

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

BONNIE PALEY, individually and on behalf
of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC.,

Defendant.

Case No.

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Plaintiff Bonnie Paley (“Plaintiff”) brings this action on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated against Defendant Hain Celestial Group, Inc. (“Defendant”). Plaintiff makes the following allegations pursuant to the investigation of her counsel and based upon information and belief, except as to the allegations specifically pertaining to the Plaintiff, which are based on personal knowledge.

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. Defendant formulates, manufactures, advertises, and sells Garden Veggie Puffs in all of its various varieties (the “Products”) throughout the United States, including in New York.
2. Defendant represents to consumers through its packaging that the Products contain “no artificial ingredients.”
3. Unbeknownst to consumers, however, Defendant’s claims are false because the Products contain synthetic ingredients, including citric acid and lactic acid.
4. Plaintiff has purchased the Products. Now, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, she asserts claims for violations of New York General Business Law §§ 349 and 350, and for breach of express warranty.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

5. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332(d)(2)(a) because this case is a class action where the aggregate claims of all members of the proposed class are in excess of \$5,000,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs, there are over 100 members of the putative class, and at least one class member is a citizen of a state different than Defendant.

6. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because a substantial portion of the events that gave rise to Plaintiff's claims occurred in New York.

7. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) because a substantial portion of the events that gave rise to Plaintiff's claims occurred in this District.

PARTIES

8. Plaintiff Bonnie Paley is a citizen of New York who resides in Brooklyn, New York. Ms. Paley has purchased the Products for herself numerous times during the applicable statute of limitations. For example, in or around February 2026, she purchased Sour Cream & Onion Flavored Garden Veggie Puffs from a supermarket in Brooklyn for approximately \$4.99. In purchasing the Products, Ms. Paley relied on Defendant's false, misleading, and deceptive marketing of the Products as containing "no artificial ingredients." Had Ms. Paley known that Defendant's representations were false and misleading, she would not have purchased the Products or would have only been willing to purchase the Products at a lesser price.

9. Defendant Hain Celestial Group, Inc. corporation organized under the laws of Delaware with its principal place of business located in Hoboken, New Jersey. Defendant formulates, advertises, manufactures, and/or sells the Products throughout New York and the United States.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

10. Defendant’s labeling on the Products states that they contain “no artificial ingredients”:



11. Defendant’s labeling puts forth a straightforward, material message: the Products contain only ingredients that are natural and not synthetic.

12. Defendant makes these natural claims in an effort to capitalize on the growing market for natural products. Health-conscious consumers are willing to pay a price premium for

products labeled and advertised as natural because they believe that such products are safer and/or healthier to consume.

13. But, unfortunately for consumers, the Products contains ingredients that are not natural: lactic acid and citric acid.

14. Lactic Acid is a federally-listed synthetic substance that is added to foods as a synthetic flavorant, acidity regulator, and preservative. 21 C.F.R. § 172.515(b); *see also Food Ingredients and Colors, E270, Current EU Approved Additives and their E Numbers*, http://www.food.gov.uk/policy-advice/additivesbranch/enumberlist#anchor_3. All lactic acid added as an ingredient in packaged foods, including Garden Veggie Puffs, is created synthetically through the commercial fermentation of carbohydrates or by using acetaldehyde and hydrogen cyanide to form lactronitrile, which is then chemically degraded via hydrolysis to form lactic acid. 21 C.F.R. § 184.1061(a).

15. Consumption of synthetic lactic acid has been associated with adverse health effects including gastrointestinal distress, impaired memory and concentration, tooth enamel erosion, and skin rashes and itching.

16. Citric acid is a synthetic ingredient used to add flavor and as a preservative in foods. The USDA Agricultural Marketing Service has noted that natural citric acid is “no longer commercially available” because its use is not economically feasible to manufacture. Instead, only synthetic citric acid is used in packaged foods, including the Products.

17. Synthetic citric acid is a major industrial chemical, produced at more than two million tons per year worldwide. In industry and domestic applications, synthetic citric acid is a chelating and buffering agent used in many cleaning products and as a starting material for synthesizing citrate esters, itaconic acid, acetonedicarboxylic acid and other compounds.

18. The manufacturing process for synthetic citric acid, like the kind found in the Products, utilizes synthetic industrial chemicals to render the ingredient from mold (*Aspergillus niger*), including n- octyl alcohol, isoparaffinic petroleum hydrocarbons, calcium hydroxide and sulfuric acid. 21 C.F.R. § 173.280(a) (describing the “[s]olvent extraction process for citric acid”). While “[r]esidues of n- octyl alcohol and synthetic isoparaffinic petroleum hydrocarbons are removed,” some chemical residues remain. 21 C.F.R § 173.280(d) (“Current good manufacturing practice results in residues not exceeding 16 parts per million (ppm) n- octyl alcohol and 0.47 ppm synthetic isoparaffinic petroleum hydrocarbons in citric acid.”). These synthetic chemicals remain in synthetic citric acid and, as a result, end up in finished foods, including the Products that Plaintiff purchased.

19. In light of these facts, the FDA has determined that citric acid is synthetic and not natural. For instance, in an August 16, 2001 Warning Letter sent to Oak Tree Farm Dairy, Inc., the FDA wrote that the label for “OAKTREE ALL NATURAL LEMONADE” was “inappropriate” because “natural” means “nothing artificial or synthetic” and the product contained citric acid. Likewise, in an August 29, 2001 Warning Letter to the Hirzel Canning Company, the FDA wrote that chopped tomatoes should not be labeled “ALL NATURAL” because they contained citric acid.

20. Consumption of synthetic citric acid has been associated with adverse health effects including inflammation related to asthma, juvenile idiopathic arthritis, autistic spectrum disorder and fibromyalgia.

21. Defendant has profited enormously from its false and misleading representations. The purpose of this action is to require Defendant to change its labeling claims and to provide consumers with monetary relief for its deceptive and misleading product claims.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

22. Plaintiff seeks to represent a class defined as all persons in the United States who, during the maximum period of time permitted by law, purchased the Products for personal, family, or household consumption, and not for resale (the “Nationwide Class”).

23. Plaintiff also seeks to represent a subclass defined as all person in New York who purchased the Products (the “New York Subclass”) (collectively with the Nationwide Class, the “Classes”).

24. **Numerosity Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(1).** Members of the Classes are so numerous that their individual joinder herein is impracticable. On information and belief, members of the Class number in the millions. The precise number of Class members and their identities are unknown to Plaintiff at this time but may be determined through discovery. Class members may be notified of the pendency of this action by mail and/or publication through the distribution records of Defendant and third-party retailers and vendors.

25. **Commonality and Predominance (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(2) and 23(b)(3)).** There is a well-defined community of interest in the questions of law and fact involved in this case. Common questions of law and fact that exist as to all Class members and predominate over questions affecting only individual Class members include, but are not limited to:

- (a) the true nature and presence of synthetic ingredients in the Products;
- (b) whether Defendant’s marketing, advertising, packaging, labeling, and other promotional materials for the Products are deceptive and misleading;
- (c) whether Plaintiff and members of the Classes have suffered damages as a result of Defendant’s actions, and the amount thereof;
- (d) whether Defendant has been unjustly enriched as a result of the unlawful, fraudulent, and unfair conduct alleged in this Complaint such that it would be inequitable for Defendant to retain the benefits conferred upon Defendant by Plaintiff and the Classes; and

(e) whether Plaintiff and members of the Classes are entitled to attorneys' fees and costs.

26. **Typicality (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(3)).** The claims of the named Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the Class in that the named Plaintiff was exposed to Defendant's false and misleading marketing, purchased Defendant's Products, and suffered a loss as a result of those purchases.

27. **Adequacy (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(4)).** Plaintiff is an adequate representative of the Classes because her interests do not conflict with the interests of the Class members she seeks to represent, she has retained competent counsel experienced in prosecuting class actions, and she intends to prosecute this action vigorously. The interests of Class members will be fairly and adequately protected by Plaintiff and her counsel.

28. **Superiority (Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(3)).** The class mechanism is superior to other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of the claims of Class members. Even if every member of the Classes could afford to pursue individual litigation, the court system could not. Individualized litigation would be unduly burdensome to the courts in which individual litigation of numerous cases would proceed. Individualized litigation would also increase the delay and expense to all parties and would present the potential for varying, inconsistent, or contradictory judgments—magnifying the delay and expense to all parties and to the court system resulting from multiple trials of the same factual issues. In contrast, the maintenance of this action as a class action, with respect to some or all of the issues presented herein, presents far fewer management difficulties and provides the benefits of single adjudication, economy of scale, and comprehensive supervision by a single court on the issue of Defendant's liability. Class treatment of the liability issues would ensure that all claims and claimants are before this Court for consistent adjudication of the liability issues. Plaintiff anticipates no difficulty in the management of this action as a class action.

CAUSES OF ACTION
COUNT I

Violation of the New York General Business Law § 349
(On behalf of the New York Subclass)

29. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges herein all paragraphs alleged above.

30. Plaintiff brings this cause of action on behalf of herself and members of the New York Subclass against Defendant.

31. Plaintiff and New York Subclass members are “persons” within the meaning of the GBL § 349(h).

32. Defendant is a “person, firm, corporation or association or agent or employee thereof” within the meaning of GBL § 349(b).

33. Under GBL § 349, “[d]eceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce are unlawful.”

34. Defendant made false and misleading statements by marketing the Products as containing “no artificial ingredients” when the Products in fact contain synthetic lactic acid and synthetic citric acid.

35. In doing so, Defendant engaged in deceptive acts or practices in violation of GBL § 349.

36. Defendant’s deceptive acts or practices were materially misleading. Defendant’s conduct was likely to and did deceive reasonable consumers, including Plaintiff, about the quality of its Products, as discussed throughout.

37. Plaintiff and New York Subclass members were unaware of, and lacked a reasonable means of discovering, the material facts that Defendant withheld.

38. Defendant’s actions set forth above occurred in the conduct of trade or commerce.

39. The foregoing deceptive acts and practices were directed at consumers.

40. Defendant's misleading conduct concerns widely purchased consumer products and affects the public interest. Defendant's conduct includes unfair and misleading acts or practices that have the capacity to deceive consumers and are harmful to the public at large. Defendant's conduct is misleading in a material way because they fundamentally misrepresent the production and quality of the Products.

41. Plaintiff and New York Subclass members suffered ascertainable loss as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's GBL violations in that: (i) they would not have purchased the Products had they known the truth; and (ii) they overpaid for the Products on account of the misrepresentations and omissions, as described herein. As a result, Plaintiff and New York Subclass members have been damaged either in the full amount of the purchase price of the Products or in the difference in value between the Products as warranted and the Products as actually sold.

42. On behalf of herself and other members of the New York Subclass, Plaintiff seeks to enjoin Defendant's unlawful acts and practices described herein, to recover actual damages or \$50, whichever is greater, reasonable attorney's fees and costs, and any other just and proper relief available under GBL § 349.

COUNT II

Violation of the New York General Business Law § 350 (On behalf of the New York Subclass)

43. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and re-alleges herein all paragraphs alleged above.

44. Plaintiff brings this cause of action on behalf of herself and members of the New York Subclass against Defendant.

45. GBL § 350 provides that “[f]alse advertising in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce or in the furnishing of any service in this state is hereby declared unlawful.”

46. Defendant’s labeling and advertisement of the Products was false and misleading in a material way. Specifically, Defendant advertised the Products as containing “no artificial ingredients” when the Products in fact contain synthetic lactic acid and synthetic citric acid.

47. This misrepresentation was consumer-oriented and was likely to mislead a reasonable consumer acting reasonably under the circumstances.

48. This misrepresentation has resulted in consumer injury or harm to the public interest.

49. As a result of this misrepresentation, Plaintiff and New York Subclass members have suffered economic injury because: (i) they would not have purchased the Product had they known the truth; and (ii) they overpaid for the Products on account of the misrepresentations and omissions, as described herein. As a result, Plaintiff and New York Subclass members have been damaged either in the full amount of the purchase price of the Products or in the difference in value between the Products as warranted and the Products as actually sold.

50. By reason of the foregoing and as a result of Defendant’s conduct, Plaintiff and New York Subclass members seek to enjoin the unlawful acts and practices described herein, to recover their actual damages or five hundred dollars, whichever is greater, three times actual damages, reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs, and any other just and proper relief available under GBL § 350.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, seeks judgment against Defendant, as follows:

(a) For an order certifying the Nationwide Class and the New York Subclass under

Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, naming Plaintiff as representative of the Nationwide Class and the New York Subclass, and naming Plaintiff's attorneys as Class Counsel to represent the Nationwide Class and New York Subclass;

- (b) For an order finding in favor of Plaintiff and the Classes on all counts asserted herein;
- (c) For an order finding in favor of Plaintiff, the Nationwide Class, and the New York Subclass on all counts asserted herein;
- (d) For compensatory, statutory, and punitive damages in amounts to be determined by the Court and/or jury;
- (e) For prejudgment interest on all amounts awarded;
- (f) For an order of restitution and all other forms of equitable monetary relief;
- (g) For an order enjoining Defendant from continuing the illegal practices detailed herein and compelling Defendant to undertake a corrective advertising campaign; and
- (h) For an order awarding Plaintiff and the Classes their reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses and costs of suit.

DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38(b), Plaintiff demands a trial by jury of any and all issues in this action so triable as of right.

Dated: April 13, 2026

ARISOHN LLC

By: /s/ Joshua D. Arisohn
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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Bonnie Paley et al.

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Kings (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

Arisohn LLC, 94 Blakeslee Rd., Litchfield, CT 06759

DEFENDANTS

Hain Celestial Group, Inc.

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff, 2 U.S. Government Defendant, 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party), 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

Table with columns for Plaintiff (PTF) and Defendant (DEF) citizenship and incorporation status, including options for Citizen of This State, Citizen of Another State, and Foreign Nation.

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.

Large table with categories: CONTRACT, REAL PROPERTY, CIVIL RIGHTS, PRISONER PETITIONS, FORFEITURE/PENALTY, LABOR, IMMIGRATION, BANKRUPTCY, SOCIAL SECURITY, FEDERAL TAX SUITS, OTHER STATUTES. Includes various legal codes and descriptions.

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- 1 Original Proceeding, 2 Removed from State Court, 3 Remanded from Appellate Court, 4 Reinstated or Reopened, 5 Transferred from Another District, 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer, 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): 28 U.S.C. §1332(d)(2)(a)
Brief description of cause: Consumer protection claims based on false labeling of product

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. DEMAND \$ 5,000,000+ CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: [X] Yes [] No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions): JUDGE DOCKET NUMBER

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

RECEIPT # AMOUNT APPLYING IFP JUDGE MAG. JUDGE

PART A – CERTIFICATION OF ARBITRATION ELIGIBILITY

Local Arbitration Rule 83.7 provides that with certain exceptions, actions seeking money damages only in an amount not in excess of \$150,000, exclusive of interest and costs, are eligible for compulsory arbitration. The amount of damages is presumed to be below the threshold amount unless a certification to the contrary is filed.

Case is eligible for arbitration (select yes or no) If no, please complete:

I, Joshua D. Arisohn, counsel for Plaintiff, do hereby certify that the above captioned civil action is ineligible for compulsory arbitration for the following reason(s):

- monetary damages sought are in excess of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs; or
the complaint seeks injunctive relief; or
the matter is otherwise ineligible for the following reason:

[Empty box for reason]

PART B – DISCLOSURE STATEMENT – FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURES 7.1

Identify any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more of its stocks. Add an additional page if needed.

n/a

PART C – RELATED CASE STATEMENT (Section VIII on the Page One of This Form)

Please list all cases that are arguably related pursuant to Division of Business Rule 3 in Section VIII on page one of this form. Rule 3(a) provides that "[a] civil case is "related" to another civil case for purposes of this guideline when, because of the similarity of facts and legal issues or because the cases arise from the same transactions or events, a substantial saving of judicial resources is likely to result from assigning both cases to the same judge and magistrate judge."

n/a

PART D – NEW YORK EASTERN DISTRICT DIVISION OF BUSINESS RULE 1(d)(3)

If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions in Part D, this case will be designated as a Central Islip case pursuant to Division of Business Rule 1(d)(3). You must select Office Code 2 if you answer "Yes" to any of the Part D questions.

If you answer "No" to all of the Part D questions, this case will be designated as a Brooklyn case and you must select Office Code 1.

- 1. Is the action being removed from a state court that is located in Nassau or Suffolk County? No
2. In an action being brought against the United States, its officers or its employees, which does not involve real property, do the majority of the plaintiffs reside in Nassau or Suffolk County? No
3. If you answered "No" to Questions 1 and 2, a. Did a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to claim(s) occur in Nassau or Suffolk County? No b. Do the majority of defendants reside in Nassau or Suffolk County? No c. Is a substantial amount of any property at issue located in Nassau or Suffolk County? No
4. If this is a Fair Debt Collection Practice Act case, was the offending communication received in Nassau or Suffolk County? No
5. If this is a petition based on an immigration detention (28 U.S.C. § 2241), did the arrest occur in Nassau or Suffolk County? No

PART E – BAR ADMISSION

- 1. I am currently admitted to practice in the Eastern District of New York and am currently a member in good standing of the bar of this Court. Yes
2. Are you currently the subject of any disciplinary action(s) in this or any other federal or state court? No
If yes, please explain. Add an additional page if needed.

n/a

PART F – IMMIGRATION HABEAS PETITIONS

- 1. Is this petition based on an immigration detention, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241? No
2. Does this case require immediate attention of a judge? No

If you answered "Yes" to Part F, Question 2, and you are filing this action after business hours, please see the Court's instructions for filing emergency applications after hours: https://www.nyed.uscourts.gov/emergency-applications-filed-after-business-hours. If you do not follow the instructions, your case will not be assigned to a judge until the following business day.

I certify the accuracy of all information provided above. Date 4/13/26

Joshua D. Arisohn Digitally signed by Joshua D. Arisohn Date: 2026.04.13 12:58:58 -04'00'

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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Page One Instructions

- I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
 United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here. United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.
 Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.
 Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions](#).
- V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.
 Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.
 Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441.
 Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.
 Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.
 Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.
 Multidistrict Litigation – Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407.
 Multidistrict Litigation – Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket.
PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7. Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statute.
- VI. Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service.
- VII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.
 Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.
 Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related cases, if any. If there are related cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Page Two Instructions

- A. Certification of Arbitration Eligibility: Indicate whether the case is eligible for arbitration under Local Civil Rule 83.7. If you answer No, please check at least one of the reasons that the case is not eligible.
- B. Disclosure Statement - Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 7.1: If additional space is needed, please add the parties on an additional page.
- C. Related Case Statement: If additional space is needed, please add the parties on an additional page.
- D. Division of Business Rule 1(d)(3): Your answers in this section will determine whether your case will be designated as a Central Islip or Brooklyn case. Failure to complete this section may result in a delay assigning your case to a judge. Answer all five (5) questions in this part, including 3(a), 3(b), and 3(c).
- E. Bar Admission: Answer both questions.
- F. Immigration Habeas: Answer both questions.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

AO 440 (Rev. 06/12) Summons in a Civil Action

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of New York

BONNIE PALEY, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated

Plaintiff(s)

v.

HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC.

Defendant(s)

Civil Action No.

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: (Defendant's name and address) Hain Celestial Group, Inc. 221 River St Hoboken, NJ 07030

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are: Joshua D. Arisohn Arisohn LLC 94 Blakeslee Rd. Litchfield, CT 06759

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

BRENNNA B. MAHONEY CLERK OF COURT

Date:

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

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PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))

This summons for *(name of individual and title, if any)* _____
was received by me on *(date)* _____ .

I personally served the summons on the individual at *(place)* _____
_____ on *(date)* _____ ; or

I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with *(name)* _____
_____, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,
on *(date)* _____ , and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or

I served the summons on *(name of individual)* _____ , who is
designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of *(name of organization)* _____
_____ on *(date)* _____ ; or

I returned the summons unexecuted because _____ ; or

Other *(specify)*: _____

My fees are \$ _____ for travel and \$ _____ for services, for a total of \$ _____ 0.00 _____ .

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: _____

Server's signature

Printed name and title

Server's address

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc: