconscionable commercial practices by persons engaged in the sale of goods or services. <u>See Marascio v.</u>
Campanella, 298 N.J. Super. 491, 500 (App. Div. 1997).

133. The CFA is a remedial statute which the New Jersey Supreme Court has repeatedly held must be construed liberally in favor of the consumer to accomplish its deterrent and protective purposes. See Furst v. Einstein Moomjy, 182 N.J. 1, 11-12 (2004) ("The Consumer Fraud Act is remedial legislation that we construe liberally to accomplish its broad purpose of safeguarding the public.").

134. With regard to the CFA, "[t]he available legislative history

demonstrates that the Act was intended to be one of the strongest

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consumer protection laws in the nation." New Mea Const. Corp. v. Harper, 203 N.J. Super. 315, 319 (App. Div. 1986). 135. For this reason, the "history of the Act is one of constant expansion of consumer protection." Kavky v. Herballife International of America, 359 N.J. Super. 497, 504 (App. Div. 2003). 136. The CFA was intended to protect consumers "by eliminating sharp practices and dealings in the marketing of merchandise and real estate." Lemelledo v. Beneficial Management Corp., 150 N.J. 255, 263 (1997). 137. Specifically, N.J.S.A. 56:8-2 of the CFA prohibits "unlawful practices," which are defined as: "The act, use or employment of any unconscionable commercial practice, deception, fraud, false pretense, misrepresentation, or the knowing, concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact with intent that others rely upon such concealment, suppression or omission whether or not any person has in fact been misled, deceived or damaged thereby." 138. The catch-all term "unconscionable commercial practice" was added to the CFA by amendment in 1971 to ensure that the Act covered, inter alia, "incomplete disclosures." <u>Skeer v. EMK Motors, Inc.</u>, 187 N.J. Super. 465, 472 (App. Div. 1982).

139. In describing what constitutes an "unconscionable commercial practice," the New Jersey Supreme Court has noted that it is an amorphous concept designed to establish a broad business ethic. <u>See Cox v. Sears Roebuck & Co.</u>, 138 N.J. 2, 18 (1994).

140. "Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce" is a "credence good," because its properties and purported benefits cannot be independently assessed or verified by the consumer at the time of purchase and such properties and benefits are made known to consumers only through the information provided on the label by the product's manufacturer and distributor. See Lee v. Carter-Reed Co., L.L.C. 203 N.J. 496, 522 (2010). See also Richard A. Posner, An Economic Approach to the Law of Evidence, 51 Stan. L.Rev. 1477, 1489 (1999) ("A good is a credence" good if the consumer cannot readily determine its quality by inspection or even use, so that he has to take its quality 'on faith.""). 141. The New Jersey Supreme Court in Lee v. Carter-Reed Co., L.L.C. 203 N.J. 496, 522 (2010), recently spoke regarding the relationship between dishonest product labeling and credence goods, stating:

> "A rational consumer does not randomly take a bottle of pills off a shelf and then purchase it without reading the packaging and labeling."

142. In order to state a cause of action under the CFA, a plaintiff does not need
to show reliance by the consumer. See Varacallo v. Massachusetts Mut.
Life Ins. Co., 332 N.J.Super. 31, 43, 752 A.2d 807 (App.Div.2000);
Gennari v. Weichert Co. Realtors, 148 N.J. 582, 607-608, 691 A.2d 350
(1997) (holding that reliance is not required in suits under the CFA
because liability results from "misrepresentations whether 'any person
has in fact been misled, deceived or damaged thereby"").
143. Rather, the CFA requires merely a causal nexus between the false
statement and the purchase, not actual reliance. See Lee v. Carter-Reed
<u>Co., L.L.C</u> . 203 N.J. 496, 522 (2010) ("causation under the CFA is not
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146. By the acts alleged herein, Defendants have violated the CFA.

147. Specifically, Defendants have made identical, false, written,misstatements of affirmative fact on the label of each container of theProduct sold in New Jersey, as outlined previously.

148. These statements were false when made and Defendants knew that these statements were false when made.

149. As a result of these false, written affirmative misstatements of material fact, Plaintiff Schmoll and the New Jersey Sub-Class have suffered an ascertainable loss of money.

150. Specifically, Plaintiff Schmoll and the members of the New Jersey Sub-Class have been deprived of the benefit of the promised bargain – a valid measure of "ascertainable loss" under the CFA according to the New Jersey Supreme Court and New Jersey Appellate Division – in that Plaintiff Schmoll and the members of the New Jersey Sub-Class received something less than what was represented by Defendants on the Product's label.

#### **<u>COUNT X</u>** NEW JERSEY BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY

**On Behalf of the New Jersey Sub-Class Only** 

151. Plaintiff Schmoll incorporates all preceding paragraphs of this complaint as if set forth fully herein.

- 152. By operation of New Jersey law, Defendants entered into a contract with each New Jersey Sub-Class member when the member purchased a container of "Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce" in New Jersey.
- 153. By operation of New Jersey law, the terms of this contract included an express warranty incorporating the identical affirmation, promise and description by Defendants regarding "Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce," made in writing on the Product label, which stated that the good contained "PORK."
- 154. The relevant terms and language of the express warranty between Defendants and each member of the New Jersey Sub-Class are identical.
  155. Defendants have breached the terms of this express warranty in an identical manner for each New Jersey Sub-class member because "Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce" did not and could not conform to the affirmation, promise and description on this label because, in fact, the Product actually contained no pork whatsoever.
- 156. As a direct and proximate result of this breach of express warranty by Defendants, each member of the New Jersey Sub-Class has suffered economic loss.

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#### <u>COUNT XI</u> NEW JERSEY BREACH OF IMPLIED CONTRACT/VIOLATION OF COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING

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#### **On Behalf of the New Jersey Sub-Class Only**

157. Plaintiff Schmoll incorporates all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth at length herein.

158. By operation of New Jersey law, there existed an implied contract for the sale of goods existed between Plaintiff Schmoll and each member of the New Jersey Sub-Class who purchased the Product at a Walmart store located in New Jersey.

# 159. By operation of New Jersey law, there existed an implied duty of good faith and fair dealing in each such contract.

160. By the acts alleged herein, Defendants have violated that duty of goodfaith and fair dealing, thereby breaching the implied contract betweenDefendants and each member of the New Jersey Sub-Class.

161. As a result of that breach, Plaintiff Schmoll and each member of the New Jersey Sub-Class suffered damages.

#### <u>COUNT XII</u> NEW JERSEY TRUTH IN CONSUMER CONTRACT, WARRANTY AND NOTICE ACT <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 56:12-14 <u>et seq</u>.

#### **On Behalf of the New Jersey Sub-Class Only**

162. Plaintiff Schmoll incorporates all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth at length herein.

163. Plaintiff Schmoll and the members of the New Jersey Sub-Class are "consumers" within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 56:12-15 and 16.

164. Defendants are "sellers" within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 56:12-15 and 16.

165. The Product label on "Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce" is both a consumer "notice" and "warranty" within the meaning of <u>N.J.S.A</u>.
56:12-15 and 16.

166. By the acts alleged herein, Defendants have violated <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 56:12-16
because, in the course of Defendants' business, Defendants have offered
written consumer notices and warranties to Plaintiff Schmoll and the New
Jersey Sub-Class which contained provisions which violated their clearly
established legal rights under New Jersey state law, within the meaning of
<u>N.J.S.A</u>. 56:12-15.

167. Pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 56:12-17, this class complaint seeks a statutory penalty of \$100 for each member of the New Jersey Sub-Class, as well as actual damages and attorney's fees and costs.

#### <u>COUNT XIII</u> PENNSYLVANIA UNIFORM TRADE PRACTICES AND CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW 73 Pa. Cons.St. § 201–1 et seq

#### **On Behalf of the Pennsylvania Sub-Class Only**

168. Plaintiff Wilcox incorporates all preceding paragraphs of this complaint as if set forth fully herein.

169. This count does not raise any claims of common law fraud.

170. Rather, this count raises claims exclusively under the Pennsylvania

Uniform Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law ("UTPCPL").

171. "The purpose of the UTPCPL is to protect the public from fraud and unfair or deceptive business practices." <u>Keller v. Volkswagen of Am.,</u> <u>Inc.</u>, 733 A.2d 642, 646 (Pa.Super.1999).

172. It is well-established that, in order to carry out that purpose, the UTPCPL must be liberally construed. See Chiles v. Ameriquest Mortg. Co., 551
F.Supp.2d 393, 398 (E.D.Pa.2008)("The UTPCPL must be construed liberally."); Pirozzi v. Penske Olds-Cadillac-GMC, Inc., 413 Pa.Super. 308, 605 A.2d 373, 376, appeal denied, 532 Pa. 665, 616 A.2d 985 (1992)("our supreme court held that the UTPCPL is to be liberally construed in order to effect its purpose.")

173. The conduct alleged herein took place during "trade and commerce" within the meaning of the UTPCPL.

174. The conduct alleged herein constitutes a deceptive practice.

175. The UTPCPL 73 P.S. § 201-2(4)(xxi) defines unfair or deceptive acts or practices, <u>inter alia</u>, as any: "deceptive conduct which creates a likelihood of confusion or misunderstanding."

176. Prior to 1996, 73 P.S. § 201-2(4)(xxi) required that a defendant engage in the equivalent of common law fraud. See Flores v. Shapiro & Kreisman, 246 F.Supp.2d 427, 432 (E.D.Pa.2002); Commonwealth of Pa. v. Percudani, 825 A.2d 743, 746-47 (Pa.Commw.2003).

177. In 1996, however, UTPCPL 73 P.S. § 201-2(4)(xxi) was amended to add the word "deceptive" as an alternative to "fraud" in describing the practices prohibited by this section. See Bennett v. A.T. Masterpiece
<u>Homes at Broadsprings, LLC</u>, 40 A.3d 145 (Pa.Super.2012) (holding that the amendment to the catch-all provision that added the language "or deceptive conduct" changed the requirement from proving actual fraud to merely proving deceptive conduct); <u>Commonwealth of Pa. v. Percudani</u>, 825 A.2d 743, 746-47 (Pa.Commw.2003) (a plaintiff who alleges deceptive conduct to proceed without proving all of the elements of common law fraud); <u>Flores v. Shapiro & Kreisman</u>, 246 F.Supp.2d 427, 432 (E.D.Pa.2002):

"by adding a prohibition on 'deceptive' conduct, the 1996 amendment to the CPL eliminated the need to plead all of the elements of common law fraud in actions under the CPL. Under general principles of statutory interpretation, no word should be rendered redundant. The new word "deceptive" in the statute, therefore, must have been intended to cover conduct other than fraud."

## 178. As alleged herein, Defendants have engaged in deceptive conduct which creates a likelihood of confusion or misunderstanding.

179. Such conduct is based on both affirmative misrepresentations, material nondisclosures and material omissions.

180. In the case at bar, Defendants' actions in stating on the label that the Product contained "PORK" as an ingredient and that the name of the product was "Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce" constituted "deceptive conduct which creates a likelihood of confusion or misunderstanding" within the meaning of 73 P.S. § 201-2(4)(xxi).

181. Defendants also engaged in a knowing omission of material fact by failing to inform consumers in any fashion that the Product actually contained no pork.

182. These affirmative representations and omissions were, at best, a deceptive practice.

183. By the acts alleged herein, Defendants have made a misrepresentation of a material fact and a material nondisclosure, as described herein.

- 184. Defendants acted with knowledge that their conduct was deceptive and with intent that such conduct deceived consumers.
- 185. While it is not clear that actual reliance is required, Plaintiff Wilcox and the members of the Pennsylvania Sub-Class did justifiably rely upon the misrepresentation and material nondisclosure; a reliance which may be presumed in this case where defendants have engaged in a common course of identical conduct.

186. Indeed, it impossible to conclude there was no reliance in this case since the false affirmative statement of fact alleged herein is contained in the name of the product itself, which includes the words "Pork & Beans" in the Product name. It is a logical certainty that anyone wishing to purchase pork and beans would, of necessity, have to look at the product label to see the name of the product and therefore saw that it was called pork and beans.

187. In addition, Defendants' conduct violated 73 P.S. § 201-2(4) (vii) by

"representing that goods... are of a particular standard, quality or grade... if they are of another".

188. As a proximate result of this conduct, Plaintiff Wilcox and the members of the Pennsylvania Sub-Class have suffered an ascertainable loss of money.

#### <u>COUNT XIV</u> PENNSYLVANIA COMMON LAW BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY

#### **On Behalf of the Pennsylvania Sub-Class Only**

189. Plaintiff Wilcox incorporates all preceding paragraphs of this complaint as if set forth fully herein.

190. By operation of Pennsylvania law, Defendants entered into a contract with each Pennsylvania Sub-Class member when the member purchased a container of "Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce" in Pennsylvania.

191. By operation of Pennsylvania law, the terms of this contract included an express warranty incorporating the identical affirmation, promise and description by Defendants regarding "Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce," made in writing on the Product label, which stated that the good contained "PORK."

### 192. The relevant terms and language of the express warranty between Defendants and each member of the Pennsylvania Sub-Class are identical.

193. Defendants have breached the terms of this express warranty in an identical manner for each Pennsylvania Sub-Class member because
"Great Value Pork & Beans in Tomato Sauce" did not and could not

conform to the affirmation, promise and description on this label because,

in fact, the Product actually contained no pork whatsoever.

194. As a direct and proximate result of this breach of express warranty by

Defendants, each member of the Pennsylvania Sub-Class has suffered

economic loss.

#### COUNT XV

#### PENNSYLVANIA COMMON LAW BREACH OF IMPLIED CONTRACT/VIOLATION OF COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING

#### **On Behalf of the Pennsylvania Sub-Class Only**

195. Plaintiff Wilcox incorporates all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth at length herein.

196. By operation of Pennsylvania law, there existed an implied contract for the sale of goods existed between Plaintiff Wilcox and each member of the Pennsylvania Sub-Class who purchased the Product at a Walmart store located in Pennsylvania.

197. By operation of Pennsylvania, there existed an implied duty of good faith and fair dealing in each such contract.

198. By the acts alleged herein, Defendants have violated that duty of good faith and fair dealing, thereby breaching the implied contract between Defendants and each member of the Pennsylvania Sub-Class. 

199. As a result of that breach, Plaintiff Wilcox and each member of the					
Pennsylvania Sub-Class suffered damages.					
PRAYER FOR RELIEF					
WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs ask this court to:					
a. Certify the proposed Nationwide Class and each State Sub-Class as class actions pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 23;					
b. Enter an order for injunctive and declaratory relief as described herein;					
c. Enter judgment in favor of each class member for damages suffered as a result of the conduct alleged herein, to include interest and pre-judgment interest;					
d. Award plaintiffs reasonable attorneys' fees and costs;					
e. Award plaintiffs and the class treble damages; and					
f. Grant such other and further legal and equitable relief as the court deems just and equitable.					
JURY DEMAND					
Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury as to all issues so triable.					
Dated: October 7, 2015					
By: <u>s/Todd M. Friedman</u> Todd M. Friedman (SBN: 216752)					
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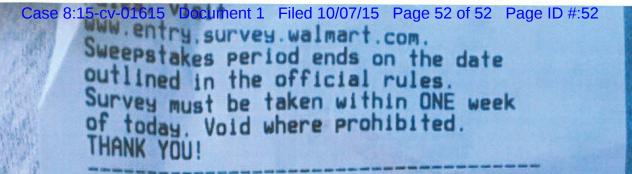
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