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FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs, by their attorneys, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, make the following allegations pursuant to the investigation of their counsel and based on information and belief, except as to allegations pertaining to personal knowledge as to themselves. Plaintiffs believe that substantial additional evidentiary support exists for the allegations set forth herein and will be available after a reasonable opportunity for discovery.

### INTRODUCTION

- 1. Neutrogena Corporation ("Defendant" or "Neutrogena") manufactures, sells, and distributes its Neutrogena Pure & Free<sup>®</sup> sunscreen products (the "Products"), three of which are marketed for use on babies, using a marketing and advertising campaign that is centered around claims that the Products contain "100% naturally sourced sunscreen ingredients," "naturally-sourced sunscreen ingredients" or "100% naturally sourced sunscreens."
  - 2. The specific Products at issue are:
    - a. Pure & Free<sup>®</sup> Baby Faces Ultra Gentle Cream Sunblock Broad Spectrum SPF 45+ and SPF 50+;<sup>2</sup>
    - b. Pure & Free<sup>®</sup> Baby Sunscreen Stick Broad Spectrum SPF 60+;
    - c. Pure & Free® Baby Sunscreen Broad Spectrum SPF 60+;3 and
    - d. Pure & Free® Liquid Sunscreen Broad Spectrum SPF 50.
- 3. This action seeks to remedy the unfair and deceptive business practices arising from the marketing and sale of the Products as "Natural." The Products' Principal Display

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Natural is defined as "existing in or produced by nature: not artificial." http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/natural. Source is defined as "a point or origin or procurement." When used as a verb, it is defined as "to obtain from a source." www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/source. The FDA has not defined the term "natural" in the context of cosmetics. To the contrary, on December 14, 2012, the FDA affirmed that "proceedings to define the term "natural" do not fit within [its] current health and safety priorities." Appellants' Motion to take Judicial Notice, Exhibit A at 3 Astiana v. The Hain Celestial Group, No. 12-cv-17596 (9th Cir. March 22, 2013).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Both Baby Faces Ultra Gentle Cream Sunblock SPF formulations contain identical ingredients.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Upon information and belief, the representation on this product was changed from "100% naturally sourced sunscreen ingredients" to "naturally-sourced sunscreen ingredients" in spring 2013.

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27 28 Panels ("PDPs") state, "100% naturally sourced sunscreen ingredients," "naturally-sourced sunscreen ingredients" or "100% naturally sourced sunscreens." These statements are false and misleading to a reasonable consumer because, as set forth more fully herein, the Products are not naturally sourced and instead contain unnatural, synthetic ingredients.

- 4. Plaintiffs and members of the Classes and Subclasses described below paid a premium for the Products over comparable sunscreen products that did not purport to be naturally sourced. Contrary to Defendant's representations, instead of receiving a naturally sourced product, they received products that contained unnatural synthetic ingredients.
- 5. Defendant's false representations and advertising that the Products contain "100% naturally sourced sunscreen ingredients," "naturally-sourced sunscreen ingredients" or "100% naturally sourced sunscreens" constitutes unfair, unlawful, and fraudulent conduct, is likely to deceive members of the public, is unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous, and/or substantially injurious to consumers, and violates California's legislatively declared policy against misrepresenting the characteristics of goods and services. As such, Defendant's practices violate California's Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 1750 et seq. (hereinafter, the "CLRA") and California's Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200, et seq. (hereinafter, the "UCL"). Accordingly, pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17203, Plaintiffs seek an order enjoining Defendant's acts of unfair competition and awarding restitution and other appropriate relief to the individual victims of Defendant's unfair and deceptive practices. Additionally, Plaintiffs seek damages pursuant to Cal. Civ. Code § 1781(a).

# JURISDICTION AND VENUE

6. This Court has original jurisdiction over the claims asserted herein individually and on behalf of the Class pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d), as amended by the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005. Subject matter jurisdiction is proper because: (1) the amount in controversy in this class action exceeds five million dollars, exclusive of interest and costs; and (2) a substantial number of the members of the proposed class are citizens of a state different from that of Defendant. Personal jurisdiction is proper as Defendant is domiciled in California

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and has purposefully availed itself of the privilege of conducting business activities within the State of California.

7. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) because Defendant is a resident of this district. Venue is also proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) because a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claim occurred in this District.

#### **PARTIES**

- 8. Plaintiff Julie Fagan is a resident of Sunnyvale, California and an individual consumer. Plaintiff purchased at least three Pure & Free<sup>®</sup> Baby Sunscreen Broad Spectrum SPF 60+ products<sup>4</sup> and one Pure & Free<sup>®</sup> Baby Sunscreen Stick Broad Spectrum SPF 60+ product between 2012 and 2013 at Walgreens, 303 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Los Altos, CA 94022; Walgreens, 121 E El Camino Real, Mountain View, CA, 94040; and Walgreens, 1306 S. Mary Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94087. Plaintiff viewed the product labels set forth in Paragraph 16 before her purchases, relied on the phrases, "100% naturally sourced sunscreen ingredients" and "naturally-sourced sunscreen ingredients" when purchasing the products and paid a premium over comparable products that do not purport to be naturally sourced.
- 9. Plaintiff Michael Fagan is a resident of Sunnyvale, California and an individual consumer. Plaintiff purchased Pure & Free® Baby Sunscreen Broad Spectrum SPF 60+ for a price of \$16.49/3 oz on July 5, 2013 at Walgreens, 303 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Los Altos, CA 94022. Plaintiff additionally purchased Pure & Free<sup>®</sup> Baby Sunscreen Broad Spectrum SPF 60+ at the same Walgreens store in approximately April 2013. Plaintiff viewed the product label set forth in Paragraph 16 before his purchases, relied on the phrases, "100% naturally sourced sunscreen ingredients" and/or "naturally-sourced sunscreen ingredients" when purchasing the products and paid a premium over comparable products that do not purport to be naturally sourced.
- Plaintiff Melissa Pennellatore is a resident of North Easton, Massachusetts and an 10. Plaintiff purchased Pure & Free® Baby Faces Ultra Gentle Cream individual consumer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Plaintiff purchased Pure & Free<sup>®</sup> Baby Sunscreen Broad Spectrum SPF 60+ products labeled "100% naturally sourced sunscreen ingredients" and "naturally-sourced sunscreen ingredients."

<sup>5</sup> This Pure & Free<sup>®</sup> Baby Sunscreen Broad Spectrum SPF 60+ product was labeled "naturally-sourced sunscreen ingredients."

<sup>6</sup> This Pure & Free<sup>®</sup> Baby Sunscreen Broad Spectrum SPF 60+ product was labeled "100% naturally sourced sunscreen ingredients."

Sunblock Broad Spectrum SPF 50+ at CVS in Mashpee, MA over the Memorial Day holiday weekend in May 2013. Plaintiff reviewed the product labels set forth in Paragraph 16 before her purchase, relied on the representation that the product consisted of "100% naturally sourced" ingredients, and paid a premium for the Products over comparable products that do not purport to be naturally sourced.

- 11. Plaintiff Amy Sapeika is a resident of Birmingham, Michigan and an individual consumer. Plaintiff purchased four 3-ounce Pure & Free<sup>®</sup> Baby Sunscreen Broad Spectrum SPF 60+<sup>5</sup> products for a price of \$10.99 each and one half-ounce Pure & Free<sup>®</sup> Baby Sunscreen Stick Broad Spectrum SPF 60+ product for a price of \$8.79 at Target, 2400 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI, 48302 on May 9, 2013. Plaintiff additionally purchased one Pure & Free<sup>®</sup> Baby Sunscreen Broad Spectrum SPF 60+ product and one Pure & Free<sup>®</sup> Baby Sunscreen Stick Broad Spectrum SPF 60+<sup>6</sup> product at the same Target store in 2012. Plaintiff reviewed the product labels set forth in paragraph 16 before her purchase, relied on the representations "100% naturally sourced sunscreen ingredients" and "naturally-sourced sunscreen ingredients," and paid a premium for the Products over comparable products that do not purport to be naturally sourced.
- 12. Plaintiff Shelley Trinchero is a resident of Santa Cruz, California and an individual consumer. Plaintiff purchased Pure & Free<sup>®</sup> Liquid Sunscreen Broad Spectrum SPF 50 in September 2011 at CVS, 1750 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010 or Rite-Aid, 1475 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010. Plaintiff reviewed the product labels set forth in paragraph 15 before her purchase, relied on the representation "100% naturally sourced sunscreens," and paid a premium for the Products over comparable products that do not purport to be naturally sourced.
- 13. Defendant Neutrogena Corporation is a Delaware corporation headquartered at 5760 W. 96<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles, California 90045. Defendant distributes, markets, and sells the Products throughout the United States in pharmacies, supermarkets and other retailers. Upon

information and belief, Defendant's conduct giving rise to the claims set forth herein, including the manufacturing, labeling, and advertising of the Products, takes place in California.

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#### SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS

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14. Consumers have become increasingly concerned about the effects of synthetic and chemical ingredients in food, cleaning, bath and beauty, and everyday household products. Companies such as Neutrogena have capitalized on consumer appetite for "natural products." Indeed, consumers are willing to pay, and have paid, a premium for products branded "natural" over ordinary products that contain synthetic ingredients. In 2010, for example, nationwide sales of natural products totaled \$117 billion.<sup>7</sup>

15. Neutrogena is a brand of skin care, hair care, and cosmetic products manufactured and marketed by Neutrogena Corporation sold in drugstores, grocery stores and discount stores nationwide. Neutrogena manufactures approximately thirty seven varieties of sunscreen, four of which comprise the "Pure & Free" line. Defendant touts the purportedly "natural" protection from the Products on its website and specifically represents that this "natural" protection is what makes the Products superior to "other leading baby sunblocks." For example, its Pure & Free® baby sunscreen page<sup>8</sup> misleadingly explains,

A baby's skin is 10 times more sensitive to the environment.

With a thinner skin and a developing natural protection system, a baby's skin needs special protection from the sun and irritating chemicals. That's why Neutrogena created Pure & Free® Baby sunscreen. Unlike other leading baby sunblocks, it has 100% naturally-sourced sunscreen ingredients





Powerful sunscreens that come from nature.

# **pure**screen®

Only Pure & Free® Baby sunscreen protects with PURESCREEN®, a powerful blend of physical sunscreens known to be gentle on sensitive skin. It forms a protective barrier over delicate skin, reflecting and scattering harmful UVA/UVB rays before they have a chance to even touch your baby.

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16. Defendant falsely represents that the Products contain only naturally sourced ingredients. The PDP of each Product states, "100% naturally sourced sunscreen ingredients," "100% naturally sourced sunscreens" or "naturally-sourced sunscreen ingredients:"





- 17. Based on the language that appears on the PDP of each Product, "100% naturally sourced sunscreens," "100% naturally sourced sunscreen ingredients" or "naturally-sourced sunscreen ingredients," Plaintiffs reasonably believed the Products contained only natural ingredients.
- The phrases "100% naturally sourced sunscreens," "100% naturally sourced 18. sunscreen ingredients" and "naturally-sourced sunscreen ingredients" constitute representations to a reasonable consumer that the Products contain only natural ingredients. These phrases are misleading to a reasonable consumer because the Products actually contain numerous unnatural synthetic ingredients.
- 19. In fact, in direct contradiction to Defendant's representations, the Products contain irritating chemicals such as Retinyl Palmitate and Tocopheryl Acetate.

1	vii. <i>Dimethicone PEG-8 Laurate</i> – a synthetic skin conditioning agent with
2	contamination hazards from carcinogens ethylene oxide and 1,4 dioxane; 1
3	viii. <i>Disodium EDTA</i> – a synthetic chelating agent; <sup>18</sup>
4	ix. <i>Ethylhexylglycerin</i> – a synthetic preservative and skin conditioning
5	agent; <sup>19</sup>
6	x. Glyceryl Stearate – a synthetic surfactant and emulsifying agent; <sup>20</sup>
7	xi. Hydroxyethyl Acrylate/Sodium Acryloyldimethyl Taurate Copolymer – a
8	synthetic emulsion stabilizer and opacifying agent; <sup>21</sup>
9	xii. <i>Isohexadecane</i> – a synthetic skin conditioning agent and emollient; <sup>22</sup>
10	xiii. <i>Methicone</i> – a synthetic skin conditioning agent and emollient; <sup>23</sup>
11	xiv. <i>Methylisothiazolinone</i> – a synthetic preservative that has been associated
12	with allergic reactions. Some studies suggest methylisothiazolinone may
13	be neurotoxic; <sup>24</sup>
14	xv. <i>Peg-100 Stearate</i> – a synthetic surfactant with contamination hazards
15	from carcinogens ethylene oxide and 1,4 dioxane; <sup>25</sup>
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19	http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/ingredient/718524/DIMETHICONE_PEG-8_LAURATE/
20	http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/ingredient/702146/DISODIUM_EDTA/
21	http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/ingredient/702352/ETHYLHEXYLGLYCERIN/
22	http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/ingredient/702658/GLYCERYL_STEARATE_SE/
23	<sup>21</sup> http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/ingredient/703053/HYDROXYETHYL_ACRYLATE/_SODIU   M_ACRYLOYLDIMETHYL_TAURATE_COPOLYMER/
24	<sup>22</sup> http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/ingredient/703183/ISOHEXADECANE/
25	<sup>23</sup> http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/ingredient/703873/METHICONE/
26	http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/ingredient.php?ingred06=703935
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1	xvi.	<b>PEG-8</b> – a synthetic humectant and solvent with contamination hazards
2		from carcinogens ethylene oxide and 1,4 dioxane; <sup>26</sup>
3	xvii.	<i>Polyaminopropyl Biguanide</i> – a synthetic preservative; <sup>27</sup>
4	xviii.	<i>Polyhydroxystearic Acid</i> – a synthetic suspending agent; <sup>28</sup>
5	xix.	<i>Polymethyl Methacrylate</i> – a synthetic polymer; <sup>29</sup>
6	XX.	Polysorbate 60 – a synthetic emulsifier and surfactant with contamination
7		hazards from carcinogens ethylene oxide and 1,4 dioxane; <sup>30</sup>
8	xxi.	<i>Retinyl Palmitate</i> – a synthetic skin conditioning agent. When exposed to
9		UV light it can produce free radicals that can damage DNA and cause
10		gene mutations. Studies have linked retinyl palmitate exposed to UV
11		light to cancer and have raised concerns that prolonged exposure may be
12		toxic to a developing fetus; <sup>31</sup>
13	xxii.	Styrene/Acrylates Copolymer – a synthetic film-former with
14		contamination hazards from methacrylic acid, acrylic acid, 2-ethylhexyl
15		acrylate; <sup>32</sup>
16	xxiii.	Tocopheryl Acetate – a synthetic skin conditioning agent with
17		contamination hazards from hydroquinone, 33 a chemical that may
18		increase the risk of skin cancer when exposed to UV light; <sup>34</sup> and
19	http://www.ewg.or	g/skindeep/ingredient/704655/PEG-8/
20		g/skindeep/ingredient/704962/POLYAMINOPROPYL_BIGUANIDE/
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22		g/skindeep/ingredient/705070/POLYMETHYL_METHACRYLATE/
23		g/skindeep/ingredient/705139/POLYSORBATE-60/
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1	xxiv. <i>Trimethylsiloxysilicate</i> – a synthetic silicone-based polymer. <sup>35</sup>
2	b. Pure & Free® Liquid Sunscreen Broad Spectrum SPF 50 contains the
3	following unnatural, synthetic ingredients:
4	i. BHT – see paragraph 22(a)(iii);
5	ii. <i>C12-15 Alkyl Benzoate</i> – a synthetic skin conditioning agent; <sup>36</sup>
6	iii. Cetyl Peg/Ppg-10/1 Dimethicone – a synthetic skin conditioning agent
7	with contamination hazards from 1,4 dioxane and ethylene dioxide; <sup>37</sup>
8	iv. <i>Dimethicone</i> – see paragraph 22(a)(vi);
9	v. <i>Dmdm Hydantoin</i> – a synthetic antimicrobial preservative that releases
10	formaldehyde; <sup>38</sup>
11	vi. Polyglyceryl-4 Diisostearate/Polyhydroxystearate/Sebacate – a synthetic
12	surfactant; <sup>39</sup>
13	vii. <i>Ppg-12/Smdi Copolymer</i> – a synthetic film former; <sup>40</sup>
14	viii. <i>Triethoxycaprylylsilane</i> – a synthetic silicone-based binder; <sup>41</sup> and
15	ix. <i>Trisiloxane</i> - a synthetic antifoaming agent. 42
16	c. Pure & Free® Baby Sunscreen Stick Broad Spectrum SPF 60+ contains the
17	following unnatural synthetic ingredients:
18	http://safecosmetics.org/article.php?id=289
19	http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/ingredient/706697/TRIMETHYLSILOXYSILICATE/
20	http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/ingredient/700898/C12-15_ALKYL_BENZOATE/
21	37http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/ingredient/701277/CETYL_PEG%3B%3B_PPG-
22	10%3B%3B_1_DIMETHICONE/#
23	http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/ingredient/702196/DMDM_HYDANTOIN/
24	http://www.cosmeticanalysis.com/cosmetic-ingredients/polyglyceryl-4-diisostearate-polyhydroxystearate-sebacate.html
25	http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/ingredient/705246/PPG-12%3B%3B_SMDI_COPOLYMER/
26	41 http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/ingredient/706643/TRIETHOXYCAPRYLYLSILANE/
27	42 http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/ingredient/706714/TRISILOXANE/
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1	i. <i>BHT</i> – see paragraph 22(a)(iii);
2	ii. <i>Butyloctyl Salicylate</i> – a synthetic skin conditioning agent; <sup>43</sup>
3	iii. <i>C12 15 Alkyl Benzoate</i> – see paragraph 22(b)(ii);
4	iv. <i>Isostearic Acid</i> – a synthetic binder and surfactant; <sup>44</sup>
5	v. <i>Polyethylene</i> – a synthetic emulsion stabilizer with contamination hazards
6	from 1,4 dioxane; and
7	vi. <i>Triethoxycaprylylsilane</i> – see paragraph 22(b)(viii).
8	d. Pure & Free <sup>®</sup> Baby Faces Ultra Gentle Sunblock Broad Spectrum SPF 50+
9	and SPF 45+ contain the following unnatural synthetic ingredients:
10	i. <i>C12 15 Alcohol Benzoate</i> – see paragraph 22(b)(ii);
11	ii. <i>Carbomer</i> – a synthetic emulsion stabilizer; <sup>45</sup>
12	iii. <i>Cetyl Dimethicone</i> – see paragraph 22(b)(v);
13	iv. <i>Cetyl Hydroxyethylcellulose</i> – a synthetic emulsion stabilizer; <sup>46</sup>
14	v. Cetyl PEG/PPG 10/1 Dimethicone – see paragraph 22(b)(iii);
15	vi. <i>Dimethicone Crosspolymer</i> – a synthetic emulsion stabilizer; <sup>47</sup>
16	vii. <i>Dimethicone</i> – see paragraph 22(a)(vi);
17	viii. Dimethicone/Vinyl Dimethicone Crosspolymer – a synthetic viscosity
18	increasing agent; <sup>48</sup>
19	ix. <i>Disodium Phosphate</i> – a synthetic buffering agent; <sup>49</sup>
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21	http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/ingredient/700867/BUTYLOCTYL_SALICYLATE/
22	http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/ingredient/703222/ISOSTEARIC_ACID/
23	http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/ingredient/701088/CARBOMER/
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*Ethylhexylglycerin* – see paragraph 22(a)(ix); 1 *Hexyl Laurate* – a synthetic skin conditioning agent;<sup>50</sup> 2 *Isopropyl Myristate* – a synthetic binder;<sup>51</sup> 3 xiii. *Phenoxyethanol* – a synthetic preservative;<sup>52</sup> 4 xiv. *Polyglyceryl 4 Isostearate* – a synthetic skin conditioning agent;<sup>53</sup> 5 6 Styrene/Acrylates Copolymer – see paragraph 22(a)(xxii); and 7 xvi. *Triethoxycaprylylsilane* – see paragraph 22(b)(viii). 8 23. Upon information and belief, all of the sales and marketing concepts, plans, 9 communications and materials concerning the Products were conceived of, written, approved and 10 implemented by Defendant's employees located at Defendant's headquarters in Los Angeles, California. In particular, the misrepresentations on the PDPs alleged above were conceived of, 11 12 written and approved and implemented by Defendant's employees located at Defendant's 13 headquarters in Los Angeles, California. The employees responsible for the marketing of Neutrogena brand products, including Brand Managers and the Product Director are located at 14 15 Defendant's headquarters in Los Angeles, California. Accordingly, the alleged acts and practices relevant to this litigation emanated from Defendant's headquarters in Los Angeles, 16 California. Moreover, upon information and belief, Defendant receives substantial revenues 17 18 from the sale of the Products in California. 19 24. As set forth herein, Plaintiffs and Class members suffered an ascertainable loss in 20 at least the following amounts, in that they paid a premium for the Products over comparable products<sup>54</sup> that are not marketed as natural: 21 22 <sup>50</sup> http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/ingredient/702842/HEXYL\_LAURATE/ 23 24 <sup>52</sup> http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/ingredient/704811/PHENOXYETHANOL/ 25 <sup>53</sup> http://www.ewg.org/skindeep/ingredient/705036/POLYGLYCERYL-4\_ISOSTEARATE/ 26 <sup>54</sup> The comparable products are sold in many of the same stores and are used for the same purpose as the Products. Additionally, the comparable products contain many of the same 27 ingredients as the Products. Coppertone Water Babies Pure & Simple Sunscreen Lotion SPF 50, Pure & Free Baby Sunscreen Broad Spectrum SPF 60+ and Pure & Free Baby Faces Ultra 28

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2	Mislabeled "natural" product: Pure & Free Baby Sunscreen	Price:	Price per ounce:
3	Broad Spectrum SPF 60	\$10.99/3oz <sup>55</sup>	\$3.66
4	Comparable non-natural	Price:	Price per ounce:
5	<i>product:</i> Coppertone Water Babies Pure	\$10.99/8 oz <sup>56</sup>	¢1.27
6	& Simple Sunscreen Lotion SPF 50	\$10.99/8 0Z	\$1.37
7	Premium paid per ounce:		\$2.29
8	Premium paid per 3 oz product:		\$6.87
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10	Mislabeled "natural" product: Pure & Free <sup>®</sup> Baby Sunscreen	Price:	Price per ounce:
11	Stick Broad Spectrum SPF 60+	\$8.99/.47 oz <sup>57</sup>	\$19.13

Mislabeled "natural" product: Pure & Free <sup>®</sup> Baby Sunscreen	Price:	Price per ounce:
Stick Broad Spectrum SPF 60+	\$8.99/.47 oz <sup>57</sup>	\$19.13
Comparable non-natural	Price:	Price per ounce:
product: Coppertone Water Babies	\$4.99/.6 oz <sup>58</sup>	
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Gentle Sunblock Broad Spectrum SPF 50+ and 45+ all contain zinc oxide and triethoxycaprylylsilane. Coppertone Water Babies Sunscreen Stick SPF 55 and Pure & Free Baby Sunscreen Broad Spectrum SPF 60+ both contain beeswax and ozokerite. Neutrogena Sheer Dry-Touch Sunscreen Broad Spectrum SPF 55 and Neutrogena Pure & Free Liquid

<sup>55</sup>http://www.drugstore.com/neutrogena-pure-and-free-baby-sunblock-spf-60-lotion/qxp211762?catid=184131

Sunscreen SPF 50 both contain BHT, trimethylsiloxysilicate and dimethicone.

 $^{56}\mbox{http://www.drugstore.com/coppertone-water-babies-pure-and-simple-sunscreen-lotion-spf-50/qxp213377?catid=184131}$ 

<sup>57</sup>http://www.drugstore.com/neutrogena-pure-and-free-baby-sunblock-spf-60-stick/qxp211763?catid=184131

<sup>58</sup>http://www.drugstore.com/coppertone-water-babies-sunscreen-stick-spf-55/qxp249022?catid=184131

	Price:	Price per ounce:	
Pure & Free® Baby Faces Ultra			
Gentle Sunblock Broad	50		
Spectrum SPF 50+ and SPF	$10.99-11.49/2.5 \text{ oz}^{59}$		
45+		\$4.40-4.60	
Comparable non-natural	Price:	Price per ounce:	
product:			
Coppertone Water Babies Pure			
& Simple Sunscreen Lotion	60	44.07	
SPF 50	$10.99/8 \text{ oz}^{60}$	\$1.37	
Premium paid per ounce:		\$3.03- 3.23	
Premium paid per 2.5 oz product:		\$7.58-8.08	

Mislabeled "natural" product:	Price:	Price per ounce:
Neutrogena Pure & Free® Liquid Sunscreen SPF 50	\$12.99/1.4 oz <sup>61</sup>	\$9.28
Comparable non-natural	Price:	Price per ounce:
product: Neutrogena Sheer Dry-Touch Sunscreen Broad Spectrum SPF 55	\$11.99/3oz <sup>62</sup>	\$4.00
Premium paid per ounce:		\$5.28
Premium paid per 1.4 oz product:		\$7.39

# **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

- 25. Plaintiffs bring this action as a class action pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 23 on behalf of themselves and the Classes (the "Classes") defined as follows:
  - a. All purchasers of the Products in the United States who purchased the Products primarily for personal, family or household purposes. Specifically excluded from this Class are Defendant; the officers, directors or employees of Defendant; any entity in which Defendant has a controlling interest; and any affiliate, legal representative, successor in interest or assign of Defendant. Also excluded are the judge to whom this

 $^{60} http://www.drugstore.com/coppertone-water-babies-pure-and-simple-sunscreen-lotion-spf-50/qxp213377?catid=184131$ 

<sup>61</sup>http://www.drugstore.com/neutrogena-pure-and-free-liquid-daily-sunscreen-spf-50/qxp328504?catid=184131

 $^{62}\ http://www.drugstore.com/neutrogena-ultra-sheer-dry-touch-sunscreen-spf-55/qxp150735$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup>http://www.drugstore.com/neutrogena-pure-and-free-baby-faces-spf-50/qxp389208?catid=184131; http://www.neutrogena.com/product/pure+-+free-baby+faces+ultra+gentle+sunscreen+broad+spectrum+spf+45-.do?sortby=ourPicks

case is assigned and any member of the judge's immediate family (the "Nationwide Class"); in the alternative,

- b. All purchasers of the Products in the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and the District of Columbia who purchased the Products primarily for personal, family or household purposes. Specifically excluded from this Class are Defendant; the officers, directors or employees of Defendant; any entity in which Defendant has a controlling interest; any affiliate, legal representative, successor interest or assign of Defendant; the judge to whom this case is assigned and any member of the judge's immediate family (the "Count IV Class"); in the alternative,
- c. All purchasers of the Products in the States of Alaska, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and the District of Columbia who purchased the Products primarily for personal, family or household purposes. Specifically excluded from this Class are Defendant; the officers, directors or employees of Defendant; any entity in which Defendant has a controlling interest; any affiliate, legal representative, successor in interest or assign of Defendant; the judge to whom this case is assigned and any member of the judge's immediate family (the "Count III Class").
- 26. Plaintiff Amy Sapeika seeks to represent the following Subclass:

All purchasers of the Products in the State of Michigan who purchased the Products primarily for personal, family or household purposes. Specifically excluded from this Class are Defendant; the officers, directors or employees of Defendant; any entity in which Defendant has a controlling interest; and any affiliate, legal representative, successor in interest or assign of Defendant. Also excluded are the judge to whom this case is assigned and any member of the judge's immediate family (the "Michigan Subclass").

27. Plaintiffs Julie Fagan, Michael Fagan and Shelley Trinchero seek to represent the following Subclass:

All purchasers of the Products in the State of California who purchased the Products primarily for personal, family or household purposes.

Specifically excluded from this Class are Defendant; the officers, directors or employees of Defendant; any entity in which Defendant has a controlling interest; and any affiliate, legal representative, successor in interest or assign of Defendant. Also excluded are the judge to whom this case is assigned and any member of the judge's immediate family (the "California Subclass").

28. Plaintiff Melissa Pennellatore seeks to represent the following Subclass:

All purchasers of the Products in the State of Massachusetts who purchased the Products primarily for personal, family or household purposes. Specifically excluded from this Class are Defendant; the officers, directors or employees of Defendant; any entity in which Defendant has a controlling interest; and any affiliate, legal representative, successor in interest or assign of Defendant. Also excluded are the judge to whom this case is assigned and any member of the judge's immediate family (the "Massachusetts Subclass").

- 29. The Classes and Subclasses are sufficiently numerous, as the Products are sold in thousands of stores and they include thousands of persons who have purchased the Products.
- 30. There are questions of law and fact common to the Classes and Subclasses and these questions predominate over questions affecting only individual Class and Subclass members. Common legal and factual questions include, but are not limited to:
  - a. whether Defendant advertises or markets the Products in a way that is unfair,
     deceptive, false or misleading to a reasonable consumer;
  - b. whether, by the misconduct set forth in this Complaint, Defendant has engaged in unfair, deceptive, or unlawful business practices with respect to the advertising, marketing, and sales of its Products;
  - c. whether Defendant's conduct constitutes fraudulent, unfair, or unlawful conduct; and
  - d. whether, as a result of Defendant's misconduct alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the Classes and Subclasses are entitled to restitution, injunctive and/or other monetary relief.
- 31. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately represent the Classes and Subclasses and have retained counsel experienced and competent in the prosecution of consumer and class action

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litigation. Plaintiffs have no interests antagonistic to those of other members of the Classes or Subclasses. Plaintiffs are committed to the vigorous prosecution of this action and have retained counsel experienced in litigation of this nature to represent them. Plaintiffs anticipate no difficulty in the management of this litigation as a class action.

- 32. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Classes and Subclasses as all members of the Classes and Subclasses are similarly affected by Defendant's wrongful conduct.
- 33. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy. Because of the amount of the individual Class and Subclass members' claims relative to the complexity of the litigation and the financial resources of the Defendant, few, if any, members of the Classes and Subclasses would seek legal redress individually for the wrongs complained of here. Absent a class action, Class members will continue to suffer damages and Defendant's misconduct will proceed without remedy.

#### **COUNT I**

(Violation of the Unfair Competition Law (the "UCL") Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200, et seq. Based on Fraudulent, Unlawful and Unfair Acts and Practices brought by All Plaintiffs on behalf of the Nationwide Class, and brought by Plaintiffs Julie Fagan, Michael Fagan and Shelley Trinchero on behalf of the California Subclass)

- 34. The foregoing allegations are realleged and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- 35. Under the UCL, "any unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice" constitutes unfair competition.

#### Fraudulent Acts and Practices

- 36. Any business act or practice that is likely to deceive members of the public constitutes a fraudulent business act or practice under the UCL.
- 37. Defendant has engaged, and continues to engage, in conduct that is likely to deceive members of the public. This conduct includes, but is not limited to, representing that the Products contained "100% naturally sourced sunscreen ingredients," "naturally-sourced sunscreen ingredients" or "100% naturally sourced sunscreens," leading consumers to believe the

# Unlawful Acts and Practices

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- 39. The violation of any law constitutes an unlawful business practice under Business & Professions Code § 17200.
- 40. Defendant's conduct violates Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, which prohibits unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce. By representing that the Products contain "100% naturally sourced sunscreen ingredients," "naturally-sourced sunscreen ingredients" or "100% naturally sourced sunscreens," when, in fact, the products contain numerous synthetic ingredients, Defendant violated Section 5 of the FTC Act.
- 41. Defendant's conduct also violates Cal. Health & Safety Code § 111765, which prohibits the sale of any misbranded cosmetic product. The Products, that bear labeling stating, "100% naturally sourced sunscreen ingredients," "naturally-sourced sunscreen ingredients" or "100% naturally sourced sunscreens" are "false and misleading in any particular" and are thus misbranded cosmetics products as defined by Cal. Health & Safety Code § 111730.
- 42. By violating the FTC Act and/or Cal. Health and Safety Code § 111765, Defendant has engaged in unlawful business acts and practices which constitute unfair competition within the meaning of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200.

### **Unfair Acts and Practices**

- 43. Any business practice that offends an established public policy or is immoral, unethical, oppressive, unscrupulous, or substantially injurious to consumers constitutes an "unfair" practice under the UCL.
- 44. Defendant has engaged, and continues to engage, in unfair business practices. This conduct includes representing that the Products contain "100% naturally sourced sunscreen

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27 28 ingredients," "naturally-sourced sunscreen ingredients" or "100% naturally sourced sunscreens" when, in fact, they contain numerous synthetic and unnatural ingredients.

- 45. Defendant has engaged, and continues to engage, in conduct that violates the legislatively declared policies of the FTC Act against committing unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce. Defendant gains an unfair advantage over its competitors, whose advertising for Products must comply with the FTC Act.
- 46. Defendant's conduct, including misrepresenting the benefits of the Products, is substantially injurious to consumers. Such conduct has caused, and continues to cause, substantial injury to consumers because consumers would not have paid such a high price for the Products but for Defendant's false promotion that the Products are "naturally sourced." Consumers have thus overpaid for the Products and such injury is not outweighed by any countervailing benefits to consumers or competition.
- 47. No benefit to consumers or competition results from Defendant's conduct. Since consumers reasonably rely on Defendant's representations of the products and injury results from ordinary use of the Products, consumers could not have reasonably avoided such injury.
- 48. By committing the acts alleged above, Defendant has engaged in unfair business acts and practices which constitute unfair competition within the meaning of the UCL.
- 49. As a result of the conduct described above, Defendant has been unjustly enriched at the expense of Plaintiffs, the Class, and the California Subclass.
- 50. An action for injunctive relief and restitution is specifically authorized under Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17203.
  - 51. Wherefore, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Defendant, as set forth hereafter.

# COUNT II

(Violation of the Consumers Legal Remedies Act (the "CLRA"), Cal. Civ. Code § 1750 et seq. brought by All Plaintiffs on behalf of the Nationwide Class, and brought by Plaintiffs Julie Fagan, Michael Fagan and Shelley Trinchero on behalf of the California Subclass)

52. The foregoing allegations are realleged and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

- 53. Plaintiffs and each member of the Class and California Subclass are "consumers" within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code § 1761(d).
- 54. The purchases of the Products constitute "transactions" within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code §1761(e) and the Products offered by Defendant constitute "goods" within the meaning of Cal. Civ. Code §1761(a).
- 55. The acts and practices of Defendant as described above were intended to deceive Plaintiffs and members of the Class as described herein, and have resulted, and will result, in damages to Plaintiffs, the Class and the California Subclass. These actions violated and continue to violate the CLRA in at least the following respects:
  - a. In violation of Section 1770(a)(5) of the CLRA, Defendant's acts and practices constitute representations that the Products have characteristics, uses and/or benefits which they do not;
  - b. in violation of Section 1770(a)(7) of the CLRA, Defendant's acts and practices constitute representations that the Products are of a particular standard, grade or quality which they are not; and
  - c. in violation of Section 1770(a)(9) of the CLRA, Defendant's acts and practices constitute the advertisement of the goods in question without the intent to sell them as advertised.
- 56. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and the Class have suffered an ascertainable loss and damages.
  - 57. By committing the acts alleged above, Defendant has violated the CLRA.
- 58. In compliance with the provisions of Cal. Civ. Code § 1782, Plaintiffs provided written notice to Defendant on July 29, 2013 regarding their intention to amend the Complaint to seek damages under Cal. Civ. Code § 1750, *et seq.* unless Defendants took actions to remedy its violations. On August 15, 2013 Defendant sent a letter to Plaintiffs rejecting their demands for relief and denying liability under the CLRA.
  - 59. Plaintiffs seek damages pursuant Cal. Civ. Code § 1781(a) on behalf of Plaintiffs,

1	g.	Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act, Fla. Stat. § 501.201, et seq.;
2	h.	Hawaii Unfair and Deceptive Practices Act, Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 480-1, et seq.;
3 4	i.	<b>Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act</b> , 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. § 505/1, <i>et seq.</i> ;
5	j.	Kentucky Consumer Protection Act, Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 367.110, et seq.;
6	k.	Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act, Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 5, § 205-A, et seq.;
7	1.	<b>Maryland Consumer Protection Act</b> , Md. Code Ann., Com. Law § 13-101, <i>et seq.</i> ;
9	m.	Massachusetts Regulation of Business Practices for Consumers' Protection Act, Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 93A, § 1, et seq.;
10	n.	Michigan Consumer Protection Act, Mich. Comp. Laws § 445.901, et seq.;
11 12	0.	Missouri Merchandising Practices Act, Mo. Rev. Stat. § 407.010, et seq.;
13	p.	Nebraska Consumer Protection Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-1601, et seq.;
14	q.	<b>New Hampshire Consumer Protection Act</b> , N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 358-A:1, <i>et seq.</i> ;
15 16	r.	New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act, N.J. Stat. Ann. § 56:8-1, et seq.;
17	S.	<b>New York Deceptive Acts and Practices Act</b> , N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 349, <i>et seq.</i> ;
18 19	t.	North Carolina Unfair Trade Practice Act, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-1.1, et seq.;
20	u.	Ohio Consumer Sales Practice Act, Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 1345.01, et seq.;
21	v.	<b>Rhode Island Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act</b> , R.I. Gen. Laws § 6-13.1-1, et seq.;
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23	W.	Vermont Consumer Fraud Act, Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 9, § 2451, et seq.;
24	X.	Washington Consumer Protection Act, Wash. Rev. Code § 19.86.010, et seq.;
25	y.	<b>West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act,</b> W. Va. Code Ann. § 46A-6-101, <i>et seq.</i> ; and
26	z.	Wisconsin Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Wis. Stat. § 100.18, et seq.
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1	64.	Plaintiffs and the Count III Class are entitled to recover damages and receive	
2	appropriate equitable relief, as alleged below.		
3		<u>COUNT IV</u>	
4	Violations	Cause of Action Brought by All Plaintiffs on Behalf of the Count IV Class, for of Certain State Consumer Protection Laws Where Class Members Reside, hose State Laws Do Not Materially Conflict with the CLRA and the UCL)	
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6	65.	Plaintiffs restate the foregoing allegations as if alleged fully herein.	
7	66.	Plaintiffs state this alternative cause of action under the laws of the states of	
8	residence of c	lass members where these states' consumer protection laws do not materially differ	
9	and are not in	actual conflict with the law of California. Though this Count is pled under these	
10	various state l	aws, Plaintiffs assert that, under choice of law rules, the absence of an actual	
11	conflict with (	California law requires the ultimate application of California law.	
12	67.	The practices discussed above all constitute unfair competition or unfair,	
13	unconscionab	le, deceptive, or unlawful acts or business practices in violation of the following	
14	state consume	r protection statutes: <sup>64</sup>	
15	a.	Alabama Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Ala. Code § 8-19-1, et seq.;	
16	b.	Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act, Alaska Stat. §	
17		45.50.471, et seq.;	
18	c.	Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 4-88-101, et seq.;	
19	d.	California Consumer Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 1750, et seq., California Unfair Competition Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200, et seq.;	
20	e.	Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 42-110a, et seq.;	
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22	f.	<b>Delaware Consumer Fraud Act</b> , Del. Code Ann. tit. 6, § 2511, et seq.;	
23	g.	<b>District of Columbia Consumer Protection Procedures Act,</b> D.C. Code § 28-3901, et seq.;	
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25	<sup>64</sup> These state include those	statutes do not materially conflict with the CLRA and the UCL. The statutes statutes listed in Count III as well as additional states whose statutes, like the	
26	CLRA and the	e UCL, require neither reliance by unnamed class members nor scienter, but do not ctions. Under <i>Shady Grove Orthopedic Assoc's v. Allstate Ins. Co.</i> , 559 U.S. 393,	
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statutes in federal court under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 23.

1	h.	Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act, Fla. Stat. § 501.201, et seq.;
2	i.	Hawaii Unfair and Deceptive Practices Act, Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 480-1, et seq.;
3 4	j.	Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. § 505/1, et seq.;
5	k.	Kentucky Consumer Protection Act, Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 367.110, et seq.;
6	1.	Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 51:1401, et seq.;
7 8	m.	Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act, Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 5, § 205-A, et seq.;
9	n.	<b>Maryland Consumer Protection Act</b> , Md. Code Ann., Com. Law § 13-101, <i>et seq.</i> ;
11	0.	Massachusetts Regulation of Business Practices for Consumers' Protection Act, Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 93A, § 1 et seq.;
12 13	p.	Michigan Consumer Protection Act, Mich. Comp. Laws § 445.901 et seq.;
14	q.	Missouri Merchandising Practices Act, Mo. Rev. Stat. § 407.010, et seq.;
15	r.	Montana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act, Mont. Code Ann. § 30-14-101, et seq.;
16	s.	Nebraska Consumer Protection Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-1601, et seq.;
17 18	t.	<b>New Hampshire Consumer Protection Act</b> , N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 358-A:1, <i>et seq.</i> ;
19	u.	New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act, N.J. Stat. Ann. § 56:8-1, et seq.;
20	v.	New York Deceptive Acts and Practices Act, N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 349, et
21	<b>,</b>	seq.;
22	w.	North Carolina Unfair Trade Practice Act, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-1.1, et seq.;
23	X.	Ohio Consumer Sales Practice Act, Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 1345.01, et seq.;
<ul><li>24</li><li>25</li></ul>	y.	<b>Rhode Island Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act</b> , R.I. Gen. Laws § 6-13.1-1, et seq.;
26	Z.	South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 39-5-10, et seq.;
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2	bb. <b>V</b>	Vermont Consumer Fraud Act, Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 9, § 2451, et seq.;
3	cc. V	Washington Consumer Protection Act, Wash. Rev. Code § 19.86.010, et seq.;
5		West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act, W. Va. Code Ann. § 46A-6-101, et seq.; and
6	ee. V	Visconsin Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Wis. Stat. § 100.18, et seq.
7	68. P	Plaintiffs and the Count IV Class are entitled to recover damages and receive
8	appropriate equi	itable relief, as alleged below.
9 10		COUNT V  (Violation of the Michigan Consumer Protection Act ("MCPA"), Mich Comp. Laws Ann. § 445.901, et seq. brought by Plaintiff Amy Sapeika on behalf of the Michigan Subclass)
11	69. T	The allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 33 are realleged and incorporated by
12		ully set forth herein.
13		The MCPA prohibits "unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive methods, acts, and
14	practices in the conduct of trade of commerce." Mich Comp. Laws Ann. § 445.903 (1).	
15	71. I	Defendant is engaged in trade or commerce within the meaning of Mich Comp.
16	Laws Ann. § 44.	5.902 (g).
17	72. I	Defendant, by misrepresenting that the Products contain only "naturally-sourced"
18	ingredients, has	engaged in the following acts and practices prohibited by Mich Comp. Laws
19	Ann. § 445.903(	(1):
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21	((	Representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not
22		have or that a person has sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation, or connection that he or she does not have;
23		connection that he of she does not have,
24	(0	e) Representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or
25		grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another; and
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- (bb) Making a representation of fact or statement of fact material to the transaction such that a person reasonably believes the represented or suggested state of affairs to be other than it really is.
- 73. Plaintiff Sapeika would not have purchased the Products at all, or would not have paid such a high price for the Products, but for Defendant's misleading representation that the Products contained "100% naturally sourced sunscreen ingredients" or "naturally-sourced sunscreen ingredients." Plaintiff has thus suffered a loss as a direct result of Defendant's misrepresentations.
- 74. Wherefore, Plaintiff Sapeika prays for judgment against Defendant, as set forth hereafter.

## **COUNT VI**

(Brought by Plaintiff Melissa Pennellatore on Behalf of the Massachusetts Subclass, for Violations of Massachusetts Regulation of Business Practices for Consumers Protection Act, Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 93A)

- 1. The allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 33 are realleged and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- 2. Plaintiff brings this count individually and as a class action pursuant Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 23 on behalf of herself and the Massachusetts Subclass.
- 3. Defendant is engaged in trade or commerce in the State of Massachusetts because Defendant offers for sale and distributes the Products in the State of Massachusetts.
- 4. On July 26, 2013 Plaintiff mailed a written demand for relief to Neutrogena Corporation pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 93A, § 9(3), identifying the claimant, the unfair and deceptive practice and the injury suffered. On August 15, 2013 Defendant sent Plaintiff a letter rejecting her demands and denying liability under Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 93A.
- 5. By representing that the Products contain "100% naturally sourced sunscreen ingredients," "100% naturally sourced sunscreens" or "naturally-sourced sunscreen ingredients," when the Products contain unnatural synthetic ingredients, Defendant has engaged in unfair methods of competition and unfair and deceptive acts and practices within the meaning of Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 93A, § 2(a).

- 6. Plaintiff suffered an injury as a result of Defendant's unlawful acts and practices by paying a premium for the Products over comparable products that are not represented to contain naturally sourced ingredients.
- 7. Wherefore, Plaintiff is entitled to damages and other appropriate relief, as set forth below.

# PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment and relief against Defendant as follows:

- A. for an Order certifying the Classes and Subclasses described herein and appointing Plaintiffs as Class Representatives and their attorneys as Class Counsel;
- B. that the Court preliminarily and permanently enjoin Defendant from conducting its business through the unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business acts or practices, untrue and misleading advertising and other violations of law described in this Complaint;
- C. that the Court order Defendant to notify each and every individual and/or business who purchased the Products of the pendency of the claims in this action in order to give such individuals and businesses an opportunity to obtain restitution from Defendant;
- D. that the Court order Defendant to pay restitution to restore to all affected persons all funds acquired by means of any act or practice declared by this Court to be an unlawful, unfair, or a fraudulent business act or practice, untrue or misleading advertising;
- E. that the Court order Defendant to disgorge all monies wrongfully obtained and all revenues and profits derived by Defendant as a result of its acts or practices as alleged in this Complaint;
- F. that the Court award damages to Plaintiffs and Nationwide Class, the California Subclass, and, in the alternative, the Count III and Count IV Classes pursuant to Civ. Code § 1781(a);
- G. that the Court grant Plaintiffs their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit pursuant to Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 1021.5, Cal. Civ. Code § 1780(e), the common fund doctrine and/or any other appropriate legal theory;

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### AFFIDAVIT OF JULIE FAGAN

I, JULIE FAGAN, submit this Affidavit pursuant to § 1780(d) of the California Code of Civil Procedure, Consumer Legal Remedies Act, and declare the following:

- I am a named plaintiff in this litigation.
- 2. If called as a witness I could and would competently testify as to the matters included herein.
- 3. I am informed and believe that the Defendant, Neutrogena Corporation, is a resident of this District and conducts substantial business activity in the State of California and within this District, and therefore this District is a proper place for trial of this action.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 21 day of August, 2013 in Sunny V4 (2), California.

JULIE FAGAN

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this case. My business address is The Lin Law Firm, APLC, 2705 S. Diamond Bar Blvd., Suite 398, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

I hereby certify that on September 13, 2013, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled **FIRST AMENDED CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT** was served electronically on the following parties who have agreed to accept service by electronically means pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(b)(2)(E).

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