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	behalf of all others similarly situated,
13	Plaintiff, CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT
14	V. JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
15	LENNY & LARRY'S INC., a California Corporation, and DOES 1-50
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Plaintiff Odessa Wiley ("Wiley" or "Plaintiff"), by and through her counsel, brings this Class Action Complaint against Defendant Lenny & Larry's, Inc. ("Defendant"), and alleges, upon personal knowledge as to her own actions, and upon information and belief and the investigation of her counsel as to all other matters, as follows:

NATURE OF THE CASE

1. This is a consumer protection and false advertising class action. Defendant markets, advertises, distributes and sells a line of high protein "Complete Cookies" under the Lenny & Larry's brand name, which it prominently labels as "All Natural" and as containing "No GMOs." Defendant also markets, advertises, and distributes lines of high protein muffins and brownies under the Lenny & Larry's brand name, which Defendant also prominently labels as "All Natural."

2. The products that Defendant advertises as "All Natural" and "No GMOs" include the <u>All Natural Complete Cookie Line</u>: ¹

	(a)	The All Natural Chocolate Chip Complete Cookie;
	(b)	The All Natural Double Chocolate Complete Cookie;
	(c)	The All Natural Lemon Poppy Seed Complete Cookie;
	(d)	The All Natural Oatmeal Raisin Complete Cookie;
	(e)	The All Natural Peanut Butter Complete Cookie;
	(f)	The All Natural Pumpkin Spice Complete Cookie;
	(g)	The All Natural White Chocolate Macadamia Complete Cookie; and
	(h)	The All Natural Snickerdoodle Complete Cookie.
3.	The p	roducts that Defendant advertises as "All Natural" include:
	(a)	The All Natural Muscle Brownie Product Line:
		i. The All Natural Triple Chocolate Muscle Brownie;
		ii. The All Natural Cookies & Cream Muscle Brownie;
		nue offering some products and regularly introduces new products that are also falsely "All Natural." Defendant may also market and sell additional substantially similar

products of which Plaintiff is unaware. Plaintiff will ascertain the identity of these additional products through

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1	iii. The All Natural Peanut Butter Muscle Brownie; and
2	iv. The All Natural Caramel Walnut Muscle Brownie.
3	(b) <u>The All Natural Muscle Muffin Product Line</u> :
4	i. The All Natural Blueberry Muscle Muffin;
5	ii. The All Natural Banana Muscle Muffin;
6	iii. The All Natural Pumpkin Muscle Muffin; and
7	iv. The All Natural Double Chocolate Muscle Muffin;
8	(c) <u>The All Natural FIT Protein Brownie Product Line:</u>
9	i. The All Natural Chocolate Decadence FIT Protein Brownie;
10	ii. The All Natural Chocolate Raspberry FIT Protein Brownie; and
11	iii. The All Natural Peanut Butter Crunch FIT Protein Brownie.
12	4. The foregoing products are collectively referred to in this Complaint as the
13	"Products."
14	5. These Products are not "All Natural" for three independent reasons. First, the
15	Products contain ingredients – including soybean oil, soy protein isolate, soy lecithin, canola
16	oil, corn syrup, cornstarch, dextrose, maltodextrin, and beet syrup – that are made from
17	genetically modified ("GM") crops, including GM soy, GM rapeseed, GM corn and GM sugar
18	beets.
19	6. A GM crop is a crop whose genetic material has been altered by humans using
20	genetic engineering techniques. The World Health Organization defines genetically modified
21	organisms ("GMOs"), which include GM crops, as "organisms in which the genetic material
22	(DNA) has been altered in a way that does not occur naturally. There are wide-ranging
23	controversies related to GM crops, including health risks from ingesting GM foods and
24	negative environmental effects associated with growing GM crops. The use and labeling of
25	GM foods is the subject of a variety of laws, regulations, and protocols worldwide. GM crops
26	are man-made and are not "all natural."
27	7. Second, Defendant's "All Natural" claims are also false because certain
28	Products contain soy protein isolate, soy lecithin, maltodextrin, dextrose, sorbitan tristearate,

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xanthan gum, citric acid, niacin, thiamine mononitrate, riboflavin and folic acid, all of which are unnatural, synthetic, and/or artificial. Defendant's use of these ingredients also causes the Products to be not "All Natural."

8. Upon information and belief, Defendant uses hexane-processed soy products in its "All Natural" products. Indeed, the principal source of protein in each of Defendant's high-protein, "All Natural" Products is hexane-processed soy protein isolate.

9. Approximately 95% of all soybean processors in the United States use hexane as a cheap solvent to extract oil from soybeans in order to make soy oil and protein ingredients.² Hexane is a constituent of gasoline obtained from crude oil, natural gas liquids, or petroleum refinery processing. According to the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration, hexane is a narcotic and neurotoxic agent, which can cause irritation to the eyes and upper respiratory tract. Commercial hexane also contains benzene, a known hematologic poison linked to chronic leukemia.

14 10. Third, Defendant's "All Natural" claims are also false because the GM soybean
15 oil and canola oil used as ingredients in the Products are so heavily processed that they bear no
16 chemical resemblance to the GM crops from which they are derived. Through heavy
17 industrialized processing, the GM soybean oil and canola oil have become man-made, rather
18 than natural.

11. Although the Products are not "All Natural," Defendant prominently labels every package of the Products sold in California and throughout the United States as "All Natural," cultivating a wholesome and healthful image in an effort to promote the sale of these products, even though the food products were actually not "All Natural" as they were labeled.

12. Defendant does this because consumers perceive all natural foods as better, healthier, and more wholesome. In fact, the market for all natural foods has grown rapidly in recent years, a trend that Defendant exploits through false advertising. Defendant is keenly

² See http://www.perducagribusinesspa.com/#!about/c21r (last visited May 18, 2015).

aware that its "All Natural" claim appeals to consumers. In November 2014, in an interview with a trade publication, Defendant's CEO touted the "all natural" and "non-GMO" attributes of its All Natural Cookies as follows: "People always like to eat cookies and then when consumers see the cookie is also all natural, non- GMO, high in protein and fiber, its appeal is even stronger. It's not just like eating a cookie that has a lot of sugar and calories."³ 5

In light of Defendant's "All Natural" representation, a reasonably prudent 6 13. 7 consumer would certainly not expect these food products to include artificial, synthetic 8 ingredients, ingredients sourced from GM crops and/or highly-processed ingredients. As a result of such false and misleading labeling, Defendant was able to sell these purportedly 9 "All Natural" products to thousands of unsuspecting consumers in California and throughout 10 the United States while profiting handsomely from these transactions. 11

12 14. Any consumer who purchased the Products – irrespective of their motivation 13 for purchasing the Products - suffered harm in the form of a higher price that Defendant was 14 able to command for the Products based on the false representations that they are "All 15 Natural."

Plaintiff brings claims against Defendant individually and on behalf of all other 15. 16 similarly situated purchasers of the Products for: (1) breach of express warranties; (2) 17 18 violations of California's Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 1750, et seq.; and 19 (3) violations of California's Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200, et seq. 20 Plaintiff seeks an order requiring Defendant to, among other things: (1) cease the unlawful 21 marketing; (2) conduct a corrective advertising campaign; and (3) pay damages and restitution 22 to Plaintiff in the amounts paid to purchase the products at issue.

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16. Plaintiff Odessa Wiley is a resident of San Francisco County, California.

17. Defendant Lenny & Larry's, Inc. is a California Corporation with its principal place of business located in Northridge, California. Defendant Lenny & Larry's, Inc. markets,

See http://www.bakeryandsnacks.com/Manufacturers/Lenny-Larry-s-high-protein-cookies-boom (last visited May 18, 2015) (emphasis added).

advertises, distributes and sells the Products to consumers throughout California and the United States.

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Plaintiff is currently ignorant of the true names and capacities, whether 18. individual, corporate, associate, or otherwise, of the defendants sued herein under the fictitious names Does 1 through 50, inclusive, and therefore sue such defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will amend this complaint to allege the true names and capacities 7 of said fictitiously named defendants when their true names and capacities have been ascertained. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of the fictitiously 8 named Doe defendants are legally responsible in some manner for the events and occurrences 9 alleged herein, and for the damages suffered by Plaintiff and members of the Class. 10

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

This class action is brought pursuant to the California Code of Civil Procedure 19. 12 Section 382. The damages and restitution sought by Plaintiff exceeds the minimal jurisdiction 13 14 limit of the Superior Court and will be established according to proof at trial.

15 20. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to the California Constitution, Article VI, Section 10, which grants the Superior Court "original jurisdiction in 16 all causes except those given by statute to other courts." The statutes under which this action is 17 brought do not specify any other basis for jurisdiction. 18

This Court has jurisdiction over the Defendant because, upon information and 19 21. belief, Defendant is a citizen and/or resident of California. 20

Venue is proper in this Court because, upon information and belief, Defendant 21 22. transacts business in this County and the acts and omissions alleged herein took place in this 22 County. Plaintiff resided in the San Francisco County at the time she purchased the Products, 23 and continues to live in the San Francisco County. 24

Defendant is incorporated in California, has its principal place of business in 25 23. 26 Northridge, California and operates, manages and directs its national and international sales and business operations from its offices in California. Defendant has manufacturing, storage 27 and distribution facilities in California, from which Defendant operates and directs the 28

majority of its nationwide sales and business operations. It is therefore believed and averred that the misleading labeling and related misconduct at issue in this Complaint occurred, were conducted and/or were directed primarily from, or at least a substantial proportion emanated from, California, including, but not limited to: (a) the design of the Lenny & Larry's Products' packaging; (b) the review, approval and revision of food products and labeling; (c) the selection and integration of ingredients into the Products; (d) the distribution of the Products nationwide; and (e) the management and supervision of sales operations to Plaintiff and the Classes (as defined herein).

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

24. 10 Plaintiff's allegations in this complaint as to her own actions are based on 11 personal knowledge. All other allegations are based on information and belief that they will 12 have evidentiary support, after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or 13 discovery. Whenever allegations in this complaint are contrary or inconsistent, such 14 allegations shall be deemed to be alleged in the alternative

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

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Defendant Deceptively Labels The Products As "All Natural"

25. For the four years preceding the filing of this Complaint, Defendant has 18 prominently and conspicuously labeled and advertised the Products as "All Natural." The 19 labeling and marketing on the Products communicates a straightforward, material message, which is that the "All Natural" Products are 100% natural. However, unbeknownst to Plaintiff, the Products actually contain artificial, synthetic ingredients, ingredients sourced from GM crops and/or highly-processed ingredients, and are not "all natural."

23 26. The core deceptive, false, and misleading representations that the Products are 24 "All Natural" is conspicuously and prominently placed on the Products' packaging for every 25 person to see as soon as they pick up a Product to read it.

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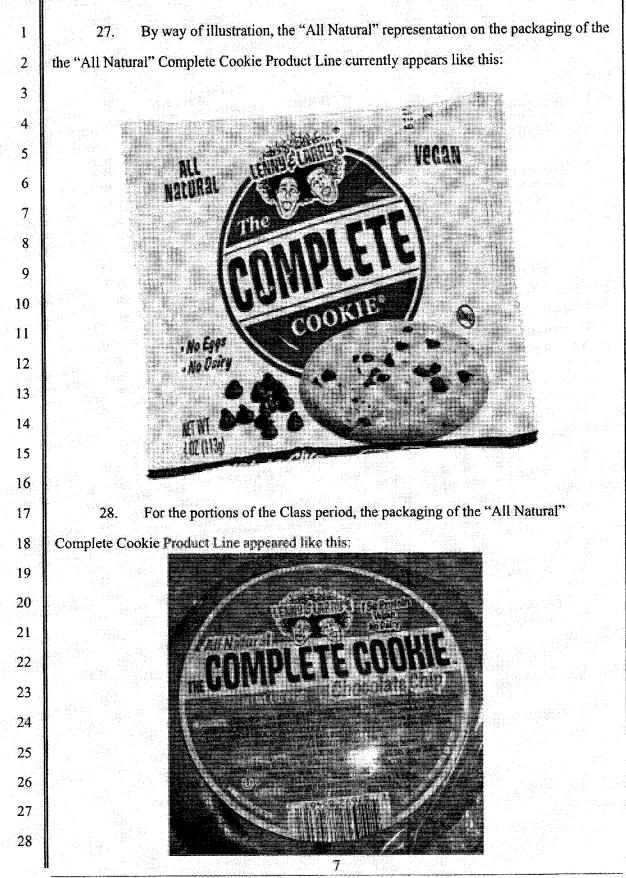
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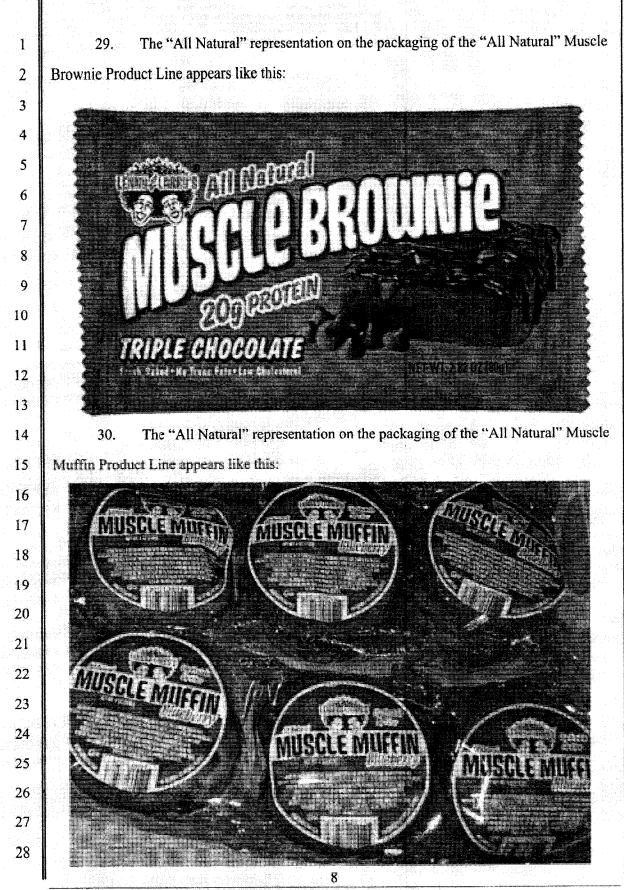
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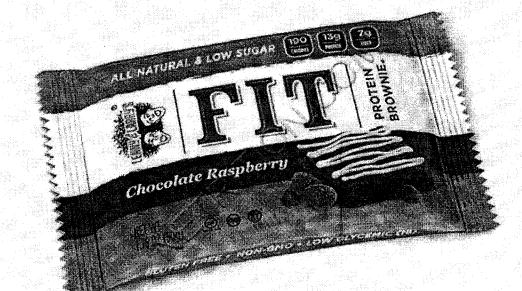




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31. The "All Natural" representation on the packaging of the "All Natural" Fit

Brownie Product Line currently appears like this



32. By conspicuously and prominently placing the "All Natural" representations on the Product's packaging, Defendant has ensured that all consumers purchasing the Products would be exposed to its "All Natural" claims.

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Food Derived From Genetically Modified Organisms Is Not All Natural

18 33. Genetically modified crops do not occur in nature, and as such are not "All 19 Natural." On the contrary, genetically modified crops are crops that are genetically 20 manipulated from their natural state. For example, Monsanto, one of the largest producers of 21 genetically modified crop seed, defines genetic modification (or genetic engineering) to mean 22 "[t]he technique of removing, modifying or adding genes to a living organism via genetic 23 engineering or other more traditional methods. Also referred to as gene splicing, recombinant 24 DNA (rDNA) technology or genetic engineering." Monsanto also defines Genetically Modified Organisms ("GMO") as "[p]lants or animals that have had their genetic makeup 25 26 altered to exhibit traits that are not naturally theirs. In general, genes are taken (copied) from 27 one organism that shows a desired trait and transferred into the genetic code of another 28 organism."

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The World Health Organization's ("WHO") definition of GMO is consistent 34. with how Monsanto defines them: "Genetically modified (GM) foods are foods derived from organisms whose genetic material (DNA) has been modified in a way that does not occur naturally, e.g. through the introduction of a gene from a different organism." WHO also cautions that "All GM foods should be assessed before being allowed on the market."

35. The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") for Prevention, Pesticides, And Toxic Substances, has distinguished between conventional breeding of plants "through natural methods, such as cross-pollination" and genetic engineering. "Conventional breeding is a method in which genes for pesticidal traits are introduced into a plant through natural methods, such as cross-pollination." "Genetically engineered plant-incorporated protectants are created through a process that utilizes several different modern scientific techniques to introduce a specific pesticide-producing gene into a plant's DNA genetic material."

Romer Labs, a company that provides diagnostic services to the agricultural 36. industry, including tests to detect and determine the existence of GM crops, defines GM crops as "[a]griculturally important plants [that] are often genetically modified by the insertion of DNA material from outside the organism into the plant's DNA sequence, allowing the plant to express novel traits that normally would not appear in nature, such as herbicide or insect resistance. Seed harvested from GMO plants will also contain these modifications."

20 37. As indicated by the various industry, government and health protection agency organizations cited above, GM crops and GMOs are not "all natural." In addition, products 22 made from GM crops and GMOs are not "all natural."

38. 23 The United States Department of Agriculture ("U.S.D.A") estimates that, as of 24 2014, approximately 89% of corn, 90% of rapeseed and 94% of soybeans grown in the United States is genetically modified.⁴ Canola oil is made from rapeseed. Nearly 95% of the sugar 25

See http://www.ers.usda.gov/media/185551/biotechcrops d.html (last visited May 18, 2015); see also http://www.huffingtonpost.com/margie-kelly/genetically-modified-food b 2039455.html (last visited May 18, 2015); Economic Research Service, USDA, Genetically engineered varieties of corn, upland cotton, and soybeans, by State and for the United States, 2000-14 (alltables.xls), available at http://www.ers.usda.gov/dataproducts/adoption-of-genetically-engineered-crops-in-the-us.aspx#.VBcWqC5dWyR (last visited May 18, 2015).

beets grown in the United States are genetically modified.⁵ Upon information and belief, the small percentage of these crops that are not GM are organic and are used in USDA Organic-Certified and/or Non-GMO Project Certified products. Defendant's Products are neither USDA Organic-Certified nor Non-GMO Project Certified. Upon information and belief, given the amount of commingling of agricultural products in grain silos, the soybeans, corn, rapeseed from which Defendant's ingredients are derived are GM crops.

39. The market for natural products is large and ever growing and consumers are
willing to pay a premium for products they believe to be natural, healthy and/or organic.
Natural Foods Merchandiser magazine's 2013 Market Overview reported significant growth
for the natural and organic products industry. Gleaning more than \$89.4 billion dollars in
revenue in 2013 alone, the industry grew ten-and-a-half percent (10.5%) from 2012, revealing
that consumers' desire for natural products is huge and continues to grow.

40. Defendant's "All Natural" representations are deceptive, false, misleading, and
unfair to consumers who are injured in fact by purchasing Products that Defendant claims are
"All Natural" when the Products actually contain ingredients made from GM soybeans, corn,
rapeseed and sugar beets and, thus, are not all natural.

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The Products Are Not "All Natural" Because They Contain Ingredients Sourced From GM Crops, Highly-Processed Ingredients And Other Synthetic Ingredients

41. The Products contain ingredients derived from GM crops, highly-processed ingredients and/or artificial, synthetic ingredients, and are, thus, not "all natural."

42. Specifically, although each of the Compete Cookies is labeled "All Natural" and "Non-GMO" and all the other Products are labeled "All Natural," each of the Products contains the following unnatural ingredients:

The Chocolate Chip Complete Cookie:

 Contains Hexane-Processed Soy Protein Isolate Canola Oil, and Enriched Wheat Flour (Wheat Flour, Niacin, Iron, Thiamine Mononitrate, Riboflavin, Folic Acid).

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⁵ See http://www.takepart.com/article/2012/07/20/usda-deregulates-gmo-sugar-beet (last visited May 18, 2015).

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1		Colored with Annatto Extract.	
2	b.	The Lemon Poppy Seed Complete Cookie:	
3		Contains Hexane-Processed Soy Protein Isolate Canola Oil, and	
4		Enriched Wheat Flour (Wheat Flour, Niacin, Iron, Thiamine	
5		Mononitrate, Riboflavin, Folic Acid).	
6		Colored with Turmeric.	
7	C.	The Peanut Butter Complete Cookie:	
8		Contains Hexane-Processed Soy Protein Isolate Canola Oil, and	
9		Enriched Wheat Flour (Wheat Flour, Niacin, Iron, Thiamine	
10		Mononitrate, Riboflavin, Folic Acid).	
11		Colored with Annatto Extract.	
12	d,	The Double Chocolate Complete Cookie:	
13		Contains Hexane-Processed Soy Protein Isolate Canola Oil, and	
14		Enriched Wheat Flour (Wheat Flour, Niacin, Iron, Thiamine	
15		Mononitrate, Riboflavin, Folic Acid).	
16		Colored with Annatto Extract.	
17	е.	The Oatmeal Raisin Complete Cookie:	
18		• Contains Hexane-Processed Soy Protein Isolate Canola Oil, and	
19		Enriched Wheat Flour (Wheat Flour, Niacin, Iron, Thiamine	
20		Mononitrate, Riboflavin, Folic Acid).	
21		Colored with Annatto Extract.	
22	f.	The White Chocolate Macadamia Complete Cookie:	
23		• Contains Hexane-Processed Soy Protein Isolate Canola Oil, and	
24		Enriched Wheat Flour (Wheat Flour, Niacin, Iron, Thiamine	c.
25		Mononitrate, Riboflavin, Folic Acid).	
26		Colored with Annatto Extract.	
27	g .	The Snickerdoodle Complete Cookie:	
28		• Contains Hexane-Processed Soy Protein Isolate Canola Oil, and	
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1	Enriched Wheat Flour (Wheat Flour, Niacin, Iron, Thiamine
2	Mononitrate, Riboflavin, Folic Acid)
3	h. Double Chocolate Muscle Muffin:
· 4	Contains Hexane-Processed Soybean Oil, Dextrose, Hexane-
5	Processed Soy Lecithin, Hexane-Processed Soy Protein Isolate,
6	Corn Starch, Lecithin and Wheat Flour (Wheat Flour, Niacin,
7	Iron, Thiamine Mononitrate, Riboflavin, Folic Acid).
8	i. <u>Blueberry Muscle Muffin</u> :
9	Contains Hexane-Processed Soybean Oil, Hexane-Processed
10	Soy Protein, Corn Starch, Lecithin and Enriched Wheat Flour
11	(Wheat Flour, Niacin, Iron, Thiamine Mononitrate, Riboflavin,
12	Folic Acid).
13	j. <u>Banana Muscle Muffin</u> :
14	Contains Hexane-Processed Soybean Oil, Water, Hexane-
15	Processed Soy Protein Isolate, Corn Starch, Lecithin and
16	Enriched Wheat Flour (Wheat Flour, Niacin, Iron, Thiamine
17	Mononitrate, Riboflavin, Folic Acid).
18	k. <u>Pumpkin Muscle Muffin</u> :
19	Contains Hexane-Processed Soybean Oil, Hexane-Processed
20	Soy Protein Isolate, Com Starch, Lecithin, and Enriched Wheat
21	Flour (Wheat Flour, Niacin, Iron, Thiamine Mononitrate,
22	Riboflavin, Folic Acid).
23	I. <u>Triple Chocolate Muscle Brownie</u> :
24	Contains Hexane-Processed Soy Isolate, Hexane-Processed Soy
25	Lecithin, Citric Acid, Corn Syrup, Dextrose, Sorbitan
26	Tristearate, Soy Lecithin, Cocoa processed with Alkali, Caparve
27	(cultured Dextrose, Flour and/or Corn Starch).
28	Colored with Beta Carotene.
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1	m. <u>Cookies & Cream Muscle Brownie</u> :
2	Contains Hexane-Processed Soy Isolate, Cornstarch,
3	Maltodextrin, Glycerin, Dextrose, Soy Lecithin, Citric Acid
4	Corn Syrup, Xanthan Gum, Canola Oil, Soy Lecithin, Cocoa
5	Processed with Alkali, Caparve (cultured Dextrose, Flour and/or
6	Corn Starch).
7	Colored with Beta Carotene and Carmel Color.
8	n. <u>Peanut Butter Muscle Brownie</u> :
9	Contains Hexane-Processed Soy Isolate, Hexane-Processed Soy
10	Lecithin, Citric Acid, Vitamin A Palmitate, Corn Syrup, Soy
11	Lecithin, Cocoa processed with Alkali, Caparve (cultured
12	Dextrose, Flour and/or Corn Starch).
13	Colored with Beta Carotene.
14	o. The All Natural Caramel Walnut Muscle Brownie,
15	Contains Hexane-Processed Soy Isolate, Hexane-Processed Soy
16	Lecithin, Citric Acid, Corn Syrup, Dextrose, Cocoa processed
17	with Alkali, Caparve (cultured Dextrose, Flour and/or Corn
18	Starch)
19	Colored with Beta Carotene and Caramel Coloring.
20	p. <u>Chocolate Raspberry FIT Protein Brownie</u> :
21	Contains Corn Starch, Alkalized Cocoa, Beet Syrup, Hexane-
22	Processed Soy Lecithin, Citric Acid, Ascorbic Acid.
23	q. <u>Chocolate Decadence FIT Protein Brownie</u> :
24	Contains Corn Starch, Alkalized Cocoa, Beet Syrup, Hexane-
25	Processed Soy Lecithin.
26	r. <u>Peanut Butter Crunch FIT Protein Brownie</u> :
27	Contains Corn Starch, Alkalized Cocoa, Beet Syrup, Hexane-
28	Processed Soy Lecithin.
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43. *Canola Oil*: Upon information and belief, the Canola Oil used as an ingredient
 in Defendant's Products has been derived from GM rapeseed during the four year period
 preceding the filing of this Complaint.

4 44. Soy Protein Isolate, Soybean Oil, Soy lecithin: Upon information and belief,
5 the Soy Protein Isolate, Soybean Oil, Soy lecithin used as an ingredient in Defendant's
6 Products has been derived from GM soy beans during the four year period preceding the filing
7 of this Complaint.

8 45. Corn starch, Corn Syrup, Dextrose, Maltodextrin: Upon information and
9 belief, the Corn starch, Corn Syrup, Dextrose, Maltodextrin used as an ingredient in
10 Defendant's Products has been derived from GM corn during the four year period preceding
11 the filing of this Complaint.

46. Beet syrup: Upon information and belief, the beet syrup used as an ingredient
in Defendant's Products has been derived from GM beets during the four year period
preceding the filing of this Complaint.

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The Products Are Not Natural Because They Contain Ingredients That Are Heavily Processed, Chemically-Derived And/Or Are Synthetic And Artificial, Including Hexane-Processed Soy Products

47. Independent of the use of GM crops in the Products, Defendant's "All Natural" claims are false because the Products contain ingredients that are synthetic and so heavily processed that they no longer are chemically the same as the raw ingredients. The various processes by which the ingredients are synthesized render the final Products chemically derived and non-natural. While they retain the non-natural genetic attributes of the GM crops from which they are sourced, many of the Products' ingredients no longer bear any natural chemical resemblance to their source crops as a result of the extensive process by which they are refined.

48. *Hexane-Processed Soy Ingredients*. All of Defendant's Products contain different types of soy products produced through the use of a volatile synthetic solvent, hexane. Hexane is a constituent of gasoline obtained from crude oil, natural gas liquids, or

petroleum refinery processing. According to the United States Occupational Safety and Health
 Administration ("OSHA"), hexane is a narcotic and neurotoxic agent which can cause
 irritation to the eyes and upper respiratory tract. Commercial hexane also contains benzene, a
 known hematologic poison linked to chronic leukemia. The hexane-processed soy ingredients
 in Defendant's Products include soy protein isolate, soy lecithin, and soybean oil.

49. Approximately 95% of all soybean processors in the United States use hexane
as a cheap solvent to extract oil from soybeans in order to make soy oil and protein
ingredients. Whole soybeans are literally bathed in hexane to separate the soybeans' oil from
protein. Companies like Defendant that market products as "All Natural" because they contain
soy products misleadingly neglect to advise consumers that they use hexane-processed soy
products and that the finished hexane-processed soy products may contain residual hexane.

12 50. Sov Protein Isolate. Soy Protein Isolate is used as a source of protein. Due to 13 the significant amount of processing required to extract soy protein from whole soybeans, 14 including hexane processing, soy protein isolate is classified as a synthetic substance. 7 C.F.R. 15 § 205.2. Soy protein isolate is so heavily processed that a Technical Advisory Panel 16 addressing the requirements of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 concluded that it is 17 a synthetic substance. The spray drying process forms nitrites, potent carcinogens. The 18 alkaline processing forms lysinoalanine, a toxin. Database of Select Committee on GRAS 19 Substances (SCOGS) Reviews, Soy Protein Isolate. Residual hexane also may be present in 20 soy protein isolate.

21 51. Soy Lecithin: Soy lecithin is used in food as an emulsifier, lubricant, and 22 preservative. Due to the significant amount of processing required to extract soy protein from 23 whole soybeans, including hexane processing, soy lecithin is classified as a synthetic 24 substance. 7 C.F.R. § 205.2. Residual hexane also may be present in soy protein isolate. 25 52. Lecithin: Lecithin is used in food as an emulsifier, lubricant, and preservative. 26 Due to the significant amount of processing required to manufacture lecithin, lecithin is a 27 synthetic substance. 7 C.F.R. § 205.2.

53. Canola Oil and Soybean Oil are heavily-processed cooking oils and are not

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1	natural.
2	54. Many types of oil are extracted through processes that allow the oils to retain
3	the chemical composition occurring in nature. Cold pressed olive oil, for example, is produced
4	through a mechanical process of compressing the oil from olives. Chemicals may also be used
5	in the extraction process to obtain a higher yield of oil. However, chemically, the oil at the
6	end of the process is the same as it was at the beginning of the process.
7	55. In contrast, the processes used to create the soybean and canola oil used in the
. 8 . 1	Products go well beyond mere extraction techniques, resulting in chemically altered goods.
9	Soybean and canola oil typically undergo several distinct chemical processes: (1) hexane
10	extraction; (2) chemical refining; (3) bleaching; (4) deodorizing; and (5) conditioning:
11	a. The manufacturer first physically presses the soybeans and rapeseed, which
12	typically extracts a small portion of the extractable oil. Next, the vegetables are treated
13	with hexane, a carcinogenic chemical linked to cancer and other major health problems
14	in studies conducted on animals, to extract the remaining crude oil. Residual hexane
15	may be present in the final product.
16	b. After the crude oil has been extracted, the crude oil is treated with sodium
17	hydroxide and/or phosphoric acid to separate and remove free fatty acids ("FFAs").
18	The oil is separated from byproducts using centrifugal separation. Oftentimes
19	potassium hydroxide, a corrosive acid, also is used in the process.
20	c. After neutralization, the soybean or canola oil is bleached and deodorized with
21	additional cleaning solutions and processes to lighten the oil's color and minimize its
22	odor.
23	d. After being bleached and deodorized, the soybean or canola oil typically is
24	conditioned using phosphoric acid, consumption of which has been linked to lower
25	bone density as well as chronic kidney disease.
26	56. Sorbitan Tristerate. Sorbitan Tristearate is a nonionic surfactant used for a
27	variety of purposes, including as a dispersing agent, emulsifier, and stabilizer, in food and in
28	aerosol sprays. Sorbitan Tristearate is synthetically manufactured for commercial production

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57. *Maltodextrin* is saccharide polymer that is produced through the non-kitchenchemistry process of partial acid and enzymatic hydrolysis of starch. 21 C.F.R. § 184.1444(a).
58. *Citric Acid* is made synthetically by the fermentation of glucose. The process of
making this citric acid utilizes GE sugar beets and GE corn. It increases the acidity of a
microbe's environment, which makes it harder for bacteria and mold to survive and reproduce.
Its main purpose is to serve as a preservative.

59. Dextrose is a chemically derived sweetener and is a principal component of
high fructose corn syrup. It is produced through chemical degradation of corn starch by
complete hydrolysis with certain acids or enzymes, followed by commercial refinement and
crystallization of the resulting hydrolysate. It is thus a synthetic substance. On information and
belief, GM corn is used as the source of the dextrose.

13 60. Xanthan Gum is a polysaccharide derived from the bacterial coat of the
14 Xanthomonas campesris bacterium. Although derived from a natural bacterium, Xanthan Gum
15 is commercially manufactured as a sodium, potassium or calcium salt and is considered to be
16 synthetic by federal regulation. 7 C.F.R. § 205.605(b). Xanthan Gum is used in food products
17 such as beverages as a thickening or stabilizing agent, and as an emulsifier in salad dressings.

Enriched Flour is a highly processed form of wheat flour that has been 18 61. 19 rendered into an artificial, unnatural ingredient. Enriched flour is formed when wheat seeds are 20 ground to remove the outer layer of the seed and rend a fine light brown or yellowish flour. 21 During this process, almost all nutrients are removed the flour, leaving a product that is void of 22 its natural nutritional properties. The flour then has synthetic substances added to it in an 23 attempt to restore nutritional value to the product. Several of these synthetic substances, all of 24 which are included in the Products containing enriched flour, are described in more detail 25 below:

a. *Niacin* is a synthetic form of vitamin B3 formed from 3-methylpyridine.
b. *Thiamine Mononitrate* is the mononitrate salt of thiamine and is chemically distinct from naturally-occuring thiamine (or vitamin B1). Thiamine

mononitrate is a synthetic substance prepared from thiamine hydrochloride
(also synthetic) by dissolving the hydrochloride salt in alkaline solution
followed by precipitation of the nitrate half-salt with a stoichiometric amount of
nitric acid.

c. *Folic Acid* is a synthetic substance. Folic Acid is the chemical N -[4-<(2-amino-1,4-dihydro-4-oxo-6-pteridinyl)methyl]amino]benzoyl]-L-glutamic acid.. Folic acid is synthetically manufactured. Folic acid differs from natural folate in numerous respects, including shelf-life and bio-availability. The molecular structure of folic acid is also different from that of natural folate.

Beta-carotene is another synthetic version of natural vitamin A. 21 C.F.R. §
 184.1245(a); U.S. International Trade Commission, Synthetic Organic Chemical Index,
 USTIC Pub. 2933 (Nov. 1995). It is a food coloring agent. E160a. 21 C.F.R. § 101.22(a)(4)
 ("artificial color" or "artificial coloring"). Beta-carotene is isolated from natural sources using
 column chromatography and separation by non-polar solvents such as hexane (a synthetic
 neurotoxin and environmental hazard).

16 63. Annatto Extract, Tumeric, Caramel Color, and Beta Carotene are added
17 colors. Stating its policy, the United States Food and Drug Administration explains, "[s]ince
18 all added colors result in an artificially colored food, we would object to the declaration of any
19 added color as 'food' or 'natural.^{m6}

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Defendant's False and Misleading Advertising is Likely to Deceive Reasonable Consumers

64. Defendant's false and misleading representations and omissions are likely to deceive Plaintiff and other reasonable consumers.

65. Reasonable consumers must and do rely on food label representations and information in making purchase decisions.

⁶ See Food and Drug Administration Compliance Policy Guideline Manual 578.100 Label Declaration of Certification-Exempt Color Additives, available at

 http://www.fda.gov/ICECI/ComplianceManuals/CompliancePolicyGuidanceManual/ucm074644.htm (last visited May 18, 2015).

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66. Defendant's statement that the Products are "All Natural" is material to a reasonable consumer's purchase decision because reasonable consumers, such as Plaintiff, care whether food products contain artificial, synthetic ingredients, ingredients sourced from GM crops and/or highly-processed ingredients, especially when a product claims to be "All Natural."

6 67. Reasonable consumers attach importance to an "All Natural" claim when
7 making a purchasing decision.

8 68. According to a June 2014 consumer survey of a nationally representative
9 sample of consumers conducted by the Consumer Reports National Research Center, 59% of
10 consumers look for a "natural" claim when shopping for packaged or processed foods like the
11 Products,⁷

69. The June 2014 Consumer Reports Survey found that 64% percent of consumers
think that the "natural" label on packaged and processed foods means that it contains no
GMOs, and 85% of consumers believe that the "natural" label on packaged and processed
foods should mean that it contains no GMOs. The June 2014 Consumer Reports Survey also
found that 66% percent of consumers think that the "natural" label means that no artificial
ingredients were used, and 86% of consumers believe that packaged and processed foods sold
as "natural" should mean that no artificial ingredients were used.

19 70. Similarly, a 2010 survey conducted by Mintel Group, Ltd. found that 65% of
20 respondents were "somewhat interested" or "very interested" in natural products and that 62%
21 of respondents who used natural products agreed that it was worth paying more for certain
22 types of products labeled "natural."

23 71. Defendant markets and advertises the Products as "All Natural" to increase
24 sales derived from the Products. Defendant is well-aware that claims of food being "All
25 Natural" are material to reasonable consumers. In November 2014, in an interview with a trade
26 publication, Defendant's CEO touted the "all natural" and "non-GMO" attributes of its All

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⁷ Consumer Reports National Research Center Survey Research Report Food Label Survey, available at http://www.greenerchoices.org/pdf/consumerreportsfoodlabelingsurveyjune2014.pdf (last visited May 18, 2015).

Natural Cookies as follows: "People always like to eat cookies and then when consumers see the cookie is also *all natural, non- GMO*, high in protein and fiber, its appeal is even stronger.
It's not just like eating a cookie that has a lot of sugar and calories."⁸

4 72. Upon information and belief, in making the false, misleading, and deceptive
5 representations and omissions, Defendant knew and intended that consumers would pay a
6 price premium for the Products if they were labeled "All Natural."

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F. Plaintiff's Reliance and Damages

73. Plaintiff has purchased several Products in California within the past four years
in reliance on Defendant's representations that the Products were "All Natural." Specifically,
within the past four years, Plaintiff purchased Products including the All Natural Lemon
Poppy Seed Complete Cookie, the All Natural Chocolate Chip Complete Cookie, the All
Natural Double Chocolate Complete Cookie and the All Natural Triple Chocolate Muscle
Brownie at retailers in San Francisco County, including, but not limited to, 7-Eleven and 24
Hour Fitness.

15 74. The words "All Natural" appeared prominently on each of the Products' 16 packages. This representation was material to Plaintiff's decision to make these purchases. 17 75. Plaintiff was willing to pay for the Products because of the representations that 18 they were "All Natural" and would not have purchased the Products, would not have paid as 19 much for the Products, or would have purchased alternative products in the absence of the 20 representations, or with the knowledge that the Products contained artificial, synthetic 21 ingredients, ingredients sourced from GM crops and/or highly-processed ingredients that are 22 not all natural.

23 76. Plaintiff paid for "All Natural" Products, but she received Products that were
24 not "All Natural."

77. The Products that Plaintiff received were worth less than the products for which she paid. By purchasing products in reliance on advertising that is false, Plaintiff has suffered

⁸ See http://www.bakeryandsnacks.com/Manufacturers/Lenny-Larry-s-high-protein-cookies-boom (last visited May 18, 2015) (emphasis added).

1	injury in fact and lost money as a result of the unfair business practices alleged here.		
2	CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS		
3	78. Plaintiff brings this action on her own behalf and on behalf of all persons		
4	similarly situated pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 382. Plaintiff seeks		
5	certification of the following Nationwide and California Classes.		
6	79. The Nationwide Class is initially defined as follows:		
7 8	All persons residing in the United States who, from the date that is four years prior to the filing of this Complaint until the date notice is disseminated to the Class, purchased any of the		
9	Products (the "Nationwide Class").		
10	80. The California Class is initially defined as follows:		
11	All persons residing in the California who, from the date that is four years prior to the filing of this Complaint until the date notice is disseminated to the Class, purchased any of the		
12	Products (the "California Class").		
13	81. Excluded from each of the above Classes are Defendant, including any entity in		
14	which Defendant has a controlling interest, is a parent or subsidiary, or which is controlled by		
15	Defendant, as well as the officers, directors, affiliates, legal representatives, predecessors,		
16	successors, and assigns of Defendant. Also excluded are the judges and court personnel in this		
17	case and any members of their immediate families, as well as any person who purchased the		
18	Product for the purpose of resale.		
19	82. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend or modify the Class definitions with greater		
20	specificity or division into subclasses after having had an opportunity to conduct discovery.		
21	83. <u>Numerosity</u> . Each Class is so numerous that joinder of all members is		
22	unfeasible and not practicable. While the precise number of Class members has not been		
23	determined at this time, Plaintiff is informed and believe that many thousands or millions of		
24	consumers have purchased the Products.		
25	84. <u>Commonality</u> . There are questions of law and fact common to each Class,		
26	which predominate over any questions affecting only individual Class members. These		
27	common questions of law and fact include, without limitation:		
28	a. Whether Defendant uniformly conveyed to the class that the Products were "All 22		

1	Natural;"
2	b. Whether Defendant's claim that the Products are "All Natural" is true or false
3	or likely to deceive a reasonable consumer;
4	c. Whether Defendant violated California Civil Code §§ 1750, et seq.;
5	d. Whether Defendant violated California Business and Professions Code §§
6	17200, et seq.;
7	e. Whether Defendant breached an express warranty;
8	f. Whether Defendant violated California's Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
9	Act, Cal. Health & Safety Code §§ 109875, et seq.; and
10	g. The nature of the relief, including equitable relief, to which Plaintiff and the
11	Class members are entitled.
12	85. <u>Typicality</u> . Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class. Plaintiff
13	and all Class members were exposed to uniform practices and sustained injury arising out of
14	and caused by Defendant's unlawful conduct.
15	86. <u>Adequacy of Representation</u> . Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and
16	protect the interests of the members of the Class. Plaintiff's Counsel are competent and
17	experienced in litigating class actions.
18	87. <u>Superiority of Class Action</u> . A class action is superior to other available
19	methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy since joinder of all the
20	members of the Class is impracticable. Furthermore, the adjudication of this controversy
21	through a class action will avoid the possibility of inconsistent and potentially conflicting
22	adjudication of the asserted claims. There will be no difficulty in the management of this
23	action as a class action.
24	88. <u>Injunctive and Declaratory Relief</u> . Defendant's misrepresentations are uniform
25	as to all members of the Class. Defendant has acted or refused to act on grounds that apply
26	generally to the Class, so that final injunctive relief or declaratory relief is appropriate with
27	respect to the Class as a whole.
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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

2	Breach of Express Warranty
3	(On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Nationwide Class Or, Alternatively, the California Class)
4	89. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding factual allegations as if fully set forth
5	herein.
6	90. Defendant sold the Products in its regular course of business. Plaintiff and
7	Class members purchased the Products.
8	91. Defendant made a promise and representation to Plaintiff and Class members
9	that the Products are "All Natural." Defendant's promises and representations constitute an
10	express warranty that was provided to all consumers, and that became the basis of the bargain
11	between Plaintiff and Class members on the one hand, and Defendant on the other. Defendant
12	gave these express warranties to Plaintiff and Class members in written form on the packaging
13	of the Products.
14	92. Defendant's written affirmations of fact, promises, and/or descriptions as
15	alleged are each a written warranty.
16	93. Defendant breached the warranty because the representation on the Products'
17	packaging that the Products are "All Natural" is false, as the Products did not contain the
18	properties represented by Defendant.
19	94. The Products are not "All Natural" because they contain artificial, synthetic
20	ingredients, ingredients sourced from GM crops and/or highly-processed ingredients that cause
21	the Products to be not "All Natural."
22	95. All conditions precedent to seeking liability under this claim for breach of
23	express warranty have been performed by Plaintiff and Class members who paid for the
24	Products at issue.
25	96. On February 5, 2015, Plaintiff provided notice to Defendant of its breaches of
26	express warranty. Prior to that date, Defendant knew or should have known that its "All
27	Natural" claims were false because the principal ingredient in its Products is hexane-extracted
28	soy protein isolate, which is a synthetic substance, which causes the Products to be not "all
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natural." Thus, Defendant has had actual and/or constructive notice that its "All Natural"
 claims were and are false and to date has taken no action to remedy its breaches of express
 warranty.

97. Defendant's breaches of warranty have caused Plaintiff and Class members to
suffer injuries, paying for falsely labeled products, and entering into transactions they would
not have entered into for the consideration that Plaintiff and Class members paid. As a direct
and proximate result of Defendant's breaches of warranty, Plaintiff and Class members have
suffered damages and continue to suffer damages, including economic damages in terms of the
difference between the value of the Products as promised and the value of the Products as
delivered.

98. As a result of the breach of these warranties, Plaintiff and Class members 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.

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SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

Violation of Consumers Legal Remedies Act – Civil Code § 1750, *et seq.* (On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Nationwide Class Or, Alternatively, the California Class) 99. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding factual allegations as if fully set forth herein.

20 100. This cause of action is brought pursuant to the Consumers Legal Remedies Act,
21 California Civil Code § 1750, et seq. (the "CLRA") because Defendant's actions and conduct
22 described herein constitute transactions that have resulted in the sale or lease of goods or
23 services to consumers.

101. Plaintiff and each member of the California Classes are consumers as definedby California Civil Code §1761(d).

102. The Products are goods within the meaning of Civil Code §1761(a).

103. Defendant violated the CLRA in at least the following respects:

a. In violation of \$1770(a)(2), Defendant misrepresented the source of the

Products as "All Natural," when they contained artificial, synthetic ingredients, 1 2 ingredients sourced from GM crops and/or highly-processed ingredients; 3 In violation of $\S1770(a)(5)$, Defendant represented that the Products b. 4 have characteristics, ingredients, and benefits (All Natural) which they do not 5 have (because they contain artificial, synthetic ingredients, ingredients sourced 6 from GM crops and/or highly-processed ingredients that are not all natural); 7 In violation of \$1770(a)(7), Defendant represented that the Products are С. 8 of a particular standard, quality or grade ("All Natural") when they are of 9 another (containing artificial, synthetic ingredients, ingredients sourced from 10 GM crops and/or highly-processed ingredients that are not all natural); 11 d. In violation of §1770(a)(9), Defendant has advertised the Products (as 12 "All Natural") with intent not to sell them as advertised (containing artificial, 13 synthetic ingredients, ingredients sourced from GM crops and/or highly-14 processed ingredients that are not all natural); and 15 In violation of §1770(a)(16), Defendant represented that the Products 16 have been supplied in accordance with previous representations (as "All 17 Natural"), when they were not (because they contained artificial, synthetic 18 ingredients, ingredients sourced from GM crops and/or highly-processed 19 ingredients that are not all natural). 20 104. Defendant knew, or should have known, that its representations and 21 advertisements were false and misleading. 22 105. On February 5, 2015, Plaintiff notified Defendant in writing, by certified mail, 23 of the violations alleged herein and demanded that Defendant remedy those violations. 24 106. Defendant has failed to rectify or agree to rectify the problems associated with 25 the actions detailed above and give notice to all affected consumers within 30 days of the date 26 of written notice pursuant to California Civil Code § 1782. Plaintiff, thus, seeks actual, 27 punitive, and statutory damages pursuant to the CLRA. Plaintiff also seek a Court order 28 enjoining the above-described wrongful acts and practices of Defendant and for restitution,

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1	disgorgement, statutory damages, and any other relief that the Court deems proper.
2	107. Defendant's conduct is malicious, fraudulent, and wanton in that Defendant
3	intentionally and knowingly provided misleading information to the public.
4	THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION
5	California Unfair Competition Law – Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200, et seq.
6	(On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Nationwide Class Or, Alternatively, the California Class)
7	108. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding factual allegations as if fully set forth
8	herein.
9	109. Defendant engaged in unlawful, unfair, and/or fraudulent conduct under
10	California's Unfair Competition Law ("UCL"), California Business & Professions Code §
11	17200, et seq., by representing that the Products are "All Natural," when they are not.
12	110. Defendant's conduct is unlawful in that it violates the Consumers Legal
13	Remedies Act, California Civil Code §§ 1750, et seq., and California's Sherman Food, Drug,
14	and Cosmetic Act, Cal. Health & Safety Code §§ 109875 et seq.
15	111. Defendant's conduct is unfair in that it offends established public policy and/or
16	is immoral, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous, and/or substantially injurious to Plaintiff and
17	Class members. The harm to Plaintiff and Class members arising from Defendant's conduct
18	outweighs any legitimate benefit Defendant derived from the conduct. Defendant's conduct
19	undermines and violates the stated spirit and policies underlying the Consumers Legal
20	Remedies Act, and federal laws and regulations as alleged herein.
21	112. Defendant's actions and practices constitute "fraudulent" business practices in
22	violation of the UCL because, among other things, they are likely to deceive reasonable
23	consumers. Plaintiff relied on Defendant's representations and omissions.
24	113. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's violations, Plaintiff suffered
25	injury in fact and lost money because they purchased the Products at the price they paid
26	believing them to be 100% natural when they were not.
27	114. Plaintiff, on behalf of themselves and the Nationwide and California Classes,
28	seeks: (a) injunctive relief in the form of an order requiring Defendant to cease the acts of
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unfair competition alleged herein and to correct its advertising, promotion, and marketing campaigns; (b) full restitution of all monies paid by Plaintiff and all Class members because of Defendant's deceptive practices including, but not limited to, disgorgement of all profits derived from the sale of the Products; (c) interest at the highest rate allowable by law; and (d) the payment of Plaintiff's attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to, inter alia, California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1021.5.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of the other members of the 9 Classes proposed in this Complaint, respectfully requests that the Court enter judgment in her 10 favor and against Defendant, as follows:

11 A. Declaring that this action is a proper class action, certifying the Classes as requested herein, designating Plaintiff as Class Representative and appointing the undersigned 12 13 counsel as Class Counsel;

14 Β. Ordering Defendant to pay actual damages (and no less than the statutory 15 minimum damages), restitution and equitable monetary relief to Plaintiff and the other 16 members of the Class;

17 Ĉ. Ordering Defendant to pay punitive damages, as allowable by law, to Plaintiff 18 and the other members of the Class;

19 D. Ordering Defendant to pay statutory damages, as allowable by the statutes 20 asserted herein, to Plaintiff and the other members of the Class;

21 E. Awarding injunctive relief as permitted by law or equity, including enjoining 22 Defendant from continuing the unlawful practices as set forth herein, and ordering Defendant 23 to engage in a corrective advertising campaign;

24 F. Ordering Defendant to pay attorneys' fees and litigation costs to Plaintiff and 25 the other members of the Class;

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Ordering Defendant to pay both pre- and post-judgment interest on any 1 G. amounts awarded; and 2 Ordering such other and further relief as may be just and proper. H. 3 4 JURY DEMAND Plaintiff demands a trial by jury of all claims in this Complaint so triable. 5 6 Dated: May 18, 2015 Respectfully submitted, 7 AHDOOT & WOLFSON, PC 8 9 Keith Custis 10 Tina Wolfson 11 Robert Ahdoot 12 Keith Custis, Of Counsel Theodore W. Maya 13 1016 Palm Avenue West Hollywood, California 90069 14 Tel: 310-474-9111 Fax: 310-474-8585 15 16 Counsel for Plaintiff **ODESSA WILEY** 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28