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Plaintiffs Louise Adams, Nay Alidad, Jessica Bartling, Gay Birnbaum, Barbara Blumstein, Sally Bredberg, Melissa Bowman, Barbara Buenning, Michael Buff, Scott Caldwell, Jade Canterbury, Laura Childs, Casey Christensen, Jody Cooper, Kim Craig, Sundé Daniels, Elizabeth Davis-Berg, Jessica Decker, Vivek Dravid, Brian Depperschmidt, Gloria Emery, Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, John Frick, Kathleen Garner, Stephanie Gipson, Kathy Gore, Andrew Gorman, Tina Grant, Edgardo Gutierrez, Lisa Hall, Mary Hudson, Tya Hughes, Amy Jackson, Marissa Jacobus, Amy Joseph, Danielle Johnson, Zenda Johnston, Michael Juetten, Steven Kratky, Joseph A. Langston, Katherine Larson, Kathy Lingnofski, Carla Lown, Katherine McMahon, Diana Mey, Liza Milliner, Laura Montoya, Rick Musgrave, Jennifer A. Nelson, Corey Norris, Barbara Olson, Kirsten Peck, John Pels, Valerie Peters, Elizabeth Perron, John Peychal, Audra Rickman, Erica Rodriguez, Kaitlyn Rooney, Joelyna A. San Agustin, Amber Sartori, Rebecca Lee Simoens, Robert Skaff, Greg Stearns, Nancy Stiller, Christopher Todd, John Trent, Elizabeth Twitchell, Bonnie Vander Laan, Nigel Warren, Julie Wiese, Thomas E. Willoughby III, and Daniel Zwirlein (collectively "Plaintiffs"), for their consolidated complaint, allege upon personal knowledge as to themselves and their own actions, and upon information and belief, including the investigation of counsel, as follows:

#### NATURE OF ACTION

1. This is a class action concerning anticompetitive activity by the Defendants Bumble Bee Foods LLC; Dongwon Industries Co., Ltd.; StarKist Company; Del Monte Corporation ("Del Monte"); Thai Union Group Public Company Limited; and Tri-Union Seafoods LLC d/b/a Chicken of the Sea International (collectively "Defendants"). The claims alleged herein are brought pursuant to various state antitrust, consumer protection, and equitable laws as alleged. This action is brought by Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and Classes of persons and entities who indirectly purchased shelf-stable packaged tuna

- 2. The exact date of the conspiracy is uncertain, but it began no later than 2004 and continued in force through at least July 2015 (the "Relevant Period"). The effects of the conspiracy continue to the date of the filing of this Complaint, as evidenced by the Class Period.
- 3. Defendants have conspired to raise, fix, stabilize or maintain prices of and restrict capacity within the market for the sale of Packaged Tuna during the Class Period.
- 4. With slowing and stagnating growth and margins in the United States Packaged Tuna industry, beginning in or about in 2004, Defendants directly coordinated: (1) can and pouch sizes for tuna; (2) pricing of packaged tuna; (3) promotional activity for packaged tuna; and (4) the offering of "FAD" (or "Fish Aggregating Device") Free labeling for tuna under the major brands. As part of this coordination, Defendants agreed and conspired to artificially increase prices for Packaged Tuna to record highs in spite of reduced consumer interest and falling demand. The impacts of Defendants' unlawful and anticompetitive conduct are ongoing and continue to this day.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Discovery is necessary to determine the full scope of the conspiracy, including the time frame, products and participants. Plaintiffs have only begun reviewing the hundreds of thousands of merits-related documents produced by Defendants since the beginning of April of 2017. Third-party document productions remain far from complete. No depositions have been taken. Evidence indicates that further discovery may demonstrate actionable cartel conduct significantly outside the Class Period, and accordingly Plaintiffs reserve the right to amend to expand the time period covered by the claims alleged.

#### **PARTIES**

**Plaintiffs** 

- 5. Plaintiff Louise Adams is domiciled in Chippewa County, Michigan, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Michigan during the Class Period.
- 6. Plaintiff Nay Alidad is domiciled in Clark County, Nevada, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Nevada during the Class Period.
- 7. Plaintiff Jessica Bartling is domiciled in Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of New Hampshire during the Class Period.
- 8. Plaintiff Gay Birnbaum is domiciled in Beaufort County, South Carolina, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of South Carolina during the Class Period.
- 9. Plaintiff Barbara Blumstein is domiciled in Palm Beach County, Florida, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Florida during the Class Period.
- 10. Plaintiff Melissa Bowman is domiciled in Douglas County, Nebraska, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Nebraska during the Class Period.
- 11. Plaintiff Sally Bredberg is domiciled in Cook County, Illinois, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Illinois during the Class Period.
- 12. Plaintiff Barbara Buenning is domiciled in Dodge County, Nebraska, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Nebraska during the Class Period.
- 13. Plaintiff Michael Buff is domiciled in Albany County, New York, an purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of

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27 28 New York during the Class Period.

- 14. Plaintiff Scott Caldwell is domiciled in Essex County, Massachusetts, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Massachusetts during the Class Period.
- 15. Plaintiff Jade Canterbury is domiciled in Monroe County, West Virginia, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of West Virginia during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Laura Childs is domiciled in Washington County, Minnesota, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Minnesota during the Class Period.
- 17. Plaintiff Casey Christensen is domiciled in Lincoln County, South Dakota, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of South Dakota during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Jody Cooper is domiciled in Merrimack County, New 18. Hampshire and purchased Packaged Tuna, indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of New Hampshire.
- 19. Plaintiff Kim Craig is domiciled in Garland County, Arkansas, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Arkansas during the Class Period.
- 20. Plaintiff Sundé Daniels is domiciled Norfolk in County, Massachusetts and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Massachusetts during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Elizabeth Davis-Berg is domiciled in Cook County, Illinois, 21. and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Illinois during the Class Period.
- 22. Plaintiff Jessica Decker is domiciled in Ingham County, Michigan, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Michigan during the Class Period.

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- 23. Plaintiff Vivek Dravid is domiciled in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Utah during the Class Period.
- 24. Plaintiff Brian Depperschmidt is domiciled in Sedgwick County, Kansas, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Kansas during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Gloria Emery is domiciled in Hawaii County, Hawaii, and 25. purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Hawaii during the Class Period.
- 26. Plaintiff Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia is domiciled in the District of Columbia and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Arizona and the District of Columbia during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff John Frick is domiciled in Jackson County, Missouri, and 27. purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Missouri during the Class Period.
- 28. Plaintiff Kathleen Garner is domiciled in Clark County, Arkansas, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Arkansas during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Stephanie Gipson is domiciled in Chittenden County, 29. Vermont, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Vermont during the Class Period.
- 30. Plaintiff Kathy Gore is domiciled in Portales County, New Mexico, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of New Mexico during the Class Period.
- 31. Plaintiff Andrew Gorman is domiciled in the District of Columbia, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the District of Columbia and the State of Virginia during the Class Period.
  - 32. Plaintiff Tina Grant is domiciled in Salt Lake County, Utah, and

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purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the States of Arizona and Utah during the Class Period.

- 33. Plaintiff Edgardo Gutierrez is domiciled in Broward County, Florida, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Florida during the Class Period.
- 34. Plaintiff Lisa Hall is domiciled in Saline County, Kansas, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Kansas during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Mary Hudson is domiciled in San Diego County, California, 35. and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of California during the Class Period.
- 36. Plaintiff Tya Hughes is domiciled in Ward County, North Dakota, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the States of Arizona, California, and North Dakota during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Amy Jackson is domiciled in the Territory of Guam and 37. purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the Territory of Guam and the State of California during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Marissa Jacobus is domiciled in Calaveras County, 38. California, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Virginia during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Amy Joseph is domiciled in DuPage County, Illinois, and 39. purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Illinois during the Class Period.
- 40. Plaintiff Danielle Johnson is domiciled in Multnomah County, Oregon, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Oregon during the Class Period.
- 41. Plaintiff Zenda Johnston is domiciled in Orange County, Florida, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of

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42. Plaintiff Michael Juetten is domiciled in Los Angeles County, California, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the States of California and Wisconsin during the Class Period.

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43. Plaintiff Steven Kratky is domiciled in the independent city of St. Louis, Missouri, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Missouri during the Class Period.

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Plaintiff Joseph A. Langston is domiciled in Benton County, 44. Arkansas, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Arkansas during the Class Period.

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45. Plaintiff Katherine Larson is domiciled in Hennepin County, Minnesota, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Minnesota during the Class Period.

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Plaintiff Kathy Lingnofski is domiciled in Outagamie County, 46. Wisconsin, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Wisconsin during the Class Period.

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Plaintiff Carla Lown is domiciled in Blackhawk County, Iowa, and 47. purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Iowa during the Class Period.

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Plaintiff Katherine McMahon is domiciled in Washington County, 48. Rhode Island, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Rhode Island during the Class Period.

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Plaintiff Diana Mey is domiciled in Ohio County, West Virginia, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of West Virginia during the Class Period.

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50. Plaintiff Liza Milliner is domiciled in Washington County, Oregon, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Oregon during the Class Period.

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- 51. Plaintiff Laura Montoya is domiciled in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Arizona during the Class Period.
- 52. Plaintiff Rick Musgrave is domiciled in Contra Costa County, California, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of California during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Jennifer A. Nelson domiciled in Bennington County, 53. Vermont, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the States of Iowa, New York, and Vermont during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Corey Norris is domiciled in Johnston County, North Carolina, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of North Carolina during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Barbara Olson is domiciled in Washtenaw County, Michigan, 55. and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Michigan during the Class Period.
- 56. Plaintiff Kirsten Peck is domiciled in Williamson County, Tennessee, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Tennessee during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff John Pels is domiciled in Sonoma County, California, and 57. purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the States of Arizona and California during the Class Period.
- 58. Plaintiff Elizabeth Perron is domiciled in Worcester County, Massachusetts and purchased Packaged Tuna, indirectly from one or more Defendants in the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island during the Class Period.
- 59. Plaintiff Valerie Peters is domiciled in Broward County, Florida, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Florida during the Class Period.

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- 60. Plaintiff John Peychal is domiciled in Sevier County, Tennessee, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Arizona during the Class Period.
- 61. Plaintiff Audra Rickman is domiciled in Brunswick County, North Carolina, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of North Carolina during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Erica Rodriguez is domiciled in Maricopa County, Arizona, 62. and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Arizona during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Kaitlyn Rooney is domiciled in the District of Columbia, and 63. purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the District of Columbia during the Class Period.
- 64. Plaintiff Joelyna A. San Agustin is domiciled in the Territory of Guam and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the Territory of Guam during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Amber Sartori is domiciled in Mecklenburg County, North 65. Carolina, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the States of Missouri and North Carolina during the Class Period.
- 66. Plaintiff Rebecca Lee Simoens is domiciled in St. Charles County, Missouri, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Missouri during the Class Period.
- 67. Plaintiff Robert Skaff is domiciled in Rockingham County, New Hampshire, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of New Hampshire during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Greg Stearns is domiciled in Waldo County, Maine, and 68. purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Maine during the Class Period.
  - Plaintiff Nancy Stiller is domiciled in Washoe County, Nevada, and 69.

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purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Nevada during the Class Period.

- Plaintiff Christopher Todd is domiciled in New Orleans Parish, 70. Louisiana, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Mississippi during the Class Period.
- 71. Plaintiff John Trent is domiciled in Shelby County, Tennessee, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Tennessee during the Class Period.
- 72. Plaintiff Elizabeth Twitchell is domiciled in the independent city of Alexandria, Virginia and purchased Packaged Tuna, indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Virginia during the Class Period.
- 73. Plaintiff Bonnie Vander Laan is domiciled in Emmons County, North Dakota and purchased Packaged Tuna, indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of North Dakota during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Nigel Warren is domiciled in Kings County, New York, and 74. purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of New York during the Class Period.
- 75. Plaintiff Julie Wiese is domiciled in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Wisconsin during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Thomas E. Willoughby III is domiciled in Cumberland County, Maine, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Maine during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Daniel Zwirlein is domiciled in Waukesha County, 77. Wisconsin, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants of Wisconsin the State during the Class Period. in **Defendants**

# Chicken of the Sea Defendants

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- 78. Defendant Tri-Union Seafoods, LLC d/b/a Chicken of the Sea International ("Tri-Union" or "COSI") is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 9330 Scranton Rd. #500, San Diego, CA 92121
- 79. Defendant Tri-Union is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Defendant Thai Union Group Public Company Limited, a publicly held company headquartered in Thailand.
- 80. Defendant Thai Union Group Public Company Limited ("Thai Union" or "TUG") is a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of Thailand. Its head office is located at 72/1 Moo 7, Sethakit 1 Road, Tambon Tarsai, Mueang Samut Sakhon District, Amphur Muangsamutsakorn, Samutsakorn 74000, Thailand. TUG is the world's largest canned tuna producer, processing 18% of the world's production. It is the largest canned tuna producer in Thailand.
- 81. Unless otherwise stated, below, Tri-Union and TUG are collectively referred to as "Chicken of the Sea" or "COSI".

#### **Bumble Bee**

- Defendant Bumble Bee Foods LLC, f/k/a Bumble Bee Seafoods LLC 82. ("Bumble Bee") is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 9655 Granite Ridge Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123.
- Bumble Bee is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lion Capital, a private 83. investment firm headquartered in the United Kingdom, which purchased it from private investment firm Centre Partners in 2010, following its merger with Connor Brothers Limited in in 2004.

#### **StarKist Defendants**

84. Defendant StarKist Company is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 225 North Shore Drive, Suite 400, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. StarKist Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dongwon Industries Co. Ltd. ("Dongwon"), which is headquartered in the Republic of Korea.

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85. Defendant Dongwon Industries Co. Ltd. is a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of South Korea, with its headquarters located at Dongwon Industries Building 7th floor, Mabang-ro 68 (Yangjae-dong), Seocho-gu, Seoul, Korea. Dongwon is a publicly traded company listed on the Korean Stock Exchange. It is the largest producer of canned tuna in South Korea.

#### **Del Monte Defendants**

- Defendant Del Monte Corporation ("Del Monte"), now known as Big Heart Pet Brands, Inc., is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 1 Strawberry Lane, Orrville, Ohio, 44667.
- 87. In 2014, Del Monte Pacific Limited acquired the canned and processed foods portfolio of the Del Monte Corporation. As a result, the remainder of the Del Monte business not acquired in the transaction was renamed Big Heart Pet Brands, Inc., which now largely focuses on the remaining pet foods portfolio.
- 88. Del Monte acquired StarKist Company in 2002. Through StarKist Company, Del Monte Produced and sold Packaged Tuna throughout the United States (including in this District), its territories and the District of Columbia. On June 6, 2008, Del Monte sold StarKist Company to Dongwon; the divestiture was completed on October 6, 2008. According to a filing by Del Monte with the Securities & Exchange Commission ("SEC"), "[a]t the time of sale, Del Monte entered into a two-year Operating Services Agreement (which was completed in September 2010) pursuant to which the Company provided operational services to StarKist Company such as warehousing, distribution, transportation, sales, information technology and administration."

# AGENTS AND CO-CONSPIRATORS

On information and belief, other corporations, partnerships, or business 89. entities, currently unknown to Plaintiffs, are co-conspirators with Defendants in their unlawful restraints of trade. Various persons that are not named as Defendants have participated as co-conspirators in the violations alleged herein

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and have performed acts and made statements in furtherance thereof.

90. These other persons or entities have facilitated, adhered to, participated in, and/or communicated with others regarding the alleged conspiracy to raise and maintain prices of Packaged Tuna and restrict offerings alleged. Plaintiffs reserve the right to name some or all of these entities as Defendants at a later date.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 91. Plaintiffs seek consideration paid, damages, restitution, treble damages or three times consideration paid by consumers of Packaged Tuna, disgorgement, other monetary relief, and other equitable relief under various state antitrust, consumer protection and unfair trade practices laws, and state unjust enrichment laws, as alleged specifically herein, as well as costs of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees, for the injuries that Plaintiffs and all others similarly situated sustained as a result of Defendants' violations of those laws.
- This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1337. The Court 92. has jurisdiction over the state law claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1367 because those claims are so related to the federal claim brought by Plaintiffs at the time the matter was originally brought that they form part of the same case or controversy, and the Court may continue to exercise jurisdiction even if no federal claim remains. This Court also has subject matter jurisdiction over the state law claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1332 because the amount in controversy for each of the Classes exceeds \$5,000,000, there are more than 100 members in each of the Classes, and there are members of some of the Classes who are citizens of different states than Defendants.
- 93. Venue is proper in this Judicial District because (1) Defendants COSI and Bumble Bee each have their principal places of business within this District; (2) each Defendant transacts a substantial amount of business in this District, and (3) each Defendant and the conduct alleged has affected, and continues to affect, a

substantial amount of trade and commerce in this District.

#### **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

- 94. Plaintiffs as specifically identified herein also bring claims asserted in this action on behalf of themselves and as a class claims under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 23(a) and (b)(3), seeking damages pursuant to various the state antitrust, unfair competition, and consumer protection laws of the states listed below on behalf of the following classes (the *Illinois Brick* Repealer Cartwright Act Class and the State Classes, each of which is individually described and further defined):
  - (a) <u>Illinois Brick Repealer Cartwright Act class:</u> All persons and entities who resided in one of the States described in paragraphs 94(b) to 94(gg), specifically Arizona, Arkansas, California, the District of Columbia, Florida, Guam, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin, who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
  - (b) <u>Arizona class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Arizona who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
  - (c) <u>Arkansas class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Arkansas who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.

- (d) <u>California class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of California who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.
- (e) <u>District of Columbia class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the District of Columbia who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (f) <u>Florida class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Florida who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (g) <u>Guam class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the Territory of Guam who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.
- (h) <u>Hawaii class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Hawaii who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.
- (i) <u>Iowa class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Iowa who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period, or from August 25, 2011 to the present for antitrust claims.
- (j) <u>Kansas class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Kansas who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end

consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, from August 25, 2012 to the present.

- (k) <u>Maine class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Maine who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, from August 25, 2009 to the present for statutory claims.
- (1) <u>Massachusetts class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Massachusetts who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (m) <u>Michigan class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Michigan who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.
- (n) <u>Minnesota class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Minnesota who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.
- (o) <u>Mississippi class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Mississippi who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.
- (p) <u>Missouri class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Missouri who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or

any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.

- (q) <u>Nebraska class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Nebraska who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.
- (r) <u>Nevada class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Nevada who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.
- (s) <u>New Hampshire class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of New Hampshire who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (t) <u>New Mexico class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of New Mexico who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (u) New York class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of New York who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, during the Class Period, or from August 25, 2012 to the present for consumer protection claims.
- (v) North Carolina class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of North Carolina who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.

- (w) North Dakota class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of North Dakota who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- Oregon class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Oregon who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.
- (y) Rhode Island class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Rhode Island who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, between July 15, 2013 and the present.
- (z) <u>South Carolina class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of South Carolina who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (aa) <u>South Dakota class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of South Dakota who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (bb) <u>Tennessee class:</u> All persons and entities who resided in the State of Tennessee who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.
- (cc) <u>Utah class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Utah who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end

consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.

- (dd) <u>Vermont class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Vermont who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (ee) <u>Virginia class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Virginia who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.
- (ff) West Virginia class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of West Virginia who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (gg) <u>Wisconsin class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Wisconsin who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.
- 95. The *Illinois Brick Repealer* Cartwright Act Class and the State Classes are collectively referred to herein as the "Classes" unless otherwise indicated.
- 96. Excluded from each of the Classes are Defendants, their parent companies, subsidiaries and affiliates, any co-conspirators, federal governmental entities and instrumentalities of the federal government, states and their subdivisions, agencies and instrumentalities, all judges assigned to this matter, all jurors in this matter, and all persons and entities who only purchased Packaged Tuna directly or for resale.

- 97. Each of the Classes is so numerous that joinder of all members would be impracticable. While Plaintiffs do not know the exact number of members of each of the Classes, Plaintiffs believe there are at least hundreds of thousands of members in each of the Classes.
- 98. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of each of the Classes. This is particularly true given the nature of Defendants' conspiracy, which was generally applicable to all members of each of the Classes, thereby making appropriate relief with respect to each Class as a whole. Such questions of law and fact common to the Classes include, but are not limited to:
  - (a) Whether the Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in a combination and conspiracy to fix, raise, maintain or stabilize the prices of Packaged Tuna sold in the United States and in each of the States alleged herein;
  - (b) The identity of the participants of the alleged conspiracy;
  - (c) The duration of the alleged conspiracy and the acts carried out by Defendants and their co-conspirators in furtherance of the conspiracy;
  - (d) Whether Defendants' alleged conduct violated various state antitrust and restraint of trade laws;
  - (e) Whether Defendants' alleged conduct violated various state consumer protection and unfair competition laws;
  - (f) Whether the conduct of Defendants and co-conspirators, as alleged in this Complaint, caused injury to the business or property of Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes;
  - (g) The effect of Defendants' alleged conduct on the prices of Packaged Tuna sold in the United States during the Class Period; and
  - (h) The appropriate relief for the Classes, including injunctive and

equitable relief.

99. Each Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the members of the respective Classes each Plaintiff seeks to represent, and each Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the respective classes such Plaintiff seeks to represent. Each of the Plaintiffs and all members of the Classes that Plaintiffs seek to represent were similarly affected by Defendants' wrongful conduct in that they paid artificially inflated prices for Packaged Tuna purchased indirectly from the Defendants and/or their co-conspirators.

- 100. Each Plaintiff's claims arise out of the same common course of conduct giving rise to the claims of the other members of each of the Classes that each Plaintiff seeks to represent. Each Plaintiff's interests are coincident with, and not antagonistic to, those of the other members of the respective Classes that plaintiff seeks to represent. Plaintiffs are represented by counsel who are competent and experienced in the prosecution of antitrust and class action litigation.
- 101. The questions of law and fact common to the members of each of the Classes predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, including legal and factual issues relating to liability and damages.
- 102. Class action treatment is a superior method for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy, in that, among other things, such treatment will permit a large number of similarly situated persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum simultaneously, efficiently and without the unnecessary duplication of evidence, effort and expense that numerous individual actions would engender. The benefits of proceeding through the class mechanism, including providing injured persons or entities with a method for obtaining redress for claims that it might not be practicable to pursue individually, substantially outweigh any difficulties that may arise in management of this class action.
  - 103. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the

# Classes would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications, establishing incompatible standards of conduct for Defendants.

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109. Defendants manufactured and/or sold Packaged Tuna in the United States in a continuous and uninterrupted flow of interstate commerce, including

#### RELEVANT MARKETS

- 104. The relevant geographic market is the United States. Defendants operate Packaged Tuna in the United States and, collectively, control the U.S. market of Packaged Tuna. Collectively, Defendants account for approximately 80% of Packaged Tuna sales in the United States. Unlike Packaged Tuna manufacturers and sellers located outside of the United States, Defendants have U.S. facilities, relationships and distribution assets in the United States that enable Defendants to avoid foreign product import tariffs and to effectively constrain prices for Packaged Tuna packaged and sold in the United States.
  - 105. The relevant product market is Packaged Tuna.
- 106. The market in the United States for Packaged Tuna is approximately \$1.8 billion annually. As shelf-stable food products, Packaged Tuna may be transported across state lines in the final packaging and without cold-chain or further processing.
- 107. Packaged Tuna is sold nationwide to consumers in a few standard sizes and predominantly in standard grades. Each brand's offerings compete with each other brand's comparable offerings.
- Packaged Tuna is sold as "white meat", which consists of Albacore, and "light meat", which is primarily Skipjack tuna. The market is dominated by a few common sizes of packages: cans in 5oz and 12oz size, sold by all Defendants, and pouches, sold by StarKist and Bumble Bee. The tuna in the cans or pouches falls into a few grades (chunk, solid, flake). Accordingly, product offerings are readily described by these brief categories – for example "5oz chunk light."

### INTERSTATE COMMERCE

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110. Defendants' business activities substantially affected interstate commerce in the United States and caused antitrust injury throughout the United States.

- 111. Defendants' business activities also affected the intrastate (or intra-District, or intra-Territorial) commerce of every jurisdiction for which a claim is asserted herein, as further specifically alleged in Claims for Relief Two through Seventy-Eight herein where required. Packaged Tuna is a staple food. American consumers, on average, currently purchase more than two pounds of this product per capita annually, and thousands of consumers buy it each year in every single state, District and territory.
- 112. Together, Defendants control approximately 80% of the United States Packaged Tuna market. StarKist controls approximately 40-44% of the market, Bumble Bee approximately 24-25% and Tri-Union approximately 15-17%.

# PARENT ENTITY LIABILITY

# **COSI And TUG Act As A Single Entity**

- 113. TUG, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Tri-Union, produces and sells Packaged Tuna throughout the United States (including this District), its territories and the District of Columbia. In recent years, 40% or more of its sales have originated in the United States, which is its largest market.
- 114. TUG purposefully directs its activities to the United States by exporting Packaged Tuna, including canned tuna, from Thailand to this country. TUG further purposefully directs its activities to the United States through its method of conducting business. It currently has three strategic business units, one of which is the "Ambient Seafood" unit, which includes its global canned tuna business; Tri-Union is part of that business unit and is viewed by TUG as part of its footprint in the United States. Indeed, TUG has its own fishing fleet and is thus vertically integrated with Tri-Union. TUG also purposefully directs its activities

into the United States by operating Thai Union North America, Inc. ("TUNAI") (a company formerly known as Thai Union International, Inc.), that was founded in 1996. TUNAI is a wholly-owned instrumentality of TUG and has its address at 9330 Scranton Road, Sorrento South Corporate Center, Suite 500, San Diego CA 92121 (the same address as Tri-Union). TUNAI's President is Thiraphong Chansiri (President and CEO of TUG). The Chansiri family is the largest single shareholder in TUG, owning 20.4% of its stock.<sup>2</sup>

115. TUG directly participated in the conspiracy alleged herein and used its dominance and control over Tri-Union's Packaged Tuna business to conspire with the other Defendants and their co-conspirators. Among the members of the Board of Directors of Tri-Union are Kraisorn Chansiri (Chairman of TUG), Cheng Niruttinanon (Executive Chairman of TUG),<sup>3</sup> and the aforementioned Thiraphong Chansiri. Chan Tin King, a former Director of Tri-Union, now serves as Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") of TUG. Shue Wing Chan ("Chan"), the President and CEO of Tri-Union since 2007, is a member of the Chansiri family, and is a member of TUG's self-styled "Global Leadership Team." Prior to joining Tri-Union, he served as the CFO of TUG.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Niruttinanon family is the third largest shareholder in TUG, owning 7.0% of its stock.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> TUG sponsors the issuance of American Depository receipts traded on NASDAQ that allow United States investors to trade its equities in the domestic securities market. In that connection, it regularly files reports with the United States Securities & Exchange Commission.

. His dual role and his membership in the founding family made his participation inextricable from TUG.

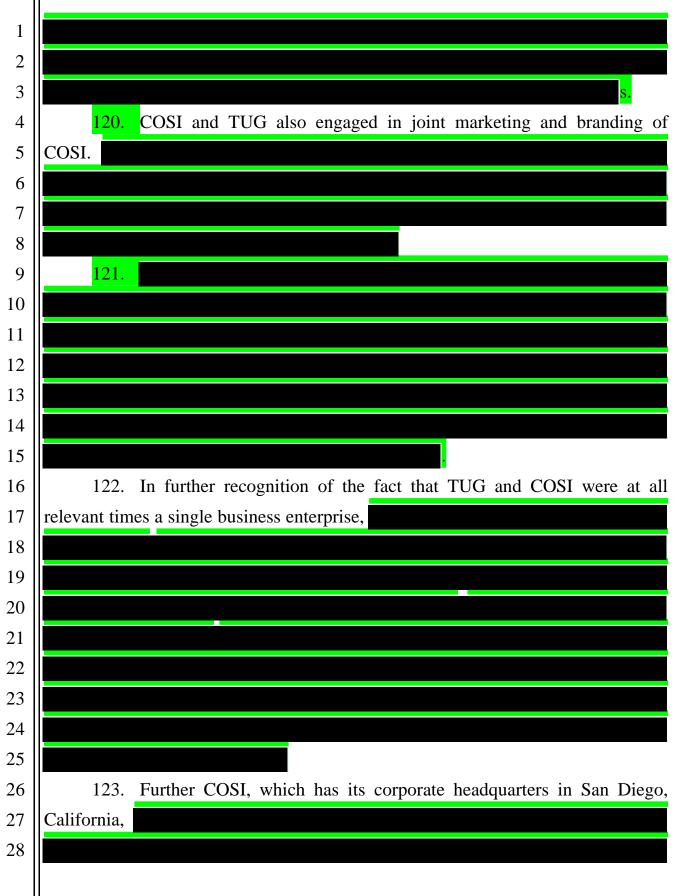
116. TUG exercises control and dominance over Tri-Union through these individuals. And, according to his own LinkedIn webpage, David Roszmann ("Roszmann"), the former Chief Operating Officer ("COO") of Tri-Union, who joined the company in March of 2013, served as the "only direct report to CEO [Chan] (relative of majority owning family of this foreign public company [TUG]) with all functions direct-reporting to COO including sales, marketing, procurement, supply chain, operations, finance, HR. legal and IT." Roszmann left Tri-Union in December of 2015, soon after Tri-Union's attempt to acquire Bumble Bee was assailed by the DOJ, as further described below.

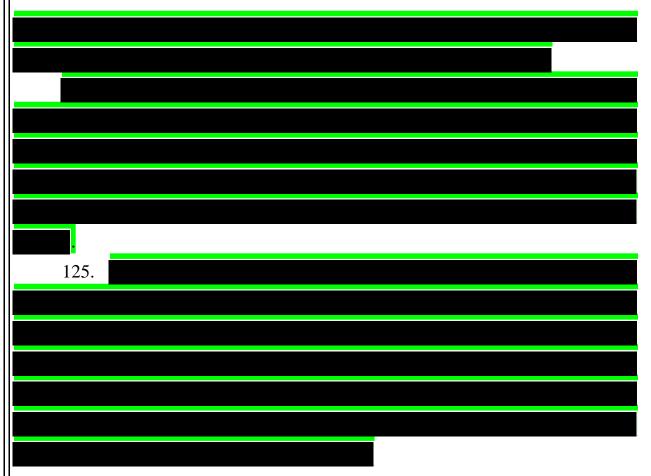
117. TUG publicly acknowledges its dominance over Tri-Union. The following pertinent excerpt of an organizational chart that appears on TUG's website demonstrates that TUG views Tri-Union as part of its overall "Global Tuna Business" and "US Ambient Operations" that are controlled directly by TUG's Board of Directors and executives:



118. TUG and Tri-Union Seafoods LLC d/b/a Chicken of the Sea International ("Tri-Union" or "COSI") acted as a single business enterprise and TUG's control and dominance over COSI and the integration of their collective human and capital resources and operations were intended to and did achieve a common business purpose. Ultimately, COSI is but a mere shell and conduit for the affairs of TUG, which stripped it of assets. For the reasons that follow, it would be an unjust and inequitable result to permit TUG to escape liability for the conduct alleged herein.

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126. Thus, TUG and Tri-Union operated as a single business enterprise and Tri-Union is the *alter ego* and agent of TUG. Moreover, TUG directly participated in the conspiracy described herein through personnel who had duties at TUG, such as Chan and Wipada Termlertmanuswong, both of whom were stationed in San Diego. In addition, TUG, by its own acknowledgement, profited from the conspiracy.

127. TUG withdrew the substantial profits from the conspiracy, from COSI.

128. As a result of COSI's transfers to TUG, TUG left COSI unable to satisfy a substantial judgment. For example, COSI's stated equity as of December 31, 2012 was just \$62 million. Approximately \$22 million of the equity was COSI's plant facilities and equipment. In addition, in 2012 COSI had over \$63

million in "related party" payables. Given the breadth and scope of the alleged conspiracy, an award of damages even before statutory trebling cannot reasonably be met by COSI alone. Because TUG reaped the rewards and COSI alone cannot make the victims whole, it would be inequitable to exclude the single business enterprise composed of TUG and COSI from joint and several liability.

## Dongwon And StarKist Act As A Single Entity

129. Dongwon itself has repeatedly availed itself of the jurisdiction of United States federal courts.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Dongwon Indus. Co., Ltd. v. Yoshida, No. 90-cv-00282 (D. Alaska); Yu Sheng Fishery Co. v. Dongwon Indus. Co., Ltd., No. 91-00018, 1991 WL 126138, at \*1 (D. Guam May 20, 1991) (denial of motion by Dongwon for vacatur of writ of maritime attachment, dismissal of in rem claims and release of security; court noted that "[t]here is no dispute of the fact that Dongwon has sufficient minimum contacts with Guam to subject it to general in personam jurisdiction and suit in this district".); Matter of Yu Sheng Fishery Co., Ltd., 1993 A.M.C. 116 (D. Guam July 12, 1991); Dongwon Indus. Co., Ltd. v. Ships Gear & Transit, Inc., No. 93-cv-01691 (S.D. Cal.) (suit alleging contract and tort claims against seller of a purse seine skiff); Perez v. Dongwon Indus. Co., No. 1:02-cv-00025 (D. Guam Aug. 9, 2002) (admiralty suit against Dongwon that was settled); United States ex rel. Moore & Co., P.A. v. Majestic Blue Fisheries, LLC, 69 F.Supp. 3d 416 (D. Del. 2014), rev'd, 812 F.3d 294 (3d Cir. 2016) ("Moore") (proceedings involving defendants' (including Dongwon) motion to dismiss claims under the False Claims Act relating to the sinking a United States-flagged vessel operated by Dongwon); Hill v. Majestic Blue Fisheries, LLC, Civ. No. 11-00034, 2013 WL 1499155 (D. Guam April 12, 2013) ("Hill") (denying Dongwon's motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim) and 2015 WL 3961421 (D. Guam June 30, 2015) (involving various motions dealing with pretrial settlement by Dongwon); Yang v. Majestic Blue Fisheries, LLC, Civ. No. 13-00015, 2015 WL 5001190 (D. Guam Jan. 14, 2015), adopted in part and rejected in part, 2015 WL 5003606 (D. Guam Aug. 24, 2015), recon. denied, 2016 WL 1411335 (D. Guam April 11, 2016) (all dealing with Dongwon's participation in a scheme with relatives of corporate insiders to acquire two United States flagged vessels). The Hill, Yang and Moore cases are of significance here. The underlying facts are laid out in Majestic Blue, 2014 WL 3728556, at \*10-35 and the qui tam complaint filed in the Moore case in (continued...)

# 130. According to StarKist Company's website:

Founded in 1969, Dongwon Group began as a fisheries business and branched out into various sectors including a strong food & beverage manufacturing arm, Dongwon F&B. Dongwon F&B now owns 75% of the canned tuna market share in Korea. Dongwon Industries is one of the world's largest tuna catching companies with a fleet of 36 boats. Dongwon's world class fish procurement and processing capacity builds on

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November of 2012. Dongwon owned the F/V Majestic Blue, a tuna fishing vessel. Jae-woong Kim, the brother of Dongwon Chairman Jae-chul Kim, was the General Manager of Dongwon's office in Guam and had two daughters who were American citizens born on Guam. In 2008, those women became the figureheads for Majestic Blue Fisheries LLC ("MBFLLC"), a United States limited liability company. The F/V Majestic Blue was sold to that entity for \$10. MBFLLC thereupon entered into maintenance and ship manning contracts with Dongwon whereby the latter essentially ran the vessel, which, because it was owned by American citizens, could fly the American flag. A series of American captains was hired to lead the vessel, but they were figureheads; largely Korean personnel selected by Dongwon really held the reins of control. The crew on the vessel engaged in repeated violations of, inter alia, MARPOL (the International Convention on the Prevention of Pollution from Ships) and certain laws relating to fishing practices. In June of 2010, the vessel sank after a series of poor repairs by Dongwon. MBFLLC sued for a limitation of its liability. Chief Engineer Chang Cheol Yang and Captain David Hill both died in the incident and their next of kin sued both MBFLLC and Dongwon. Dismissal of the Moore case was recently reversed, and the findings of fact made by the Magistrate Judge in Majestic Blue are being appealed to the Ninth Circuit. Adam Baske, a tuna expert formerly with the Pew Charitable Trusts, has, in an article on the F/V Majestic Blue, called Dongwon "one of the international bad boys in terms of illegal fishing activity." https://medium.com/matter/mutiny-on-the-majestic-blue-80e3d2fbb345#.4wrwj94gy.

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StarKist's national brand recognition and distribution networks in the United States to bring world-class seafood to consumers worldwide.

131. Dongwon's own website has this to say about its control over StarKist Company:

StarKist is the world's best tuna brand with 65 years of history, and holds the No.1 position in the US tuna market. Like Dongwon Group in Korea, StarKist is an iconic tuna brand in the United States, and has been controlled by Dongwon Group since 2008, accompanying Dongwon Group on its journey to globalization. Dongwon Group, which has already become the dominant player in Korea's tuna market, has focused on the steady growth of the world's tuna market and determined that tuna can be one of core resources that will lead future industries. Through the acquisition of StarKist, Dongwon Group has secured an opportunity to take off as the world's biggest tuna company, and will become de facto a globalized enterprise. (Emphases added).

- 132. For the reasons that follow, it would be an unjust and inequitable result to permit Dongwon to escape liability for the conduct alleged herein.
- 133. Before describing the interrelationship between StarKist Company and Dongwon Industries, it is first necessary to explain briefly the concept of the Korean *chaebol*, which is a recognized concept in the academic business literature focused on South Korean companies. *See*, *e*,*g*., the general discussions in David Hundt, *Korea's Developmental Alliance: State, Capital and the Politics of Rapid*

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Development (2009); R. M. Steers, K.S. Yoo, & G. Ungson, The Chaebol: Korea's New Industrial Might (1989).

134. The term "chaebol" is made up of the words "chae" (wealth or property and "bol" (clan or group). Chaebols are closely-knit business groups in South Korea under the control of a single family or extended family, with key flagship firms which are used as the instruments of control of other firms within the group. They have four key features: (1) the governance structure of the group involves family or extended family control; (2) the formal organizational structure of the group involves a group headquarters, located in an actual or *de facto* holding company, sometimes known as a "flagship" company, which controls a network of subsidiaries, which fall under the control of the family, the group as a whole, and of flagship firms within the group; (3) the business structure of the firm encompasses a number of discrete products and services, some of which are wholly unrelated and others that are effectively vertically integrated; and (4) these groups are characterized by strong internal cultures of hierarchy, familism and loyalty, with family members of the founder or his cohorts also occupying key managerial positions within the group.

135. The Dongwon family of companies fits this definition. The company started in 1969 and is dominated by Chairman Jae-chul Kim ("J.C. Kim") and members of his family or extended family, as described in more detail below. The group headquarters is in Seoul, South Korea, where its holding company, Dongwon Enterprises, is located. Through its subsidiaries, it operates in a number of business sectors including, inter alia, marine products, other food products, feed products and pet food, packing materials, and aluminum foil products. As explained below, the Dongwon family of companies has an internal culture of hierarchy, familism and loyalty. Defendants Dongwon Industries and StarKist Company exhibit that culture with members of J.C. Kim's family being put in key positions in both companies and executives at Dongwon Enterprises, Dongwin

Industries and various other Dongwon subsidiaries being routinely seconded to		
StarKist Company to fill managerial roles. Dongwon Industries, run by J.C. Kim,		
is the parent entity for StarKist Company.		

136. Dongwon purposefully directs its activities in the United States through its controlled and wholly-owned subsidiary StarKist Company, through which it produces and sells Packaged Tuna throughout the United States (including in this District), its territories and the District of Columbia. Indeed, Dongwon has its own fishing fleet and is vertically integrated with StarKist. Dongwon also purposefully directs its activities to the United States by exporting Packaged Tuna to this country. Dongwon directly participated in the conspiracy alleged herein, as described herein, as well as using its control over StarKist's Packaged Tuna business to conspire with the other Defendants and their co-conspirators.

Monte it contracted to purchase StarKist from Del Monte (a sale completed in October 2008). The current President and CEO of StarKist is Andrew Choe ("Choe"), who took that position in September of 2014. Choe joined Dongwon in 2010. He first took a title at StarKist in 2012, but formalities notwithstanding, he was closely involved in the management of StarKist. For example



139. Choe maintained a Dongwon employee status with a Dongwon title and a Dongwon email address until March 26, 2012. StarKist's own website, however, describes the reality: that Choe (StarKist's current CEO and President) joined StarKist in 2010. This is for practical purposes true, and it demonstrates the absence of meaningful distinction between StarKist and Dongwon management after Dongwon's purchase of StarKist.

140. Nam-Jung Kim (son of Dongwon Chairman Jae-chul Kim), who served as the COO of StarKist from 2012 until October of 2014, was Vice-President of Dongwon F&B and of Dongwon Enterprise Co. He now serves as a

Director of both StarKist and Dongwon.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> According to one article, "Kim Nam-Jung is the younger son of Dongwon chairman Kim Jae-Chul, who founded the business in 1969 to fish for tuna and established his first overseas base in the Republic of Ghana in 1973.... In preparation for succession, the founder has been transferring ownership of the private family holding company, Dongwon Enterprise Co., which owns stakes in various listed affiliates, to Nam-Jung. Jae-Chul holds a 24.5% stake and Nam-Jung, 68%.

141. Similarly, Hyung-Joo Kim, Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") of Dongwon F&B, became the CFO of the StarKist in 2012. Likewise, In-gu Park, the Chairman of the Board of StarKist, who also served as its Acting President from November of 2010 to March of 2011, serves as CEO of Dongwon Precision Machinery Company. Nam-Jung Kim, Hyung-Joo Kim, and In-gu Park all served as officers of StarKist during the period of the conspiratorial activities described herein, would have known of those activities, and would have relayed that information to executives at Dongwon, as reflected in Dongwon's own statements described below.

After the acquisition, American executives at StarKist began to leave—voluntarily and involuntarily.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Dongwon is no stranger to antitrust violations in the food industry. In June of 2011, one of its subsidiaries, Dongwon Dairy Foods, was fined 1.31 billion Korean won by the Korean Fair Trade Commission ("KFTC") for conspiring with three other firms to rig prices in the South Korean cheese market. According to the KFTC, employees of the Dongwon subsidiary were found to have participated in "a covert organization established for the purpose of such price-fixing"; they had multiple meetings with competitors in 2007-08, in which they agreed to raise cheese prices by 15-20%. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20110626000297.

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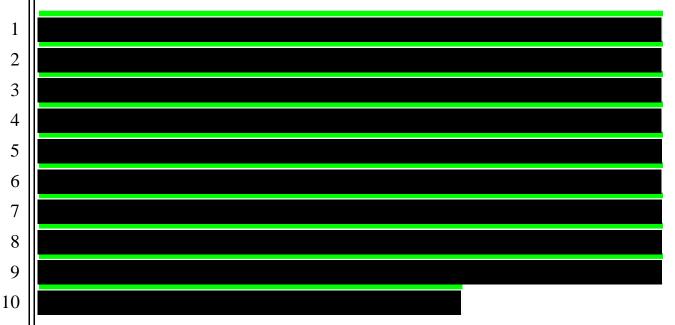
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- 144. From July 2008 when Dongwon took the reins of StarKist, to October of 2014, StarKist had a total of five CEOs: Donald Binotto ("Binotto"), Ingu Park, In-Soo Cho, interim CEO Sam Hwi Lee, and current CEO Choe.
- 145. As set forth herein, Dongwon participated in the conduct as alleged; in addition to its complete control and domination of StarKist, its disregard of corporate forms , and its descriptions of Dongwon

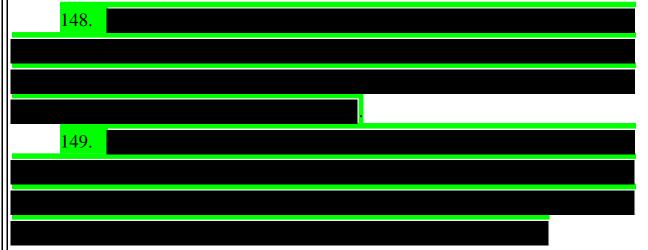
personnel as working for Starkist, which was true in fact even when not acknowledged in titles, demonstrates that StarKist is the agent, instrumentality and alter ego of Dongwon.

## **Del Monte And StarKist Acted As Single Entities**

- 146. In its 2008 Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and in preceding Form 10-Ks, Del Monte referred to the "StarKist Seafood operating segment," which indicates that StarKist did not function as an autonomous entity during the period of its ownership by Del Monte.
- 147. Del Monte owned StarKist until October 2008, and remained involved in the operations by contract until September 2010. As set forth below, Del Monte participated directly in various acts in furtherance of the continuing conspiracy

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alleged herein. Certain individuals acting on behalf of Starkist that are mentioned herein came to StarKist from Del Monte. Examples are Melissa Murphy ("Murphy"), StarKist's Senior Vice-President of Corporate Affairs and Human Resources, who served as Del Monte's Vice-President of Corporate Communications from 2003 to 2008; Steve Hodge ("Hodge"), a former Senior Vice-President of Sales for StarKist from May of 2010 to December of 2013 who was employed by Del Monte as a Director of Field Sales for StarKist from 2008-10; and Joe Tuza ("Tuza"), who served as the Vice-President of Marketing for Del Monte before joining StarKist.



150. Defendants and their co-conspirators directly and through their affiliates sold Packaged Tuna in the United States and in this district at artificially inflated prices during the Class Period. Defendants are direct, horizontal competitors in the United States Packaged Tuna market.

#### ADDITIONAL FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

## **A.** Overview of the Packaged Tuna Industry.

151. Packaged Tuna starts as raw fish that is processed, cooked and canned for flavor, safety, and to increase shelf life. Because the tuna are generally caught far out at sea, raw tuna is usually delivered to canneries or processing facilities in a frozen or refrigerated state. Upon delivery to a processing plant, an initial quality control inspection is performed.

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- 152. Tuna of acceptable quality is transferred to large ovens for "precooking." Following pre-cooking and cleaning, tuna is transmitted into a filling machine which processes the tuna into cans or pouches in pre-set amounts. The containers are then closed and sealed in sealing machines.
- 153. Each package has a code that identifies the plant, product, date, batch, and other identifying information. Filled and sealed packages are then cooked under pressure to make the products commercially sterile and so that they will have a long shelf life.
- 154. Packaged Tuna is largely sold, in the original packaging, directly to wholesale distributors, who, in turn, re-sell, also in their original packaging, to grocery stores, restaurants, school districts and other outlets. Additionally, Packaged Tuna is sold both directly and indirectly, in their original packaging, to club warehouses, retail groceries, grocery cooperatives, mass merchandisers, and drug stores, among others, who resell Packaged Tuna to end-user consumers in their original packaging.
- 155. Defendants all currently sell or during the class period sold Packaged Tuna in the United States.
- 156. Defendants collectively dominate the United States' highlyconcentrated Packaged Tuna industry and have done so for decades. StarKist, Bumble Bee, and COSI for about 80% of the tuna market, and the remaining share is divided among private label brands, typically associated with and distributed by a single retailer.
- 157. Beginning in or about 2000, national demand for Packaged Tuna, began to decline for numerous reasons. Between 2000 and 2014, the average per person annual tuna consumption decreased by more than 31% from approximately 3.5 pounds per person per year to 2.4 pounds per person per year
- 158. In a competitive environment, a decline in demand for a given commodity product should (other factors being equal) lead to a decline in that

product's price. However, as Defendants control the market and have agreed to restrict capacity, allocate customers, and fix prices for Packaged Tuna, the prices were set at artificially high levels beginning not later than July 21, 2008. Further, while the raw material is the largest cost input, the price of canned tuna since 2007 has outpaced the price of the major component fish, namely skipjack tuna, and significant oversupply and falling raw material prices during periods since the conspiracy began have not resulted in price reductions as would be expected in a competitive industry. Growth of prices that outstrips rises in raw product costs and/or persists when material costs fall, and in markets where demand is softening, suggests suspension of ordinary market functions.

159. Prices for Packaged Tuna since at least July 1, 2004, were a direct result of Defendants' conspiracy to diminish can size and collusively set and raise prices, to police discounts and refrain from offering products labeled to indicate sustainability features. As a result, Plaintiffs and the Classes paid artificially-inflated prices for Packaged Tuna purchased indirectly from Defendants.

## **B.** Defendants Engaged in an Anticompetitive Conspiracy

160. At least as early as July 1, 2004 Defendants COSI, Bumble Bee and StarKist participated in an anticompetitive horizontal cartel, perpetuated through organizations the Defendants themselves created, and which conspiracy included communications in person and by telephone and email, and in in-person meetings at senior levels of the Defendant brands, and sharing sensitive business information directly and through intermediaries. Defendants (1) coordinated a reduction in tuna can sizes; (2) coordinated increases to list and net prices of Packaged Tuna; (3) shared information about and policed discounting on Packaged Tuna; and (4) collectively agreed to forbear from introducing products under brand names that were labeled FAD Free, indicating forbearance from a fishing method that has been criticized for its impact on the sustainability of global fisheries. The Defendants' horizontal collusion was intended to, and did, fix, raise, stabilize,

and/or maintain the prices of Packaged Tuna sold to customers in the United States.

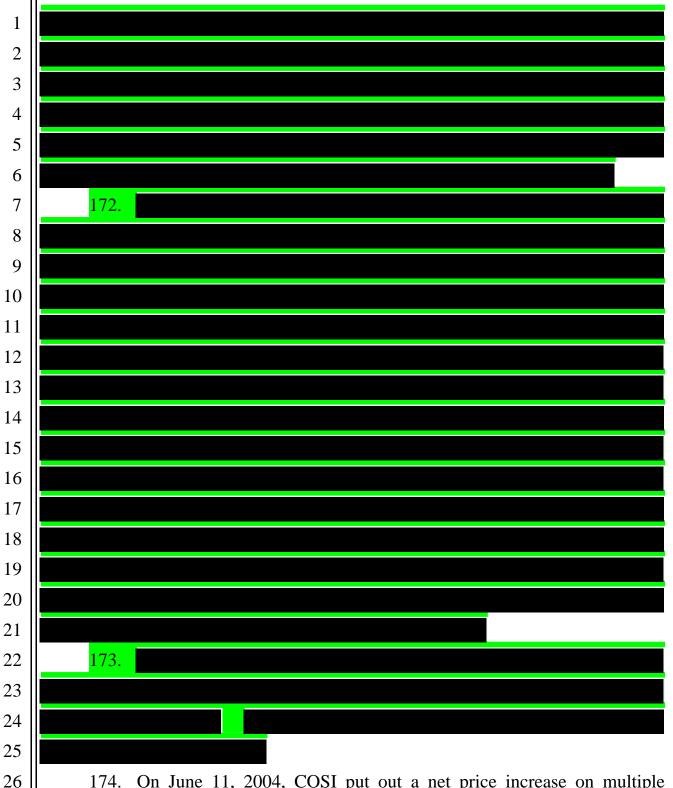
- 161. The Defendants among others, in their present or past parent corporate forms, were founding members of the U.S. Tuna Foundation, which became The Tuna Council. In 2007, the Tuna Council merged with the National Fisheries Institute ("NFI"). The NFI was founded at least as early as 1945, and serves as the seafood industry's primary trade group and lobby.
- 162. The NFI includes several subgroups, including the Tuna Council, which consists of the Defendant brands. Additionally, in 2007 NFI members created the Better Seafood Board ("BSB"), an organization which, while "governed separately from NFI," "provides the mechanism for [the] industry's partners in the supply chain. . .to report suppliers committing economic fraud." BSB's code of conduct includes requirements of "never mislabeling a fish" or "short-weighting product". During the Class Period NFI and the BSB have served as loci for collusive communication between Defendants and as a source of anticompetitive agreement.
- 163. NFI had frequent meetings during the Relevant Period, including meetings during the times that the collusive agreement on FAD-free tuna was discussed. In fact,

164. Defendants formed another organization, the International Sustainable

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See http://www.aboutseafood.com/about/better-seafood-board-3/, last accessed May 6, 2016.

Seafood Foundation ("ISSF"), in 2009. The ISSF and/or its affiliated trade group ISSA also serve as an additional forum for in-person and telephonic meetings between the Defendants, who are direct horizontal competitors. C. Defendants' Collusive Price Increases During 2004-2006 From 2001 and 2003, canned tuna prices declined, as did profit margins. 166. Accordingly, 167. During 

2 These communications offered the three CEOs an opportunity to discuss increasing prices 3 4 of Packaged Tuna in the United States. 5 168. As a result of the discussions among the COSI, Bumble Bee and Del Monte/StarKist executives and employees 6 Defendants made, a conscious commitment to an unlawful common scheme to increase prices of Packaged Tuna in the U.S. by coordinating price increases, 8 secretly and collusively exchanging advanced pricing intentions and pricing 10 announcements and explanations, and policing discounting. 169. 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 170. The following day, on June 1, 2004, in accordance with their unlawful agreement, Del Monte announced a price increase of 10% on StarKist's Packaged 23 Tuna 24 171. To confirm its conformance with the price increase and so the other 25 brands could conform their pricing accordingly, 26 27 28



174. On June 11, 2004, COSI put out a net price increase on multiple Packaged Tuna on June 11, 2004, effective in July 2004. Within days thereafter, Bumble Bee increased Packaged Tuna prices as well, also effective in July 2004.

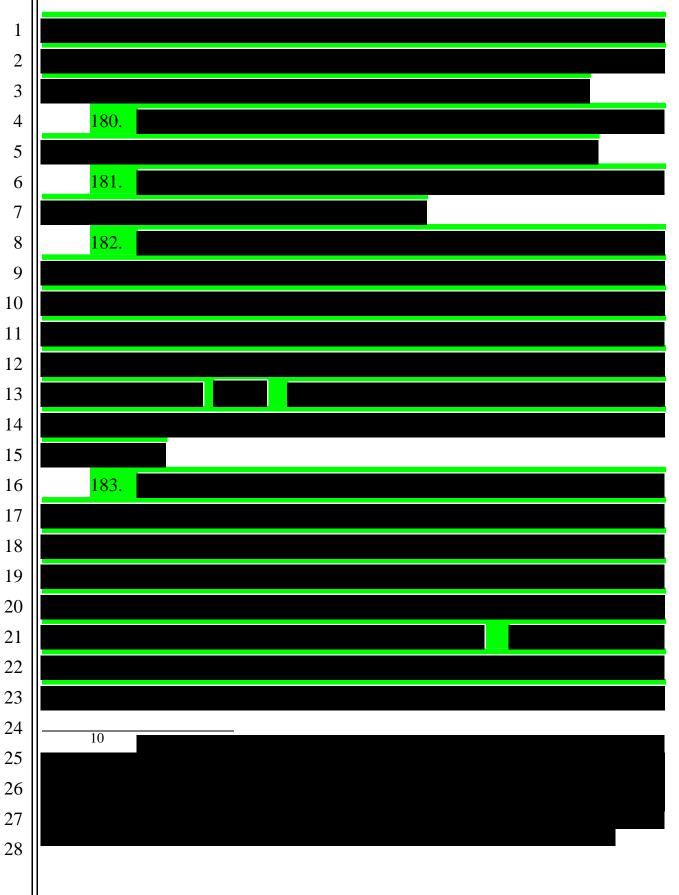
By July 2004, COSI, Bumble Bee and Del Monte/StarKist had executed the first collusive price increase. In September, they executed the second.

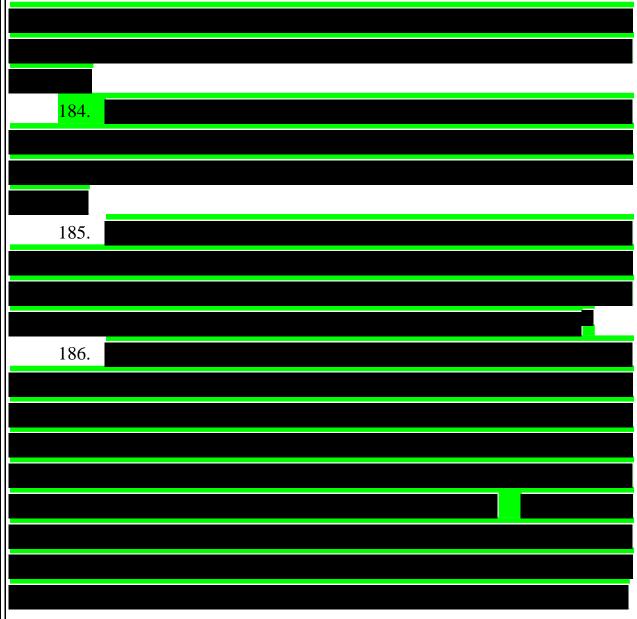
176. Between August 20, 2004 and August 30, 2004, Bumble Bee, StarKist, and COSI collusively raised prices on light meat tuna by an additional \$2.00 per case.

177. Defendants' 2004 collusive price increases were intended to and did increase U.S. Packaged Tuna prices, and these prices remained at supracompetitive levels throughout the Class Period.

178. In or about January 2006, Defendants decided to execute another round of collusive price increases when rising albacore costs threatened to erode their supracompetitive profit margins. StarKist moved first, notifying the trade (that is, brokers and purchasers) on or about January 30, 2006 that it would increase prices on white meat (albacore) tuna products by about 6% effective May 1, 2006. However, StarKist needed Bumble Bee and COSI to go along with the price increase for it to hold.

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187. Consequently, on March 6, 2006, COSI announced a price increase of approximately 6% on white meat tuna products, which followed the prices announced by StarKist. For example, COSI raised prices on cases of solid white tuna in water to \$58.08 and on 24-packs of solid white tuna in oil to \$29.04, which exactly matched the prices announced by StarKist.

Collusive Alignment of Can Sizes in 2008

188. Thereafter, Bumble Bee announced a price increase on white meat tuna products that matched the conspiratorial prices. Bumble Bee made its announcement on April 17, 2006. Both the Bumble Bee and the COSI price increases went into effect in the first week of July 2006.

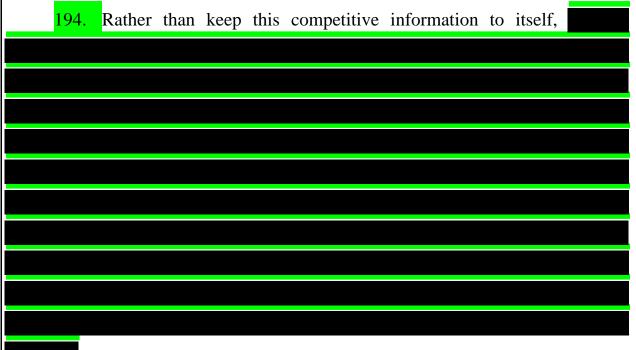
189. As a result of the conspiracy, six ounce chunk light tuna (one of the most popular Packaged Tuna products, which had gone as low as \$0.54 per can in the beginning of 2004, rose to \$0.58 by late 2004 and \$0.62 by August 2005. The 2004 and 2006 increases set a template for exchange on non-public information and collusive, coordinated increases.

# D. Defendants' Collusive Package Size Reduction and Price Increases in 2007-2008

190. The conspiracy among Defendants and co-conspirators continued in 2007 and 2008.

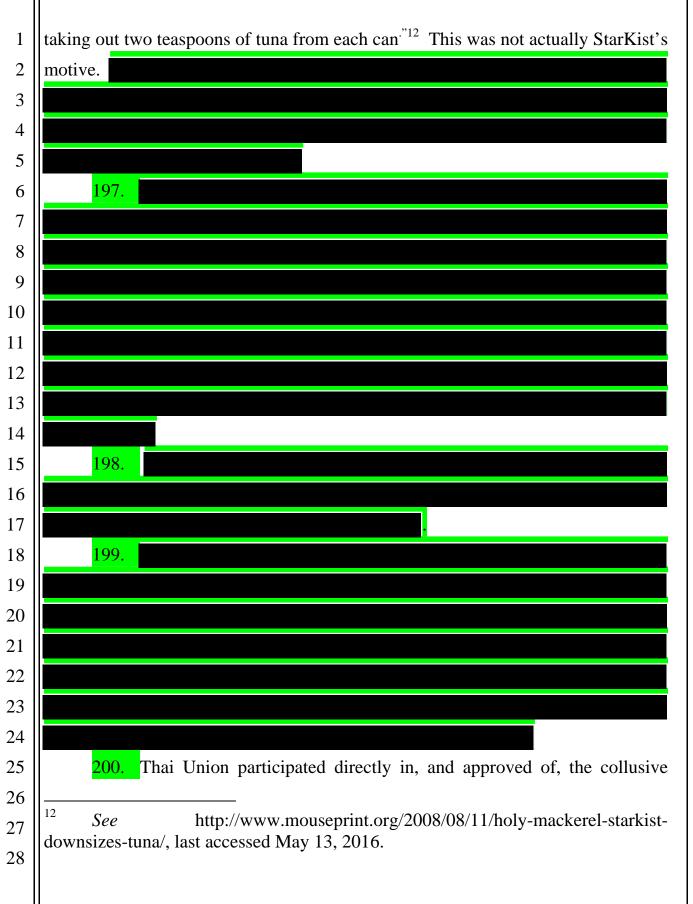
192. Between roughly 2000 and 2007, leading tuna companies, including Defendants, followed each other in a series of gradual moves to change the size of the standard tuna can, first from seven ounces to six and a half ounces, then to six and one-eighth ounces, and then to six ounces. These changes occurred gradually

193. In 2007, StarKist and its can maker, Impress, decided to abruptly change the size of its standard six-ounce tuna can to five ounces, marking a major departure from the gradual changes of the previous decade.



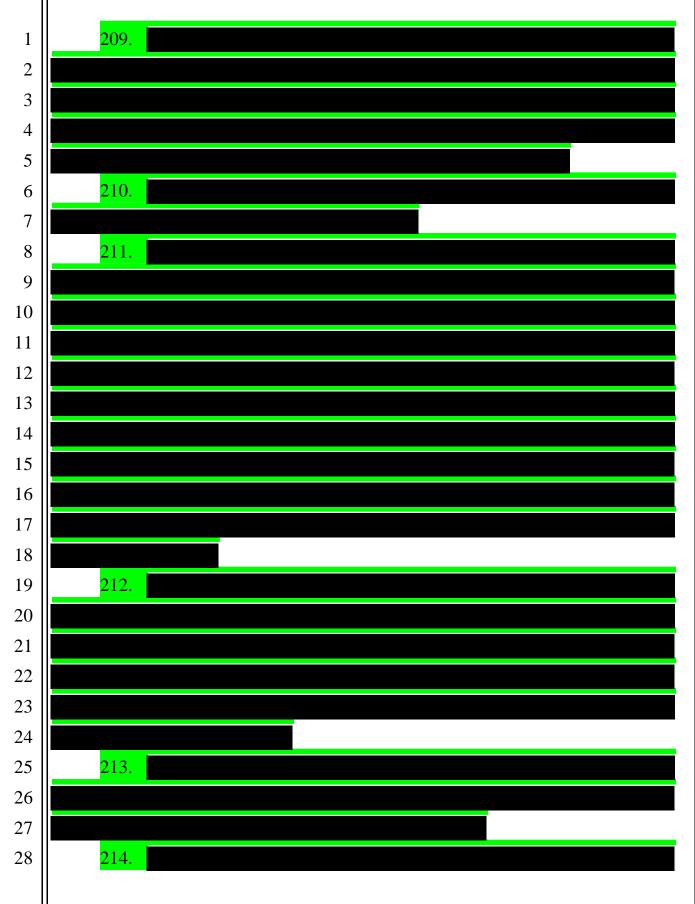
195. Further, the downsizing necessarily involved a price change, and therefore virtually required cooperation on pricing to be adopted by all three competitors. A size reduction with a proportional cost reduction would present consumers a lower out-of-pocket price for a smaller package at the same net price, likely effectively operating as a discount and undercutting the competitors for market share. If the three brands made the same size adjustment without also making the same pricing decision (an effective increase),

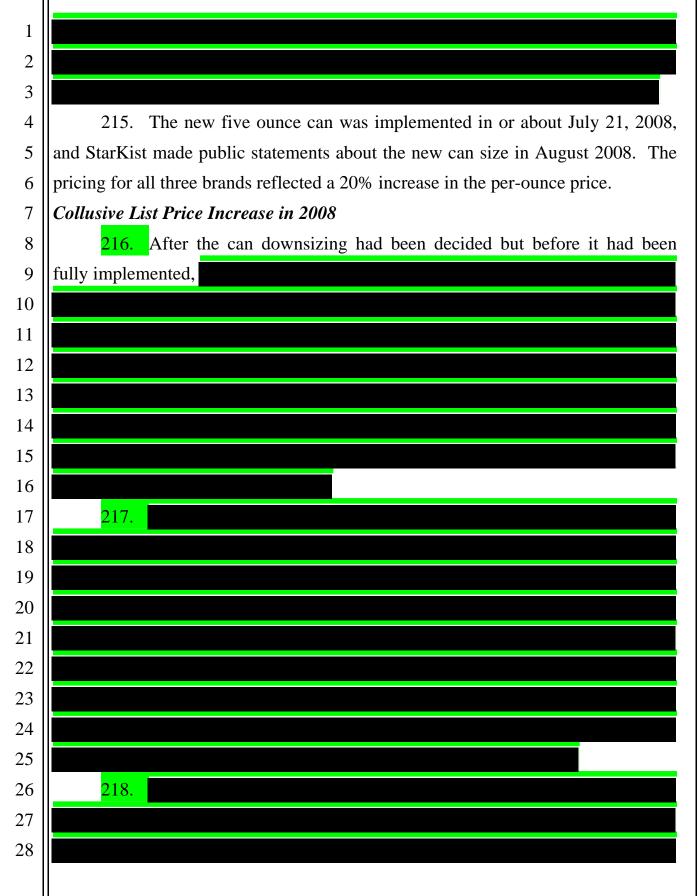
196. Months later, in August of 2008 when the move had been implemented, StarKist stated that it did this primarily for environmental reasons, including the purpose of "sav[ing] two million gallons of water a year, while only

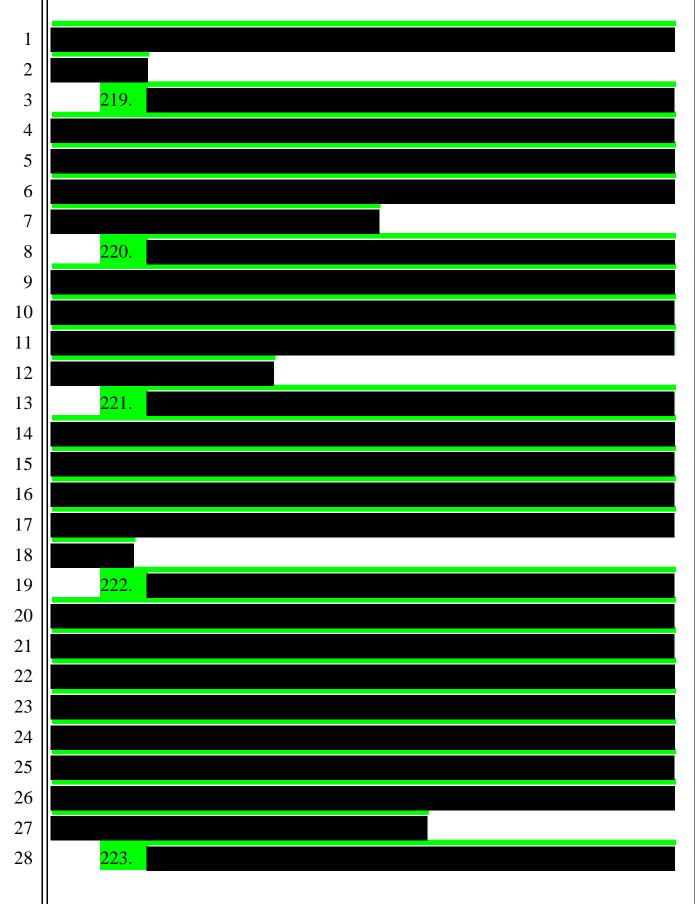


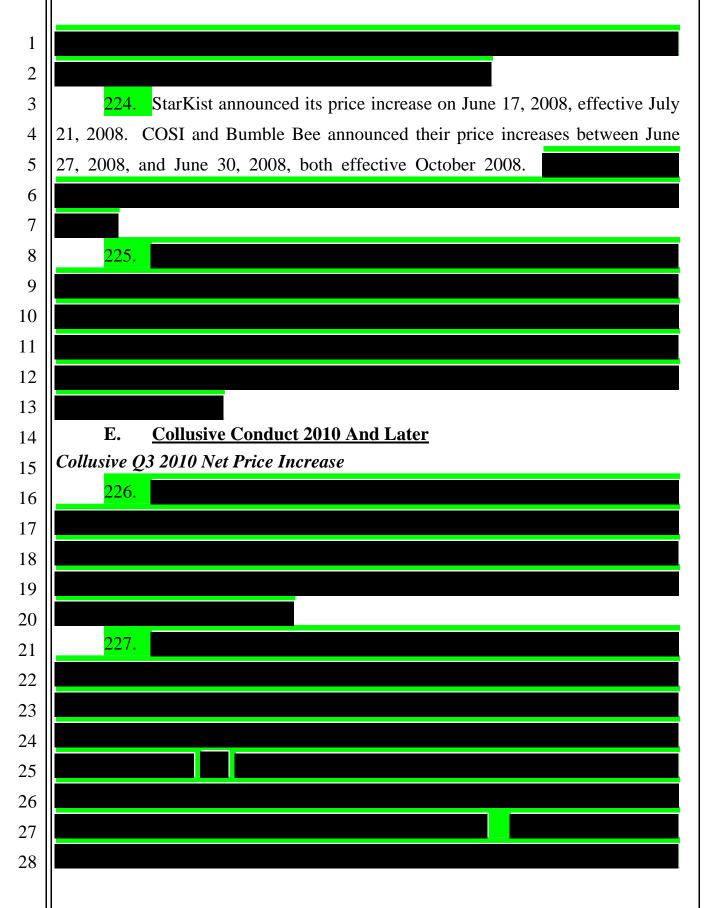


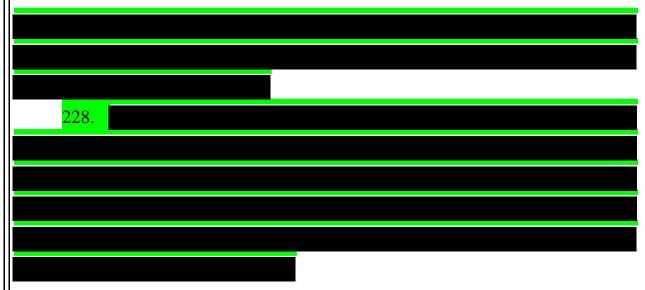








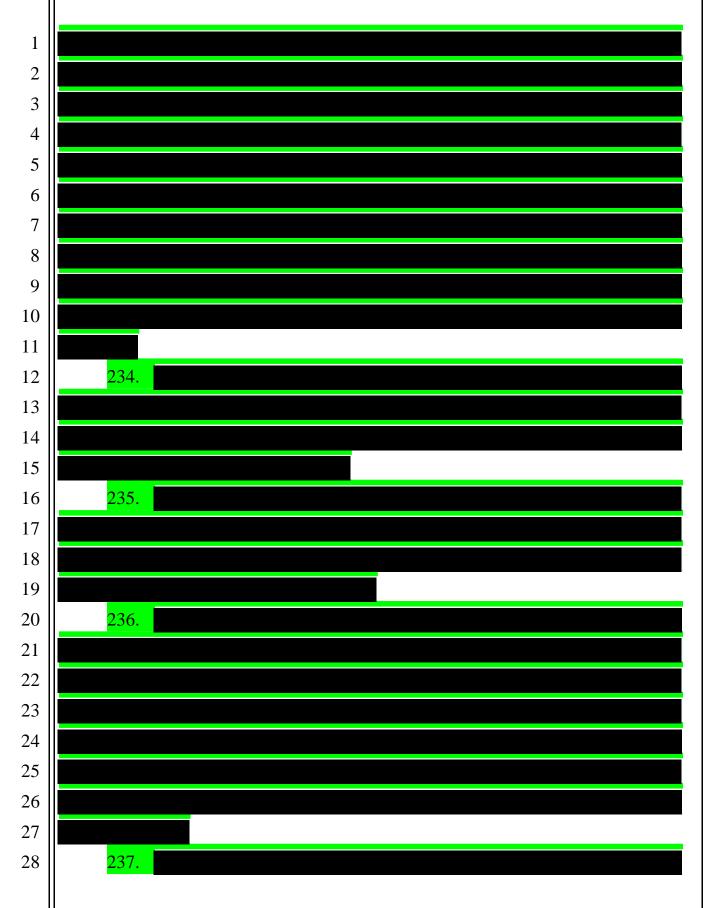




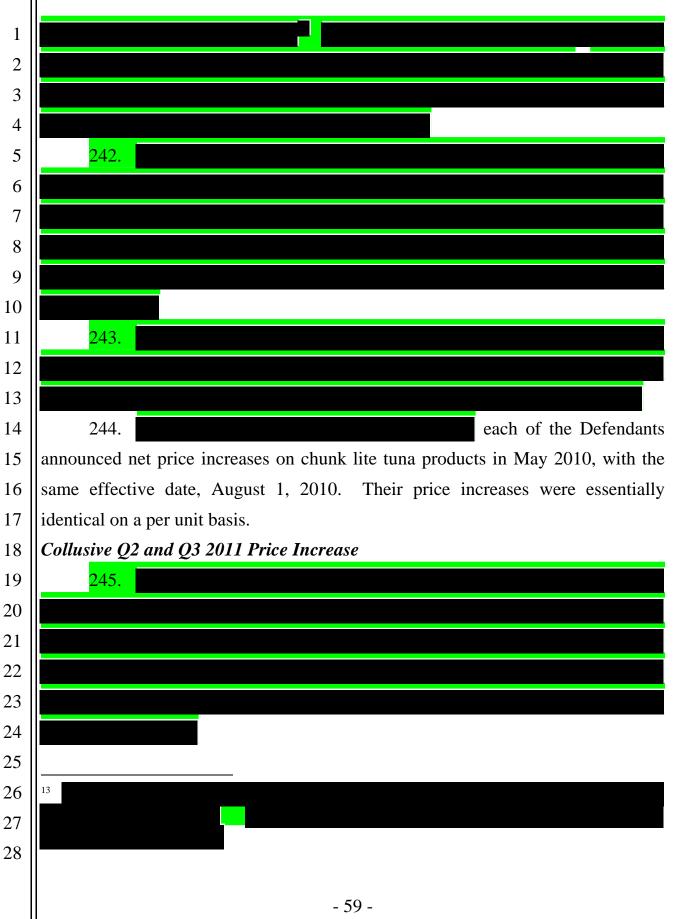
229. Defendants' executives responsible for the May 2010 net price increases were well-acquainted with each other, because at least some had been employed by each other's companies. For example, COSI's, Clancy had been Vice President of Sales and Marketing at StarKist until 2002. Bumble Bee's George was COSI's Senior Vice President of Trade Marketing and Innovation at Chicken of the Sea from June 1979 until May 2006, when he became Vice President of Trade Marketing at Bumble Bee.

231. Net price increases were unusual in the industry. The net price is not the list price, but is a price provided to brokers, and not typically released directly to customers.

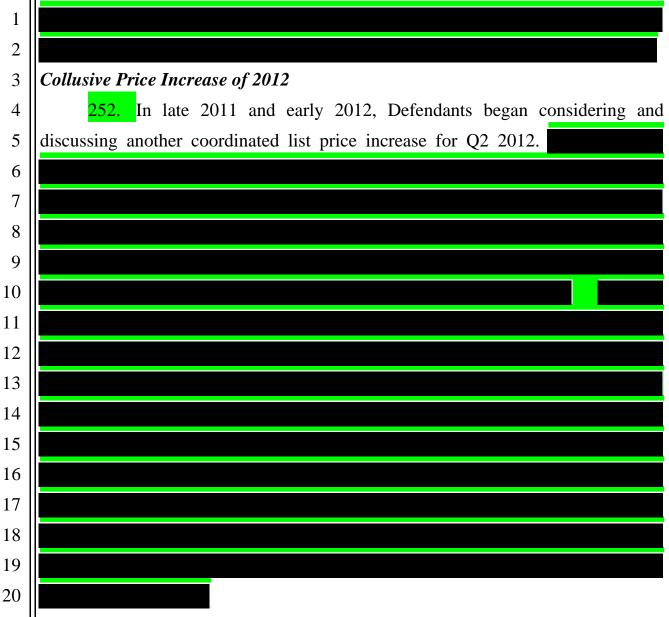












253. As a result of their collective decision, the three brands each announced new price lists to their customers within just a few days of one another. StarKist announced its price increases on January 13, effective March 26, 2012. Bumble Bee announced its increases on 17, 2012, effective on April 1, 2012. COSI announced its increases on January 18, 2012, effective on April 1, 2012. The price increases were substantially identical for the cartel participants' corresponding products.

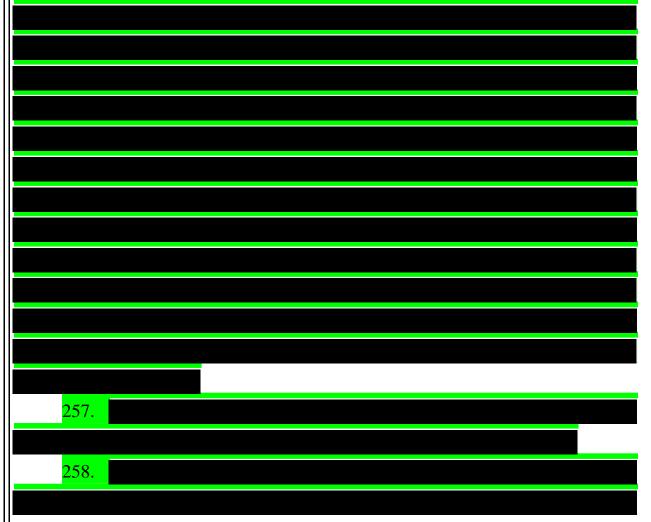
254. Defendants' contemporaneous announcements of list price increases

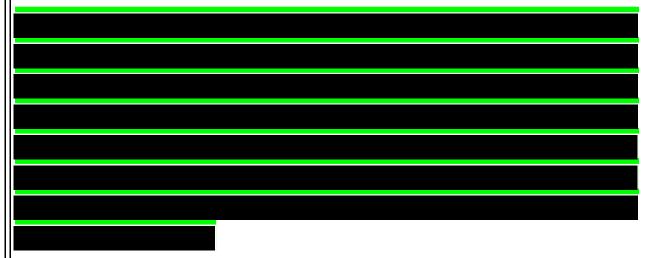
for Packaged Tuna occurred at a time when consumer demand continued to weaken in the U.S., a practice lacking any legitimate independent business reasons in an otherwise competitive market. In order to conceal their price agreement, Defendants gave pretextual justifications in their price announcement letters to customers, pointing to the rising input costs for fish, packaging, and transportation.

255. The series of price increases planned, executed and collusively set a benchmark which caused the prices to consumers to be artificially high long after the last overt acts of conspiracy.

## **Collusive Monitoring of Promotions**

256. To preserve the prices that they had decided and implemented together, the Defendants engaged in monitoring of discounts and promotions.



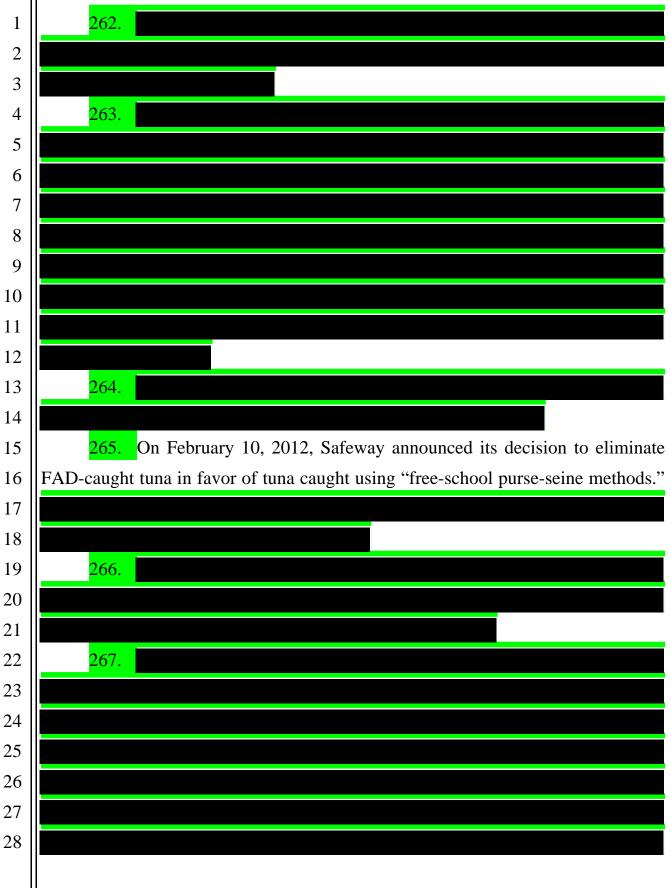


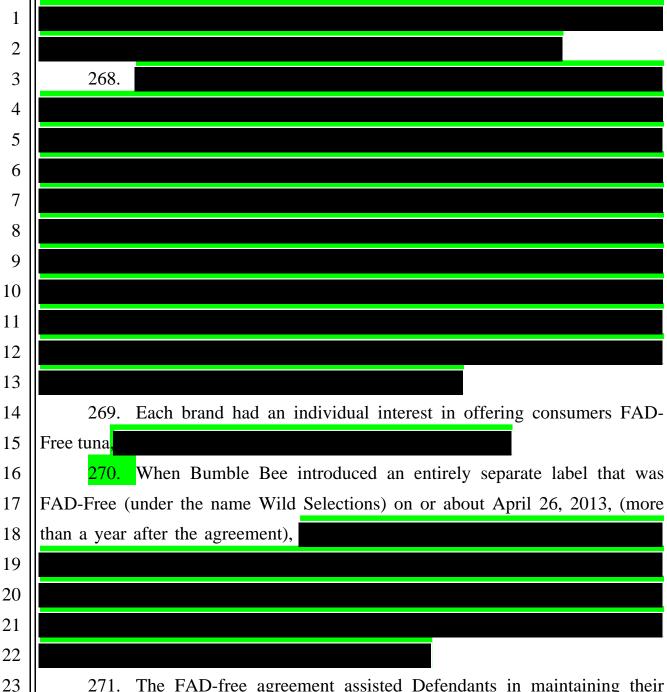
### Collusive Refusal to Offer FAD-Free Products

259. During 2011 the industry experienced increasing pressure to provide consumers the option to purchase more sustainably fished product in their product lines. A particular focus was the use of FADs in conjunction with the purse-seine method of fishing. A FAD is a man-made device that floats on the ocean (typically using a buoy tethered to the ocean floor) used to attract schools of fish that orbit around the FAD.

260. Much of the world's tuna is caught by purse-seine netting, in which a large net is deployed under an entire school of fish and hoisted upwards. This technique is distinct from methods involving towed nets, or pole-and-line fishing, where fish are hooked. The most cost-effective method of catching skipjack tuna is to use a FAD to draw schools of tuna into a small area, and a purse-seine net to capture them. The practice has drawn criticism on environmental sustainability grounds.

261. In the latter half of 2011, partially in response to efforts by environmental sustainability advocates, the Defendants began receiving inquiries about providing light tuna (largely skipjack) caught without the use of a FAD. Rather than respond to these inquiries as an opportunity for competitive differentiation, the Defendants decided to formulate a coordinated response.





271. The FAD-free agreement assisted Defendants in maintaining their price-fixing conspiracy, and in staving off inter-brand competition in offering FAD-free tuna to consumers as a more environmentally sustainable and desirable alternative.

## Defendants Have Additional Opportunities to Collude

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272. Defendants BumbleBee, StarKist, and COSI or their precedent

corporate parents all helped found NFI's Tuna Council and BSB, which became loci of a conspiracy among these competitors not to compete, and to share competitive information and coordinated business strategies. As explained on that organization's website: "The National Fisheries Institute's Tuna Council represents the largest processors and household names for canned and pouch tuna in the U.S. including *Bumble Bee®*, *Chicken of the Sea®* and *StarKist®*. The Tuna Council speaks for the tuna industry on numerous issues including food safety, labeling, sustainability, nutrition education and product marketing." NFI and specifically Tuna Council meetings were typically attended by the CEOs, and/or by other members of the senior management team. They met or spoke at least quarterly, providing a regular opportunity for the exchange of competitive information.

- 273. The industry provides other opportunities for the Defendants to collude and exchange sensitive business information necessary to forming and monitoring a cartel.
- 274. For example, all three Defendants participate in regional fisheries management organizations. These include the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Council; and the Fishery Counsel of Canada. All three Defendants regularly send representatives to major trade conferences including the Infofish World Tuna Trade Conference and Exchange, an Asia-Pacific region conference sponsored each year by an intergovernmental arm of the United Nations and drawing key players in the industry. The conference is in its fourteenth year.
- 275. The ISSF was founded in 2009. The ISSF states that its mission is to "to undertake science-based initiatives for the long-term conservation and sustainable use of tuna stocks, reducing by and promoting ecosystem health."
- 276. The ISSF Board of Directors includes individuals associated with the tuna industry, many of whom work or have worked for Defendants. For example, the current President of the ISSF is Susan Jackson ("Jackson"). Prior to joining ISSF, Jackson was the vice president for government/industry relations and

seafood sourcing for Defendant Del Monte Foods, former parent of StarKist. The Board of Directors of the ISSF also currently includes John Connelly, who is the President of the NFI.

- 277. The ISSA is a tuna industry trade association. Full membership in the ISSA is limited to "processors," "traders" and "marketers" in the tuna industry.
- 278. All three Brand Defendants are founding members of the ISSF. Each of the three Brand Defendants has played, and/or continues to play an active role in the ISSF and the ISSA. Chris Lischewski, President and CEO of Bumble Bee, In-Soo Cho, former president and CEO of Starkist and Shue Wing Chan, of Thai Union, parent of COSI, have served as ISSA Board Members.
- 279. The ISSF and the ISSA provided the three Brand Defendants numerous and ongoing opportunities to interact at meetings, conferences, and to participate in conference calls. ISSF bylaws provide for meetings of the ISSF Board of Directors be held three times each year.
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- 281. Defendants also collaborated on projects at trade and other not-for-profit associations during the relevant period, such as the "Tuna the Wonderfish" campaign of 2011-2012.
- 282. The "Tuna the Wonderfish" campaign was designed to combat declining sales of Packaged Tuna from early 2011 to early 2012. It was unsuccessful, but it gave Defendants ample opportunity to collude to raise and fix

Packaged Tuna prices. This campaign was bankrolled by the Defendants and carried out under the auspices of the Tuna Council with the support of Thai processors. In it, the Defendants teamed up for marketing purposes.

283. Defendants Bumble Bee and COSI also cooperate on seafood processing and packaging through bilateral co-packing agreements. Bumble Bee co-packs for the West Coast of the United States for COSI in Bumble Bee's Santa Fe Springs, California plant while COSI does the same for the East Coast in Lyons, Georgia. TUG approved this arrangement. Thus, even before the proposed merger, described below, of these two companies, they were cooperating closely. These interlocking relationships provided an excellent opportunity to collude on pricing. Collaborating at their U.S. processing facilities allowed each of these two Defendants an organic and in-house opportunity to monitor production, a key component of information exchange necessary to sustaining a long-term cartel.

## F. The Packaged Tuna Market Is Conducive to Collusion

- 284. The Packaged Tuna market is structured and characterized in such a way as to be highly conducive to conspiracy.
- 285. Packaged Tuna is sold to wholesale and retail stores which in turn sell to customers such as the Plaintiffs. A very small percentage of sales are made directly to consumers. There are numerous barriers to entry into the Packaged Tuna market. Start-up costs are very high. Dongwon and TUG each are to some degree vertically integrated, Dongwon claiming at times to have the world's largest fishing fleet. The cost of processing plants is high. Merely modernizing the processing plant in American Samoa (owned by COSI at the start of the Class Period, purchased and refitted by a nonparty and reopened in 2015) cost \$70

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million. Access to manufacturing materials, distribution channels and raw materials are all highly restricted. Defendants are able to raise prices without fear of being undercut by new entrants into the market.

286. Additionally, StarKist, COSI and Bumble Bee, as brands, have all existed for a very long time. StarKist was founded in 1917. COSI was founded in 1914 as the Van Camp Seafood Company, and was once a part of Ralston Purina. Bumble Bee actually predates the First World War and was previously part of Pillsbury and later ConAgra. StarKist, the most recent of the brand names to appear on American store shelves, began using that name in 1942, though the company itself predates even that. These three brands have had not decades but generations to build brand identities and relationships. They are known by virtually every American consumer. Any company seeking to start anew faces difficulties in lack of background, industry ties, and brand awareness.

287. Even an industry player with decades of experience faces formidable obstacles in establishing a consumer brand. Tri-Marine, a company that has sold fish to each brand for decades, now cans the Kirkland Signature brand for Costco, one of the more successful private labels. It now owns the packing plant in American Samoa previously operated by COSI. However, even with this massive investment and experience, Tri-Marine's entry has been limited to private label production, where one of the largest retail outlets lends its muscle to bring the product to market. Tri-Marine has a brand of its own, Ocean Naturals, but Ocean Naturals has struggled to find shelf space and exists as a niche environmental sustainability product with small areas of shelf space at Walmart, and is otherwise dependent upon Amazon as a retail conduit.

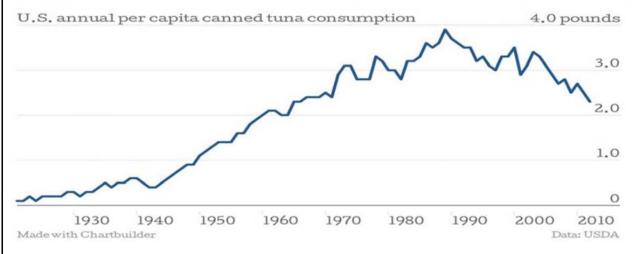
288. Purchasers routinely source their Packaged Tuna from one of the Defendants. As a result, Defendants dominate the United States Packaged Tuna market.

289. As stated above, Defendants control roughly 80% of the tuna market

share for the United States, so almost all wholesale or retail purchasers do business with Defendants. Defendants possess significant market power to raise prices for Packaged Tuna to supra-competitive price levels in the United States.

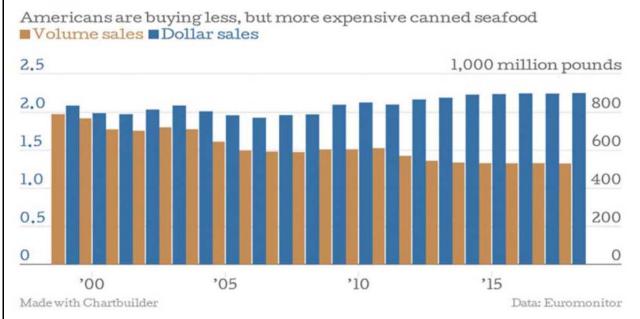
290. Packaged Tuna has a number of characteristics that combine to reduce customers' willingness to purchase substitute products in the face of rising prices. Packaged Tuna are convenient high protein, low fat, shelf-stable food that has a particular taste and historical usage. Because of these characteristics, there are no reasonable substitutes for Packaged Tuna. Therefore, control of the Relevant Markets by a theoretical a hypothetical monopolist would allow that monopolist to profitably increase the prices to supra-competitive or monopoly levels.

291. There are economic indications that support the conclusion that there was collusive pricing within the domestic Packaged Tuna industry. As noted above, consumption of Packaged Tuna, has declined over the past ten years in the United States. The annual consumption per person of canned tuna was 3.1 lbs. in 2005, but fell to 2.3 lbs. in 2013. An article in the Washington Post graphically represented this decline by measuring United States annual per capita consumption from 1930 to 2010:



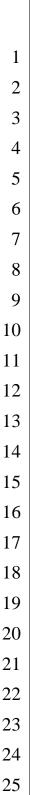
292. But while Americans are buying less Packaged Tuna, they are paying

more for what they do buy. The same article presented this graph, illustrating the increased prices paid for lower quantities of canned seafood (expanding the analysis beyond tuna) by American purchasers:



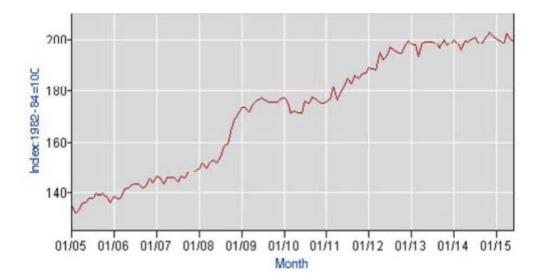
293. Given this decline in consumption of Packaged Tuna and other packaged seafood products, one would expect rational businesses to reduce the prices for packaged seafood products, but that did not happen. The following chart, taken from data available at the Bureau of Labor Statistics, depicts seasonally adjusted U.S. city average prices for shelf stable fish and seafood from January 2005 through the first part of 2015, with the period 1982-84 used as a baseline.

294. As shown below, the average U.S. price for Packaged Tuna increased dramatically from 2008 to the early part of 2015 – and did so even though annual consumer demand for the products in the United States was falling.



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295. Changes in overall tuna catch do not explain the price increase. Supply of tuna has expanded steadily worldwide since the early 1960s. The use of purse-seine netting, in which a net is extended under an entire school and hauled upwards, as described above, has increased the availability of skipjack tuna since the 1970s, so that Skipjack has come to represent more than 70% of the Defendants' tuna products on U.S. store shelves. The global tuna catch, which was less than a million metric tons per year in 1961, is now over 4.5 million tons annually. Catch per vessel has roughly doubled since the mid-1980s, and the global tuna fishing fleet is larger today than it was in the mid-1980s. No constriction in global tuna catch explains the rising prices charged by Defendants.

296. Nor do raw material costs adequately explain these price increases. While the cost per metric ton of skipjack tuna rose in 2012 and early 2013, it declined precipitously thereafter. According to the April 19, 2015 issue of Tuna Market Intelligence, "[a]s recently as June last year, skipjack was selling at US\$1,800 in Bangkok. But the price has since plummeted to US\$1,000 since the beginning of the year, with industry officials anticipating further reductions in price this year." Tuna exporters in Ecuador noted in January of 2015 that the price per metric ton had declined from \$1,400 to \$800. And the United Nations Food &

Agriculture Organization noted in its May 2015 "Food Outlook" biannual report that tuna prices had dropped considerably in 2014: "tuna prices declined significantly due to excess supply, with frozen skipjack prices hitting a 6-year low." Despite these drastically declining raw material costs, Defendants did not decrease prices and try to obtain more market share.

297. In fact, while there have been periodic increases in fish cost, from 2000 to 2015, fish cost as a proportion of retail price of canned tuna has actually decreased. In 2000, the price of tuna accounted for 37% of the retail price of the canned product. By 2015, tuna price was only 31% of the canned tuna price.

298. TUG's Frozen Products' Annual Report discusses this situation. In its 2013 Annual Report, TUG Frozen Products stated that "our branded tuna business showed resilient growth from 2012 thanks to the price adjustments in Europe and more rational market competition in the US." It stated in the same report that its future profit margins would depend upon "[r]easonable US canned tuna competition without unnecessary price."

299. In 2014, TUG attributed its own US profits to reduced price competition and competitors eschewing the quest for market share through discounting. It would have been against the individual self-interest of each Defendant to eschew increasing market share during this period by lowering prices.

#### **G.** The Department of Justice Investigates Defendants

300. The San Francisco office of the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice ("DOJ") is currently investigating anticompetitive practices in the PSP industry. A grand jury has been convened, two individuals previously employed by Bumble Bee have entered guilty pleas, and as of the day of the filing of this Complaint, the investigation further resulted in the first corporate guilty plea. It was publicly reported that Bumble Bee would plead guilty to conspiring to restrain trade in connection with Packaged Tuna, and pay a fine.

- 301. The criminal investigation first surfaced on July 23, 2015, when TUG confirmed that "Tri-Union Seafoods LLC, operating in the United States under the brand Chicken of the Sea ha[d] received a subpoena requiring the production of relevant information to the DOJ" and that "Chicken of the Sea is cooperating fully with the investigation."
- 302. On July 17, 2015, TUG announced it suspended a planned public stock offering that it had planned to use to finance acquisition of Bumble Bee. TUG stated that it wanted "additional clarity" on the investigation before proceeding with the offering. Thai Union has notified the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") of the suspension. Thai Union has since also announced that the planned acquisition of Bumble Bee will not proceed given the merger investigation that is part of the DOJ investigation of anticompetitive practices in the PSP industry.
- 303. The publication Global Competition Review has reported that it "is highly likely that something produced in the [Tri-Union and Bumble Bee] merger investigation sparked this investigation touching the industry as a whole rather than just the parties to the deal," and "early information indicates the demand for information came from a separate section of the antitrust division, not one tasked with analyzing deals."
- 304. On July 23, 2015, Bumble Bee acknowledged receipt of a grand jury subpoena. Bumble Bee stated, "The Company did receive a grand jury subpoena relating to a US Department of Justice investigation into potential antitrust violations in the packaged seafood industry. The Company is cooperating fully with the investigation."
  - 305. StarKist received a subpoena as well, but did not say so publicly.

- 306. The fact that these companies received subpoenas from a federal grand jury is alone significant, as is reflected in Chapter 3 of the 2014 edition of the DOJ's Antitrust Division Manual, available at http://www.justice.gov/atr/public/divisionmanual/chapter3.pdf. Section F.1 of that chapter notes that "staff should consider carefully the likelihood that, if a grand jury investigation developed evidence confirming the alleged anticompetitive conduct, the Division would proceed with a criminal prosecution." *Id.* at III-82.
- 307. Early in this litigation, the DOJ made a formal motion for intervention in this action, and the Government negotiated and filed a partial stay agreement that expressly provides for certain discovery while preventing discovery that would infringe upon the Grand Jury's investigation; which was later modified to accommodate the timeline of the investigation. That investigation has now borne demonstrable fruit.
- 308. On December 7, 2016, it filed a criminal information against Cameron, a Senior Vice-President of Sales for Bumble Bee, alleging a conspiracy to fix prices of PSPs. "Information" (Dec. 7, 2016) (ECF No. 1) in *United States v. Cameron*, No. 3:16-cr-00501-EMC (N.D. Cal.). Cameron pled guilty to the offense charged at a hearing on January 25, 2017.
- 309. On December 21, 2016, the DOJ filed a criminal information against Ken Worsham, a Senior Vice-President of Trade Marketing for Bumble Bee, again alleging his participation in a conspiracy to fix the prices of PSPs. "Information" (Dec. 21, 2016) (ECF No. 1) in *United States v. Worsham*, No. 3:16-cr-00535-EMC-1 (N.D. Cal.). Ken Worsham pled guilty to the charge against him on March 15, 2017.
  - D. Both plea agreements state that: the defendant participated in a conspiracy with other persons and entities engaged in the manufacture and sale of packaged seafood, the primary purpose of which was to fix, raise and maintain the prices of packaged seafood

conspiracy, the defendant engaged in conversations and discussions and attended meetings with representatives of other major packaged-seafood-producing firms. During these conversations, discussions and meetings, agreements and mutual understandings were reached to fix, raise and maintain the prices of packaged seafood sold in the United States.

sold in the United States, In furtherance of the

Worsham Plea Agreement,  $\P$  4(b); Cameron Plea Agreement,  $\P$  4(b).

- 311. Pursuant to his guilty plea, Ken Worsham admitted to collusive discussions with competitors about Defendants' price increases. Ken Worsham also stated that during his conversations, discussions, and meetings, "agreements and mutual understandings were reached to fix, raise, and maintain the prices of packaged seafood sold in the United States." Ken Worsham and the government agreed on his sentencing guidelines calculations "based on a total amount of volume of commerce attributable to the defendant of over \$300 million." A reasonable inference from this admission is that Ken Worsham, Bumble Bee, StarKist and COSI reached and implemented illegal collusive agreements affecting over \$300 million worth of Bumble Bee's sales of packaged seafood in U.S. interstate commerce, in addition to the packaged seafood sales of StarKist and COSI that the agreement affected.
- 312. It has been publicly reported that one Defendant has applied for and been accepted into the DOJ's corporate leniency program under the Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act of 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-237, §213(b), 118 Stat. 665, 666 (codified as amended at 15 U.S.C. § 1 note) ("ACPERA").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Plea Agreement ¶ 4 (b) *United States v. Kenneth Worsham*, No. 16 CR 535 (N.D. Cal. Dec. 21, 2016) (ECF No. 14).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> *Id.* ¶ 9. (emphasis added). Worsham admitted his employer's sales of packaged seafood affecting U.S. customers totaled *at least* \$300 million. *Id.* ¶ 4(a).

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leniency program is specifically related to Defendants' price-fixing activities and other anticompetitive conduct in violation of Section 1 of The Sherman Act in the United States Packaged Tuna market. ACPERA protection requires that the amnesty applicant admit the commission of a criminal act. Therefore,

Bumble Bee personnel admit committing a crime in connection with the antitrust investigation.

#### H. Plaintiffs Suffered Antitrust Injury

- 313. Defendants' anticompetitive conduct had the following effects, among others:
  - a. Price competition has been restrained or eliminated with respect to Packaged Tuna sold in the United States;
  - b. The prices of Packaged Tuna sold in the United States have been fixed, raised, maintained, or stabilized at artificially inflated levels;
  - c. Indirect purchasers of Packaged Tuna have been deprived of free and open competition; and
  - d. Indirect purchasers of Packaged Tuna paid artificially inflated prices.
- 314. By reason of the alleged violations of the antitrust laws and other laws alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes have sustained injury to their businesses or property, having paid higher prices for Packaged Tuna than they would have paid in the absence of Defendants' illegal conduct, and, as a result, have suffered damages in an amount presently undetermined. This is an antitrust injury of the type that the antitrust laws were meant to punish and prevent.

# FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT AND THE TOLLING OF THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

#### I. TOLLING OF THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

315. Plaintiffs had neither actual nor constructive knowledge of the facts constituting its claim for relief.

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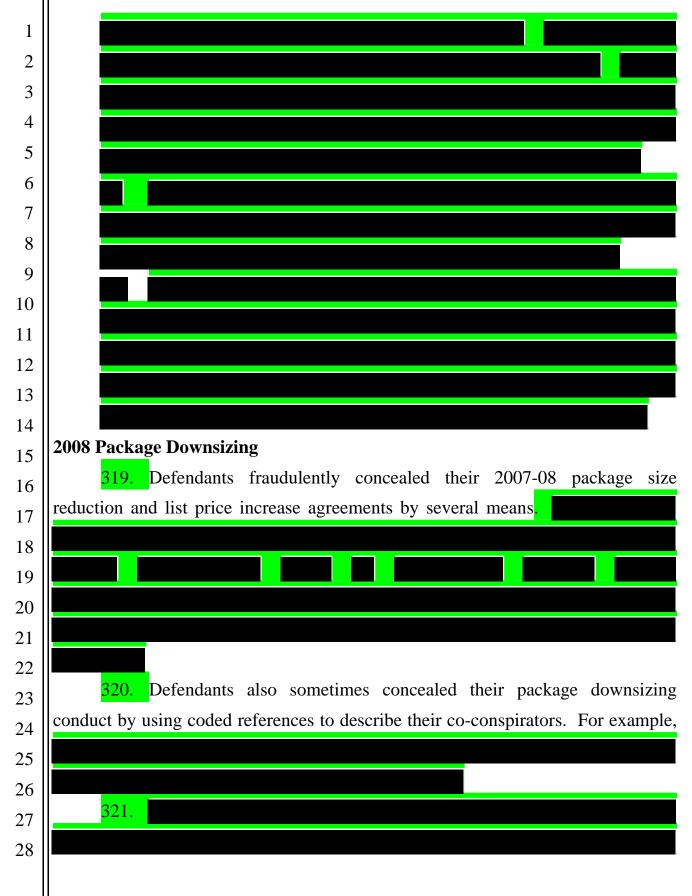
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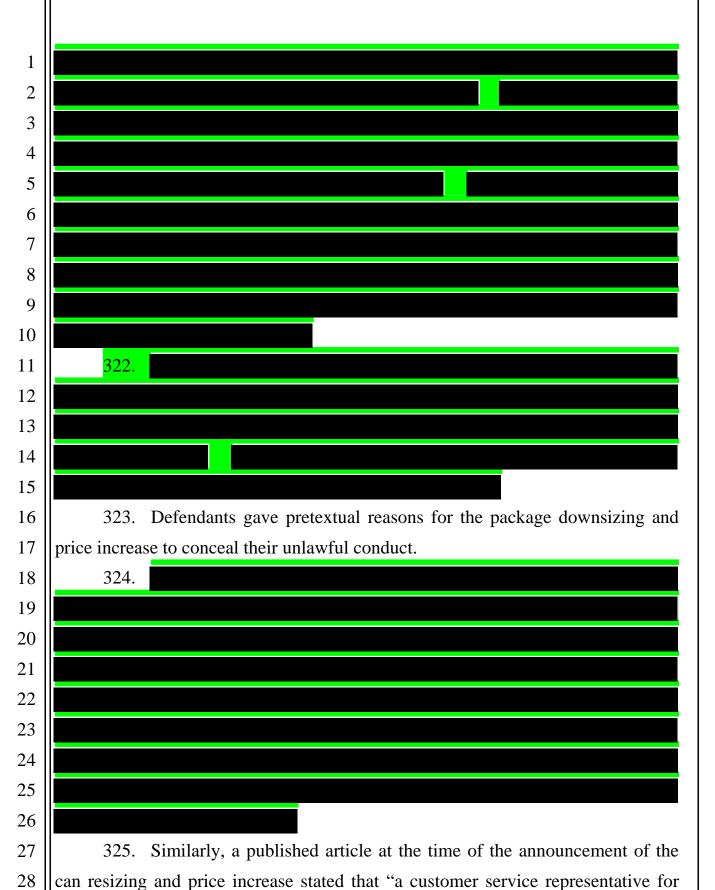
316. Plaintiffs and members of the Class did not discover, and could not have discovered through the exercise of reasonable diligence, the existence of the conspiracy alleged herein until at least July of 2015. Indeed, the conspiracy was apparently only uncovered by DOJ in the process of reviewing internal company documents relating to the proposed merger between COSI and Bumble Bee.

317. Defendants engaged in a secret conspiracy and did not reveal facts that would put Plaintiffs or the Class on inquiry notice that there was an agreement to fix prices for Packaged Tuna. By their very nature, price-fixing conspiracies are inherently self-concealing. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants agreed among themselves to conceal their unlawful conspiracy, including by agreeing not to discuss the conspiracy publicly and by other means of avoiding detection and maintaining secrecy, such as the use of nonpublic e-mails and private telephone calls, as described above. Accordingly, Plaintiffs could not have had either actual or constructive knowledge of the price fixing scheme until the public disclosure of the DOJ's criminal investigation on July 23, 2015.

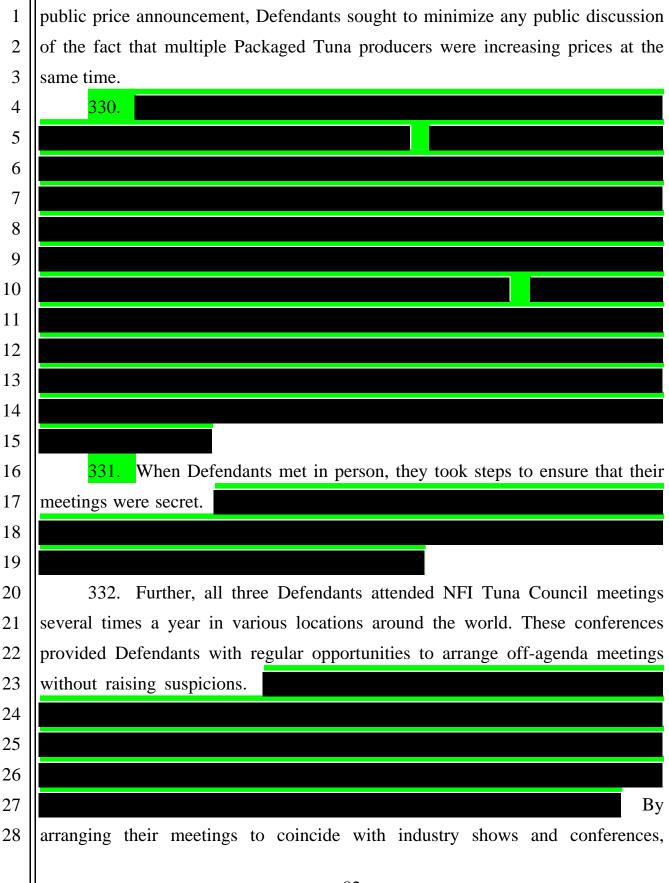
#### 2004-2006 Price Increases

318. Defendants fraudulently concealed the 2004 and 2006 increases. (i)





1	StarKist explained that tuna prices have reached an all-time high." And in
2	August 2008, StarKist added an environmental sustainability justification, by
3	touting the can downsizing as "saving two million gallons of water."
4	When instituting the 2008 list price increase, StarKist stated in August
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6	escalation of global Tuna fish prices."
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11	Later Coordinated Price Increases
12	327. Defendants again used multiple means to conceal their 2008, 2010,
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17	328. Defendants sought to limit inculpatory written communications with
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23	329. Similarly, in connection with the 2011-12 price increases, COSI,
24	StarKist, and Bumble Bee interacted mostly through telephonic communications or
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1	Defendants attempted to reduce the chance that their presence in the same location						
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3	333. As explained above, familial connections sometimes provided						
4	Defendants with seemingly innocuous channels for passing confidential						
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6	Additionally, Laurel Cameron						
7	neé Edwards, the wife of Bumble Bee Senior Vice President Scott Cameron, began						
8	working at ISSF in early 2012. Prior to her employment at ISSF, she had worked						
9	as a Vice President of Sales with Scott Cameron at Bumble Bee.						
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11	. Given her role at ISSF, she was ideally positioned to facilitate						
12	communications between Defendants.						
13	334. Further, Defendants consistently gave pretextual public justifications						
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- 337. Other examples of pretextual statements regarding price increases include:
- 338. A June 2011 letter from COSI attributing price increases to "persistent global inflationary trends" and "increased raw material costs and a weak U.S. dollar."
- 339. A July 2011 StarKist letter announcing prices increases for canned tuna that were attributed to "continuously rising fish costs."
- 340. A January 2012 COSI letter saying that "[h]igh fish prices have made it necessary to increase the list price of both light and white [tuna]. All indicators are that these higher raw material costs will not return to levels that were seen as recently as a year ago."
- 341. A January 17, 2012 list price announcement from Bumble Bee attributing increases to general inflationary trends in fish, transportation and packaging costs.
- 342. A January 17, 2012 letter from Cameron of Bumble Bee to customers saying that "[o]ver the recent past, global inflation, economic uncertainty, transportation consolidation, fuel prices, and record high resource (fish) costs, have compounded to create unprecedented pricing volatility in our industry. As we forecast these factors moving into the first half of 2012, we see no relenting on these cost pressures. The factors that were outlined above will increase, which has led Bumble Bee Foods to announce list pricing actions on a number of canned and pouch tuna items (ranging from +4% to +9%), beginning in April, 2012."
  - 343. A March 2012 letter from Cameron of Bumble Bee telling customers

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that "unforecasted elements," some of which would occur in the latter part of 2012, necessitated canned tuna price increases.

- 344. An August 2012 Intrafish article in which Senior Vice President David Melbourne of Bumble Bee says that "[t]he leading brands took pricing action due to escalating fish costs."
- 345. None of these communications ever mentioned Defendants' collusion or the fact that, as DOJ's Baer has stated, their industry was "not functioning competitively."
- 346. Defendants actively sought to mislead their customers about the pricefixing scheme. Their various justifications for price increases did not disclose that they had agreed among themselves to fix, raise and/or stabilize the price of Packaged Tuna. Defendants' justifications for their price increases were also misleading, to the extent they were true even in part, because of their failure to disclose that the price increases in fact resulted from their illegal agreement and conspiracy.
- 347. Defendants' fraudulent concealment was even more effective against Plaintiffs because they were and are consumers. Indirect purchases, at retail prices, interposed an additional layer of opacity as to the prices charged by the Defendants and the timing of changes.
- 348. Because Defendants' agreement, understanding and conspiracy was kept secret, Plaintiffs and members of the Class were unaware of Defendants' unlawful conduct alleged herein and did not know that they were paying artificially high prices for Packaged Tuna during the Class Period.
- 349. The guilty plea of Ken Worsham of Bumble Bee further raises the inference of using means of communication that affirmatively concealed the conspiracy from detection. Ken Worsham, as alleged *supra*, is the son of Bob Worsham, a longtime Del Monte employee and StarKist consultant.

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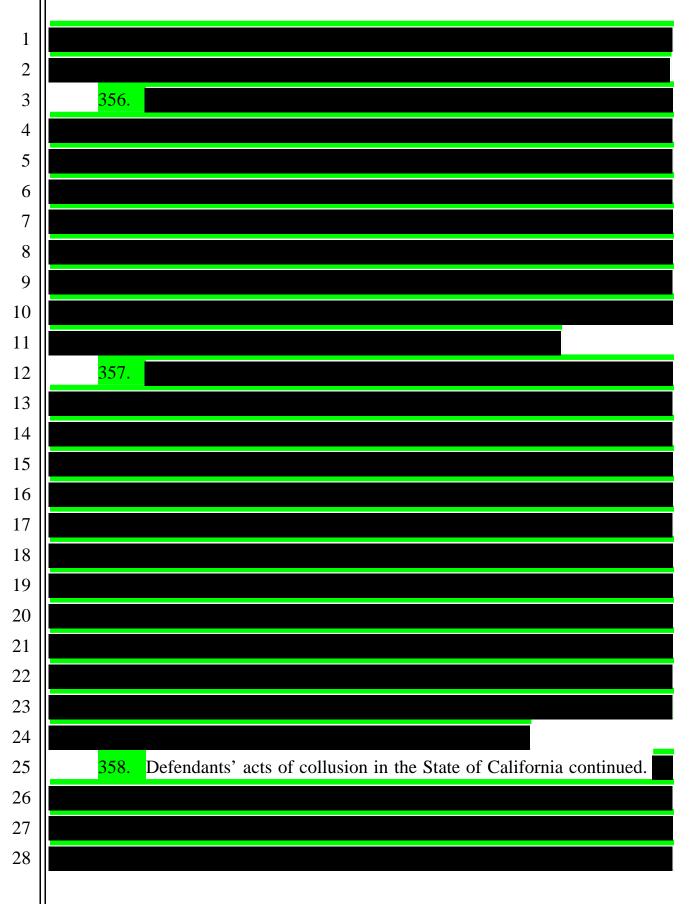
involvement of both father and son in the collusion allowed Defendants an avenue to pass competitive information where personnel from competing companies could meet as frequently as necessary with no need to present an explanation.

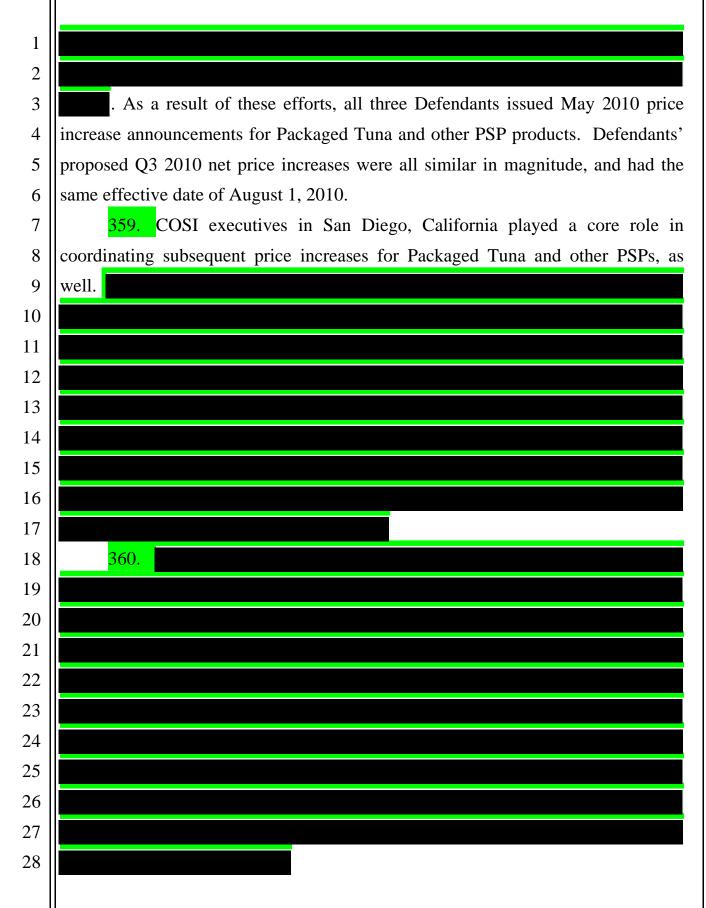
- 350. None of these communications ever mentioned Defendants' collusion or the fact that, as DOJ's Baer has stated, their industry was "not functioning competitively."
- 351. Defendants thus actively misled their customers about the price-fixing scheme. Their various justifications for price increases did not disclose that they had agreed among themselves to fix, raise and/or stabilize the price of Packaged Tuna. Defendants' justifications for their price increases were also misleading, to the extent they were true even in part, because of their failure to disclose that the price increases in fact resulted from their illegal agreement and conspiracy.
- 352. Because Defendants' agreement, understanding and conspiracy was kept secret, Plaintiffs and members of the Class were unaware of Defendants' unlawful conduct alleged herein and did not know that they were paying artificially high prices for Packaged Tuna during the Class Period.

### Defendants' Conspiratorial Acts Overwhelmingly Took Place in California

- 353. Defendants' acts in furtherance of their conspiracy to raise the prices of Packaged Tuna overwhelmingly occurred in the State of California.
- 354. As alleged above, Defendants COSI and Bumble Bee each maintain their principal places of business in San Diego, California. Defendants used and availed themselves of these and other California-based locales to engage in and implement their conspiracy.

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361. Defendants' actions to collude on limiting promotional activity also had a California focus.

362. In sum, all aspects of Defendants' collusive and conspiratorial acts, as herein alleged, involved executive and management-level personnel employed by, among others, Defendants COSI and Bumble Bee at their principle places of business in San Diego, California. Additionally, Defendants' actions in furtherance of the alleged Packaged Tuna price-fixing conspiracy overwhelming occurred in California. Indeed, in allocutions made at the time they entered guilty pleas to criminal antitrust charges for engaging in conspiratorial conduct with other companies to fix the prices of PSPs in the United States, Bumble Bee executives Ken Worsham and Cameron quite candidly admitted that their wrongful and collusive actions in violation of the nation's antitrust laws occurred largely, if not entirely, in California.<sup>16</sup>

363. Because the conspiratorial conduct overwhelmingly took place in California, and the massive economic harm visited on consumers throughout the United States emanated from California through the conduct of predominantly California actors acting in California, therefore California has a superior interest in having its laws applied to all injured consumers which exceeds the interests of those states which while allowing recovery by their consumers have chosen a different or more limited procedural mechanism with respect to cases brought in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> See, e.g., Rprt's Transc. Of Proceedings, January 25, 2017, U.S. v. Cameron, 3:16-cr-00501-EMC, at pp.13-15; Rptr's Transc. Of Proceedings, March 15, 2016, U.S. v. Worsham, 3:16-cr-00535-EMC, at page 13, lines 15-17.

their respective jurisdictions under their respective laws.

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#### CAUSES OF ACTION

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# VIOLATIONS OF STATE ANTITRUST LAW 364. The following First through Twenty-Seventh Claims for Relief are pleaded under the antitrust laws of each State or jurisdiction identified below, on

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### FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### Violation of Section 16720 of the

# California Business and Professions Code ("The Cartwright Act") (By All Plaintiffs On Behalf of

### The *Illinois Brick* Repealer Cartwright Act Class)<sup>17</sup>

- 365. Plaintiffs repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 366. The violations of federal antitrust law set forth above also constitute violations of section 16720 of California Business and Professions Code.
- 367. The states and jurisdictions included in the Illinois Brick Repealer Cartwright Class (as defined in ¶ 94(a), supra) each allow indirect purchasers to recover on a similar theory applicable to the facts alleged in this Complaint, which overwhelmingly took place within the State of California.
- 368. Because the conspiratorial conduct overwhelmingly took place in California, and the massive economic harm visited on consumers throughout the United States emanated from California through the conduct of predominantly California actors acting in California, therefore California has a superior interest in having its laws applied to all injured consumers which exceeds the interests of those states which while allowing recovery by their consumers have chosen a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Plaintiffs reserve the right to seek amendment to apply the Cartwright Act to consumers in all US States and territories.

different or more limited procedural mechanism with respect to cases brought in their respective jurisdictions under their respective laws.

- 369. During the Class Period, Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in a continuing contract, combination or conspiracy in unreasonable restraint of trade and commerce and other anticompetitive conduct alleged above in violation of California Business and Professions Code section 16700, *et seq.*
- 370. Defendants' anticompetitive acts described above were knowing and willful and constitute violations or flagrant violations of California Business and Professions Code section 16700, *et seq*.
- 371. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Illinois Brick Repealer Cartwright Act Class have been injured in their business and property in that they paid more for Packaged Tuna than they otherwise would have paid in the absence of Defendants' unlawful conduct. As a result of Defendants' violation of section 16720 of California Business and Professions Code, Plaintiffs and members of the Illinois Brick Repealer Cartwright Act Class seek treble damages and their cost of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees, pursuant to section 16750(a) of California Business and Professions Code.

#### SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of Arizona's Uniform State Antitrust Act, Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 44-1401, et seq.

(By Plaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Tina Grant, Tya Hughes, John Pels, and Erica Rodriguez On Behalf of the Arizona Class)

- 372. Plaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Tina Grant, Tya Hughes, John Pels, and Erica Rodriguez, on behalf of themselves and the Arizona Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 373. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated Arizona Rev. Stat. § 44-1401, *et seq*.

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- 374. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna market, a substantial part of which occurred within Arizona.
- 375. Defendant established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Relevant Markets, a substantial part of which occurred within Arizona, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the Packaged Tuna Market.
  - 376. Defendants' violations of Arizona law were flagrant.
- 377. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Arizona's trade and commerce.
- 378. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs and members of the Arizona Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
- 379. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct preventing Arizona plaintiffs from reasonably discovering the claim during the limitations period. This cause of action did not accrue until July 23, 2015 when the plaintiffs knew or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have known about the Defendants' unlawful conduct.
- 380. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and members of the Arizona Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief available under Arizona Revised Stat. § 44-1401, et seg.

#### THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of California's Cartwright Act, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 16700, et seq.

- (By Plaintiffs Mary Hudson, Tya Hughes, Amy Jackson, Michael Juetten, Rick Musgrave, and John Pels On Behalf of the California Class)
- 381. Plaintiffs Mary Hudson, Tya Hughes, Amy Jackson, Michael Juetten, Rick Musgrave, and John Pels, for themselves and on behalf of the California

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Class, repeat and reallege each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.

- 382. The California Business & Professions Code generally governs conduct of corporate entities. The Cartwright Act, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 16700-16770, governs antitrust violations in California.
- 383. California policy is that "vigorous representation and protection of consumer interests are essential to the fair and efficient functioning of a free enterprise market economy," including by fostering competition in the marketplace. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 301.
- 384. Under the Cartwright Act, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 16750(a).
- 385. A trust in California is any combination intended for various purposes, including but not limited to creating or carrying out restrictions in trade or commerce, limiting or reducing the production or increasing the price of merchandise, or preventing competition in the market for a commodity. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 16720. Every trust in California is unlawful except as provided by the Code. Id. at § 16726.
- 386. Plaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Tina Grant, Tya Hughes, John Pels, and Erica Rodriguez purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of California during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 387. Defendants enacted a combination of capital, skill or acts for the purpose of creating and carrying out restrictions in trade or commerce, in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 16700, et seq.
- 388. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct preventing California plaintiffs in the exercise of due

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diligence from uncovering the unlawful conduct. The applicable statute of limitations is tolled until July 23, 2015 until the plaintiffs by the exercise of reasonable diligence should have discovered it.

389. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured in their business or property, with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna in California and are entitled to all forms of relief, including recovery of treble dages, interest, and injunctive relief, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

#### FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the District of Columbia Antitrust Act, D.C. Code § 28-4501, et seq.

(By Plaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Kaitlyn Rooney, and Andrew Gorman On Behalf of the District of Columbia Class)

- 390. Plaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Kaitlyn Rooney, and Andrew Gorman on behalf of themselves and on behalf of the District of Columbia Class, repeat and reallege each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 391. The policy of District of Columbia Code, Title 28, Chapter 45 (Restraints of Trade) is to "promote the unhampered freedom of commerce and industry throughout the District of Columbia by prohibiting restraints of trade and monopolistic practices."
- 392. Plaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Kaitlyn Rooney, and Andrew Gorman purchased Packaged Tuna within the District of Columbia during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 393. Under District of Columbia law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action under the antitrust provisions of the D.C. Code based on the facts alleged in this Complaint, because "any indirect purchaser in the chain of manufacture, production or distribution of goods...shall be deemed to be injured within the meaning of this chapter." D.C. Code 28-4509(a).

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- 394. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired to act in restraint of trade within the District of Columbia, and monopolized or attempted to monopolize the market for Packaged Tuna within the District of Columbia, in violation of D.C. Code § 28-4501, *et seq*.
- 395. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct by the affirmative actions described herein which were designed to prevent the discovery of such unlawful conduct and the Plaintiffs in the District of Columbia did not discover and could not discover the unlawful conduct prior to July 23, 2015.
- 396. Plaintiff and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna in the District of Columbia and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, and interest, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

#### **FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

Violation of the Guam Antitrust Law, Guam Code Ann. tit. 9 § 69.10, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Amy Jackson and Joelyna A. San Agustin On Behalf of the Guam Class)

- 397. Plaintiffs Amy Jackson and Joelyna San Agustin, on behalf of themselves and the Guam Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 398. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated Guam Code Ann. tit. 9 § 69.10, et seq.
- 399. Plaintiffs Amy Jackson and Joelyna San Agustin purchased Packaged Tuna within the Territory of Guam during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 400. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce

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- 401. Defendant established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Relevant Markets, a substantial part of which occurred within Guam, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the Packaged Tuna Market.
- 402. Defendants' conduct was an unfair method of competition, and an unfair or deceptive act or practice within the conduct of commerce within the Territory of Guam.
- 403. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Guam's trade and commerce.
- 404. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Guam Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
- 405. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct. Having acted in secret, the statute of limitation for the Guam Plaintiffs' claim did not begin running until July 23, 2015, when the Plaintiffs acting reasonably could have discovered Defendants' unlawful conduct. Plaintiffs could not and should not have suspected Defendants' wrongful conduct until July 23, 2015.
- 406. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiffs and members of the Guam Class is entitled to seek all forms of relief, including treble damages and reasonable attorney's fees and costs under Guam.

#### SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Hawaii Antitrust Statute, Haw. Rev. Stat. § 480-1, et seq. (By Plaintiff Gloria Emery on Behalf of the Hawaii Class)

407. Plaintiff Gloria Emery, for herself and on behalf of the Hawaii Class, repeats and realleges each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if

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408. The Hawaii Antitrust Act prohibits "every contract, combination in the form of trust or otherwise, or conspiracy, in restraint of trade or commerce in the State," including acts to (i) "fix, control, or maintain, the price of any commodity;" (ii) "limit, control, or discontinue, the production, manufacture, or sale of any commodity for the purpose or with the result of fixing, controlling or maintaining its price"; and (iii) "fix, control, or maintain, any standard of quality of any commodity for the purpose or with the result of fixing, controlling, or maintaining its price." Haw. Rev. Stat. § 480-4(a) and 4(b).

- 409. Plaintiff Gloria Emery purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Hawaii during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 410. Defendants contracted, combined, or conspired to restrain the trade or commerce in the market for Packaged Tuna and their conduct substantially affected Hawaii commerce, in violation of Haw. Rev. Stat. §§ 480-1, et seq.
- 411. Plaintiff and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna in that at least thousands of sales of Defendants' Packaged Tuna took place in Hawaii, purchased by Hawaii consumers at supracompetitive prices caused by Defendants' conduct.
- 412. Under Hawaii law, an indirect purchaser may bring an action under the Hawaii Antitrust Act based on the facts alleged in this Complaint.<sup>18</sup>
- 413. Defendants' continued violations of the law comprise a repeated pattern and course of conduct that provide an exception to the applicable statute of limitations. Defendants also affirmatively misled Plaintiff and members of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> In compliance with Haw. Rev. Stat. § 480-13.3, Plaintiff has contemporaneously served a copy of this Complaint on the Hawaii Attorney General.

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Hawaii class by wrongfully concealing the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct. Plaintiff had neither actual nor constructive knowledge of the facts giving rise to her claims until July 23, 2015, and exercised due diligence in attempting to discover such facts.

- 414. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff and members of the Hawaii Class are entitled to all forms of relief available under Haw. Rev. Stat. §§ 480, *et seq.*, including treble damages, costs and disbursements, reasonable attorneys' fees, and injunctive relief necessary to prevent and restrain violations thereof.
- 415. Concurrent with the filing of this complaint, Plaintiff and her counsel have served required materials upon the Hawaii Attorney General pursuant to Haw. Rev. Stat. § 480-13.3.

#### SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Illinois Antitrust Act, 740 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 10/3(1), et seq. (By Plaintiffs Sally Bredberg and Elizabeth Davis-Berg)

- 416. Plaintiffs Sally Bredberg and Elizabeth Davis-Berg repeat each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 417. The Illinois Antitrust Act, 740 ILCS 10/1, *et seq.*, aims "to promote the unhampered growth of commerce and industry throughout the State by prohibiting restraints of trade which are secured through monopolistic or oligarchic practices and which act or tend to act to decrease competition between and among persons engaged in commerce and trade . . . ." 740 Ill. Comp. Stat. 10/2.
- 418. Plaintiffs Sally Bredberg and Elizabeth Davis-Berg purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Illinois during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 419. Under the Illinois Antitrust Act, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action for damages based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. 740

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Ill. Comp. Stat. 10/7(2).

- 420. Defendants made contracts or engaged in a combination or conspiracy with each other, though they would have been competitors but for their prior agreement, for the purpose of fixing, controlling or maintaining prices for Packaged Tuna sold, and/or for allocating customers or markets for Packaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of Illinois.
- 421. Defendants further unreasonably restrained trade or commerce and established, maintained or attempted to acquire monopoly power over the market for Packaged Tuna in Illinois for the purpose of excluding competition, in violation of 740 Ill. Comp. Stat. 10/1, et seq.
- 422. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct by the affirmative acts described herein with the intent to deceive the Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs did not know and could not have known about Defendants' unlawful conduct until July 23, 2015.
- 423. Plaintiffs were injured with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna in Illinois and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

#### EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Iowa Competition Law Iowa Code § 553.1, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Carla Lown and Jennifer A. Nelson On Behalf of the Iowa Class)

- 424. Plaintiffs Carla Lown and Jennifer A. Nelson, on behalf of themselves and the Iowa Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 425. The Iowa Competition Law aims to "prohibit[] restraint of economic activity and monopolistic practices." Iowa Code § 553.2.

- 426. Plaintiffs Carla Lown and Jennifer A. Nelson purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Iowa during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 427. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired to restrain or monopolize trade in the market for Packaged Tuna, and attempted to establish or did in fact establish a monopoly for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing or maintaining prices for Packaged Tuna, in violation of Iowa Code § 553.1, *et seq.*
- 428. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct. Defendants' unlawful conduct was not reasonably discovered until July 23, 2015.
- 429. Plaintiffs and members of the Iowa Class were injured with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna in Iowa, and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, exemplary damages for willful conduct, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, and injunctive relief.

# NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Kansas Restraint of Trade Act Kan. Stat. Ann. § 50-101, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Brian Depperschmidt and Lisa Hall On Behalf of the Kansas Class)

- 430. Plaintiffs Brian Depperschmidt and Lisa Hall, on behalf of themselves and the Kansas Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 431. The Kansas Restraint of Trade Act aims to prohibit practices which, inter alia, "tend to prevent full and free competition in the importation,

transportation or sale of articles imported into this state." Kan. Stat. Ann. § 50-112.

- 432. Plaintiffs Brian Depperschmidt and Lisa Hall purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Kansas during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 433. Under the Kansas Restraint of Trade Act, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Kan. Stat. Ann § 50-161(b).
- 434. Defendants combined capital, skill or acts for the purposes of creating restrictions in trade or commerce of Packaged Tuna, increasing the price of Packaged Tuna, preventing competition in the sale of Packaged Tuna, or binding themselves not to sell Packaged Tuna, in a manner that established the price of Packaged Tuna and precluded free and unrestricted competition among themselves in the sale of Packaged Tuna, in violation of Kan. Stat. Ann. § 50-101, et seq.
- 435. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna in Kansas and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, and injunctive relief.

#### TENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Maine's Antitrust Statute,
Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 10 § 1101, et seq.
(By Plaintiffs Greg Stearns and Thomas E. Willoughby III
On Behalf of the Maine Class)

- 436. Plaintiffs Greg Stearns and Thomas E. Willoughby III, on behalf of themselves and the Maine Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 437. Part 3 of Title 10 the Maine Revised Statutes generally governs regulation of trade in Maine. Chapter 201 thereof governs monopolies and

profiteering, generally prohibiting contracts in restraint of trade and conspiracies to monopolize trade. Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. Tit. 10, §§ 1101-02.

- 438. Plaintiffs Greg Stearns and Thomas E. Willoughby III purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Maine during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 439. Under Maine law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. Tit. 10, § 1104(1).
- 440. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in restraint of trade or commerce of Packaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of Maine, and monopolized or attempted to monopolize the trade or commerce of Packaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of Maine, in violation of Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. Tit. 10, § 1101, *et seq*.
- 441. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna in Maine and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, reasonable attorneys' and experts' fees and costs.

# **ELEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

Violation of the Michigan Antitrust Reform Act Mich. Comp. Laws § 445.771, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Louise Adams, Jessica Decker, and Barbara Olson

442. Plaintiffs Louise Adams, Jessica Decker, and Barbara Olson, on behalf of themselves and the Michigan Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.

On Behalf of the Michigan Class)

443. The Michigan Antitrust Reform Act aims "to prohibit contracts, combinations, and conspiracies in restraint of trade or commerce...to prohibit monopolies and attempts to monopolize trade or commerce...[and] to provide remedies, fines, and penalties for violations of this act." Mich. Act 274 of 1984.

444. Plaintiffs Louise Adams, Jessica Decker, and Barbara Olson purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Michigan during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

445. Under the Michigan Antitrust Reform Act, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Mich. Comp. Laws. § 452.778(2).

446. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired to restrain or monopolize trade or commerce in the market for Packaged Tuna, in violation of Mich. Comp. Laws § 445.772, *et seq.* 

447. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct and through their affirmative arrangements and contrivances preventing discovery of such unlawful conduct until July 23, 2015.

448. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna in Michigan and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages for flagrant violations, interest, costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and injunctive or other appropriate equitable relief.

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#### TWELFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Minnesota Antitrust Law, Minn. Stat. § 325D.49, et seq.

# (By Plaintiffs Laura Childs and Katherine Larson On Behalf of the Minnesota Class)

- 449. Plaintiffs Laura Childs and Katherine Larson, on behalf of themselves and the Minnesota Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 450. The Minnesota Antitrust Law of 1971 aims to prohibit any contract, combination or conspiracy when any part thereof was created, formed, or entered into in Minnesota; any contract, combination or conspiracy, wherever created, formed or entered into; any establishment, maintenance or use of monopoly power; and any attempt to establish, maintain or use monopoly power, whenever any of these affect Minnesota trade or commerce.
- 451. Plaintiffs Laura Childs and Katherine Larson purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Minnesota during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 452. Under the Minnesota Antitrust Act of 1971, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Minn. Stat. § 325D.56.
- 453. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in unreasonable restraint of trade or commerce in the market for Packaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of and outside of Minnesota; established, maintained, used or attempted to establish, maintain or use monopoly power over the trade or commerce in the market for Packaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of and outside of Minnesota; and fixed prices and allocated markets for Packaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of and outside of Minnesota, in violation of Minn. Stat. § 325D.49, et seq.

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- 454. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct through the fraudulent and intentional acts described herein and Minnesota Plaintiffs could not have reasonable discovered the concealment of Defendants' unlawful conduct until July 23, 2015.
- 455. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna in Minnesota and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, costs and disbursements, reasonable attorneys' fees, and injunctive relief necessary to prevent and restrain violations hereof.

#### THIRTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# Violation of the Mississippi Antitrust Statute, Miss. Code Ann. § 75-21-1, et seq.

#### (By Plaintiff Christopher Todd On Behalf of the Mississippi Class)

- 456. Plaintiff Christopher Todd, on behalf of himself and the Mississippi Class, repeats and reasserts each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 457. Title 75 of the Mississippi Code regulates trade, commerce and investments. Chapter 21 thereof generally prohibits trusts and combines in restraint or hindrance of trade, with the aim that "trusts and combines may be suppressed, and the benefits arising from competition in business [are] preserved" to Mississippians. Miss. Code Ann. § 75-21-39.
- 458. Trusts are combinations, contracts, understandings or agreements, express or implied, when inimical to the public welfare and with the effect of, inter alia, restraining trade, increasing the price or output of a commodity, or hindering competition in the production or sale of a commodity. Miss. Code Ann. § 75-21-1.
- 459. Plaintiff Christopher Todd purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Mississippi during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount

to be determined at trial.

- 460. Under Mississippi law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action under the antitrust provisions of the Mississippi Code based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Miss. Code Ann. § 75-21-9.
- 461. Defendants combined, contracted, understood and agreed in the market for Packaged Tuna, in a manner inimical to public welfare, with the effect of restraining trade, increasing the price of Packaged Tuna and hindering competition in the sale of Packaged Tuna, in violation of Miss. Code Ann. § 75-21-1(a), *et seq.*
- 462. Defendants monopolized or attempted to monopolize the production, control or sale of Packaged Tuna, in violation of Miss. Code Ann. § 75-21-3, *et seq.*
- 463. Defendants' Packaged Tuna products are sold in hundreds of grocery stores, markets, and warehouse clubs throughout the State of Mississippi. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Mississippi commerce.
- 464. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. As alleged herein, the Defendants actively concealed their unlawful conduct which prevented Mississippi Plaintiffs from reasonably discovering the claim during the limitations period. This cause of action did not accrue until July 23, 2015 when the Plaintiffs knew, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have known about the Defendants' unlawful conduct.
- 465. Plaintiff and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna in Mississippi and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages and a penalty of \$500 per instance of injury.

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# FOURTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Nebraska Junkin Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-801, et seq.,

# (By Plaintiffs Melissa Bowman and Barbara Buenning On Behalf of the Nebraska Class)

- 466. Plaintiff Melissa Bowman and Barbara Buenning, on behalf of themselves and the Nebraska Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 467. Chapter 59 of the Nebraska Revised Statute generally governs business and trade practices. Sections 801 through 831 thereof, known as the Junkin Act, prohibit antitrust violations such as restraints of trade and monopolization.
- 468. Plaintiffs Melissa Bowman and Barbara Buenning purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Nebraska during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 469. Under Nebraska law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action under the Junkin Act based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-821.
- 470. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in restraint of trade or commerce of Packaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of Nebraska, and monopolized or attempted to monopolize the market for Packaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of Nebraska by possessing monopoly power in the market and willfully maintaining that power through agreements to fix prices, allocate markets and otherwise control trade, in violation of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-801, *et seq.*
- 471. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. As alleged herein, the Defendants affirmatively concealed their unlawful conduct which prevented Nebraska Plaintiffs from reasonably discovering the claim before the statute of limitations expired. As a

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result, Defendants" unlawful conduct was neither obvious nor discoverable during the limitations period. This cause of action did not accrue until July 23, 2015 when the Plaintiffs knew, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have known about the Defendants' unlawful conduct.

472. Plaintiff and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna in Nebraska and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages or liquidated damages in an amount which bears a reasonable relation to the actual damages which have been sustained, as well as reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive relief.

### FIFTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Nevada Unfair Trade Practices Act, Nev. Rev. Stat. § 598A.010, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Nay Alidad and Nancy Stiller On Behalf of the Nevada Class)

- 473. Plaintiffs Nay Alidad and Nancy Stiller, on behalf of themselves and the Nevada Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 474. The Nevada Unfair Trade Practice Act ("NUTPA") states that "free, open and competitive production and sale of commodities...is necessary to the economic well-being of the citizens of the State of Nevada." Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 598A.030(1).
- 475. The policy of NUTPA is to prohibit acts in restraint of trade or commerce, to preserve and protect the free, open and competitive market, and to penalize all persons engaged in anticompetitive practices. Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 598A.030(2). Such acts include, inter alia, price fixing, division of markets, allocation of customers, and monopolization of trade. Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 598A.060.
  - 476. Plaintiffs Nay Alidad and Nancy Stiller purchased Packaged Tuna

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set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an

4 5 action under NUTPA based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598A.210(2).

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amount to be determined at trial. 477. Under Nevada law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an

within the State of Nevada during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct

478. Defendants fixed prices by agreeing to establish prices for Packaged Tuna in Nevada, divided Nevada markets, allocated Nevada customers, and monopolized or attempted monopolize trade or commerce of Packaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of Nevada, constituting a contract, combination or conspiracy in restraint of trade in violation of Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 598A, et seq.

Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna in Nevada in that at least thousands of sales of Defendants' Packaged Tuna took place in Nevada, purchased by Nevada consumers at supra-competitive prices caused by Defendants' conduct.

480. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, the Nevada Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have discovered by the exercise of reasonable diligence Defendants' unlawful conduct. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Nevada Class are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive relief.

481. In accordance with the requirements of § 598A.210(3), simultaneous notice of this action was mailed to the Nevada Attorney General by Plaintiffs Nay Alidad and Nancy Stiller.

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#### SIXTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of New Hampshire's Antitrust Statute,
N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. XXXI, § 356, et seq.
(By Plaintiffs Jessica Bartling, Jody Cooper, and Rob Skaff,
On Behalf of the New Hampshire Class)

- 482. Plaintiffs Jessica Bartling, Jody Cooper, and Rob Skaff, on behalf of themselves and the New Hampshire Class, repeats and reasserts each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein
- 483. Title XXXI of the New Hampshire Statutes generally governs trade and commerce. Chapter 356 thereof governs combinations and monopolies and prohibits restraints of trade. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 356:2, 3.
- 484. Plaintiffs Jessica Bartling, Jody Cooper, and Rob Skaff purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of New Hampshire during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 485. Under New Hampshire law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 356:11(II).
- 486. Defendants fixed, controlled or maintained prices for Packaged Tuna, allocated customers or markets for Packaged Tuna, and established, maintained or used monopoly power, or attempted to, constituting a contract, combination or conspiracy in restraint of trade in violation of N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 356:1, et seq.
- 487. Defendants fraudulently concealed the essential facts alleged here giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, New Hampshire Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have discovered in the exercise of reasonable diligence either Defendants' unlawful conduct or the facts giving rise to such conduct.
- 488. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna in New Hampshire and are entitled to all forms of

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27 28 relief, including actual damages sustained, treble damages for willful or flagrant violations, reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive relief.

#### SEVENTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the New Mexico Antitrust Act, N.M. Stat. Ann. §§ 57-1-1, et seq.

# (By Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid, Kathy Gore, and Laura Montoya On Behalf of the New Mexico Class)

- 489. Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid, Kathy Gore, and Laura Montoya, on behalf of himself and the New Mexico Class, repeats and reasserts each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 490. The New Mexico Antitrust Act aims to prohibit restraints of trade and monopolistic practices. N.M. Stat. Ann. 57-1-15.
- 491. Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid, Kathy Gore, and Laura Montoya purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of New Mexico during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 492. Under New Mexico law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. N.M. Stat. Ann. § 57-1-3.
- 493. Defendants contracted, agreed, combined or conspired, and monopolized or attempted to monopolize trade for Packaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of New Mexico, in violation of N.M. Stat. Ann. § 57-1-1, et seq.
- 494. Defendants knew that their conduct was unlawful and wrongfully concealed the facts alleged here giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, New Mexico Plaintiffs did not know and could not have known in the exercise of reasonable diligence either Defendants' unlawful conduct or the facts giving rise to such conduct.
- 495. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna in New Mexico and are entitled to all forms of relief,

including actual damages, treble damages, reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive relief.

#### **EIGHTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

# Violation of Section 340 of the New York General Business Law (By Plaintiffs Michael Buff, Jennifer A. Nelson, and Nigel Warren On Behalf of the New York Class)

- 496. Plaintiffs Michael Buff, Jennifer A. Nelson, and Nigel Warren, on behalf of themselves and the New York Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein
- 497. Article 22 of the New York General Business Law general prohibits monopolies and contracts or agreements in restraint of trade, with the policy of encouraging competition or the free exercise of any activity in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce in New York. N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 340(1).
- 498. Plaintiffs Michael Buff, Jennifer A. Nelson, and Nigel Warren purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of New York during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 499. Under New York law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 340(6).
- 500. Defendants established or maintained a monopoly within the intrastate commerce of New York for the trade or commerce of Packaged Tuna and restrained competition in the free exercise of the conduct of the business of Packaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of New York, in violation of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 340, *et seq*.
- 501. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged here giving rise to their unlawful conduct and the New York Plaintiffs remained ignorant of such unlawful conduct until July 23, 2015. Until July 23, 2015, the New York

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Plaintiffs did not know, and could not have known, in the exercise of reasonable diligence about Defendants' wrongful conduct.

502. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna in New York and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, costs not exceeding \$10,000, and reasonable attorneys' fees.

#### **NINETEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

Violation of the North Carolina General Statutes, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-1, et seq.

# (By Plaintiffs Corey Norris, Audra Rickman, and Amber Sartori On Behalf of the North Carolina Class)

- 503. Plaintiffs Corey Norris, Audra Rickman, and Amber Sartori, on behalf of themselves and the North Carolina Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 504. Defendants entered into a contract or combination in the form of trust or otherwise, or conspiracy in restraint of trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna Market, a substantial part of which occurred within North Carolina.
- 505. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna Market, for the purpose of affecting competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices, a substantial part of which occurred within North Carolina.
- 506. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected North Carolina's trade and commerce.
- 507. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and the members of the North Carolina Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
- 508. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, the North Carolina Plaintiffs did not know and could not have learned or discovered by the exercise of due care

Carolina Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief available, including treble damages, under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-1, *et seq*.

 TWENTIETH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

509. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and members of the North

Violation of the North Dakota Uniform State Antitrust Act, N.D. Cent. Code § 51-08.1, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Tya Hughes and Bonnie Vander Laan On Behalf of the North Dakota Class)

- 510. Plaintiffs Tya Hughes and Bonnie Vander Laan, on behalf of themselves and the North Dakota Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 511. The North Dakota Uniform State Antitrust Act generally prohibits restraints on or monopolization of trade. N.D. Cent. Code § 51-08.1, *et seq*.
- 512. Plaintiffs Tya Hughes and Bonnie Vander Laan purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of North Dakota during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 513. Under the North Dakota Uniform State Antitrust Act, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. N.D. Cent. Code § 51-08.1-08.
- 514. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in restraint of, or to monopolize trade or commerce in the market for Packaged Tuna, and established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to do so, for the purposes of excluding competition or controlling, fixing or maintaining prices for Packaged Tuna, in violation of N.D. Cent. Code §§ 51-08.1-02, 03.
- 515. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, North Dakota Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have discovered by exercise of reasonable diligence

Defendants' unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, North Dakota Plaintiffs had neither actual nor constructive notice of the facts alleged herein giving rise to Defendants' unlawful conduct.

516. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases in North Dakota and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages for flagrant violations, costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and injunctive or other equitable relief.

### TWENTY-FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Oregon Antitrust Law, Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.705, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Danielle Johnson and Liza Milliner On Behalf of the Oregon Class)

- 517. Plaintiffs Danielle Johnson and Liza Milliner, on behalf of themselves and the Oregon Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 518. Chapter 646 of the Oregon Revised Statutes generally governs business and trade practices within Oregon. Sections 705 through 899 thereof govern antitrust violations, with the policy to "encourage free and open competition in the interest of the general welfare and economy of the state." Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.715.
- 519. Plaintiffs Danielle Johnson and Liza Milliner purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Oregon during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 520. Under Oregon law, indirect purchasers have standing under the antitrust provisions of the Oregon Revised Statutes to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.780(1)(a).
- 521. Defendants contracted, combined, or conspired in restraint of trade or commerce of Packaged Tuna, and monopolized or attempted to monopolize the

trade or commerce of Packaged Tuna, in violation of Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.705, et seq.

522. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise.

- 522. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Oregon Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have discovered with reasonable diligence either the facts alleged or Defendants' unlawful conduct.
- 523. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of Oregon, or alternatively to interstate commerce involving actual or threatened injury to persons located in Oregon, and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, reasonable attorneys' fees, expert witness fees and investigative costs, and injunctive relief.

# TWENTY-SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Rhode Island Antitrust Act R.I. Gen. Laws § 6-36-1, et seq.

# (By Plaintiff Katherine McMahon and Elizabeth Perron On Behalf of the Rhode Island Class)

- 524. Plaintiffs Katherine McMahon and Elizabeth Perron, on behalf of themselves and the Rhode Island Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 525. The Rhode Island Antitrust Act aims to promote the unhampered growth of commerce and industry throughout Rhode Island by prohibiting unreasonable restraints of trade and monopolistic practices that hamper, prevent or decrease competition. R.I. Gen. Laws § 6-36-2(a)(2).
- 526. Plaintiffs Katherine McMahon and Elizabeth Perron purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Rhode Island during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
  - 527. Under the Rhode Island Antitrust Act, as of July 15, 2013, indirect

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purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. R.I. Gen. Laws § 6-36-11(a). In Rhode Island, the claims of the Plaintiff and the Class alleged herein run from July 15, 2013, through the date that the effects of Defendants' anticompetitive conduct cease.

- 528. Defendants contracted, combined and conspired in restraint of trade of Packaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of Rhode Island, and established, maintained or used, or attempted to establish, maintain or use, a monopoly in the trade of Packaged Tuna for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing or maintaining prices within the intrastate commerce of Rhode Island, in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 6-36-1, et seq.
- 529. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Rhode Island Plaintiffs could not, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, have discovered the alleged facts or Defendants' wrongful conduct.
- 530. Plaintiff and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna in Rhode Island and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, reasonable costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and injunctive relief.

# TWENTY-THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the South Dakota Antitrust Statute, S.D. Codified Laws § 37-1-3.1, et seq.

(By Plaintiff Casey Christensen On Behalf of the South Dakota Class)

- 531. Plaintiff Casey Christensen, on behalf of herself and the South Dakota Class, repeats and reasserts each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 532. Chapter 37-1 of the South Dakota Codified Laws prohibits restraint of trade, monopolies and discriminatory trade practices. S.D. Codified Laws §§ 37-1-3.1, 3.2.

- 533. Plaintiff Casey Christensen purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of South Dakota during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 534. Under South Dakota law, indirect purchasers have standing under the antitrust provisions of the South Dakota Codified Laws to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. S.D. Codified Laws § 37-1-33.
- 535. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in restraint of trade or commerce of Packaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of South Dakota, and monopolized or attempted to monopolize trade or commerce of Packaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of South Dakota, in violation of S.D. Codified Laws § 37-1, *et seq*.
- 536. Defendants acted affirmatively to wrongfully conceal facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, South Dakota Plaintiffs had no actual or constructive notice of these concealed facts and did not discover and could not have discovered with reasonable diligence Defendants' unlawful conduct.
- 537. Plaintiff and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna in South Dakota and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, taxable costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and injunctive or other equitable relief.

### TWENTY-FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Tennessee Trade Practices Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 47-25-101, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Kirsten Peck, John Peychal, and John Trent On Behalf of the Tennessee Class)

538. Plaintiffs Kirsten Peck, John Peychal, and John Trent, for themselves and on behalf of the Tennessee Class, repeat and realleged each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.

- 539. The Tennessee Trade Practices Act ("TTPA") prohibits all arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts, or combinations that tend to advance, reduce, or control the price or the cost of products to producers or consumers. The TTPA prohibits arrangements that decrease competition or affect the prices of goods even if those goods arrived in Tennessee through interstate commerce.
- 540. Plaintiffs Kirsten Peck, John Peychal, and John Trent purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Tennessee during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 541. Defendants contracted, combined, or conspired to retrain the trade or commerce in the market for Packaged Tuna and their conduct substantially affected commerce within the State of Tennessee, in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 47-25-101, *et seq*.
- 542. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna in that at least thousands of sales of Defendants' Packaged Tuna took place in Tennessee, purchased by Tennessee consumers at supra-competitive prices caused by Defendants' conduct.
- 543. Under Tennessee law, indirect purchaser may bring an action under the TTPA based on the facts alleged in this Complaint.
- 544. Defendants wrongfully and affirmatively concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Despite exercising due diligence, Plaintiffs did not have information sufficient to alert a reasonable person of the need to investigate the injury, and were not able to discover evidence of their claims of Defendants' unlawful conduct until July 23, 2015.
- 545. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and members of the Class are entitled to all forms of relief available under Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 47-25-101, et seq, including the full consideration or sum paid for the Packaged Tuna, costs and disbursements, reasonable attorneys' fees, and injunctive relief necessary to

 prevent and restrain violations thereof.

### **TWENTY-FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

Violation of the Utah Antitrust Act, Utah Code Ann. §§ 76-10-911, et seq.

### (By Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid and Tina Grant On Behalf of the Utah Class)

- 546. Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid and Tina Grant, on behalf of themselves and the Utah Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 547. The Utah Antitrust Act aims to "encourage free and open competition in the interest of the general welfare and economy of this state by prohibiting monopolistic and unfair trade practices, combinations and conspiracies in restraint of trade or commerce . . . ." Utah Code Ann. § 76-10-3102.
- 548. Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid and Tina Grant purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Utah during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 549. Under the Utah Antitrust Act, indirect purchasers who are either Utah residents or Utah citizens have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Utah Code Ann. § 76-10-3109(1)(a).
- 550. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in restraint of trade or commerce of Packaged Tuna, and monopolized or attempted to monopolize trade or commerce of Packaged Tuna, in violation of Utah Code Ann. § 76-10-3101, *et seq.*
- 551. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Utah Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have reasonably discovered their claim.
- 552. Plaintiffs and members of the Class who are either Utah residents or Utah citizens were injured with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna in Utah and

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are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, costs of suit, reasonable attorneys' fees, and injunctive relief.

#### TWENTY-SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the West Virginia Antitrust Act, W. Va. Code § 47-18-1, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Diana Mey and Jade Canterbury On Behalf of the West Virginia Class)

- 553. Plaintiffs Diana Mey and Jade Canterbury, on behalf of themselves and the West Virginia Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 554. The violations of federal antitrust law set forth above also constitute violations of section 47-18-1 of the West Virginia Code.
- 555. During the Class Period, Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in a continuing contract, combination or conspiracy in unreasonable restraint of trade and commerce and other anticompetitive conduct alleged above in violation of W. Va. Code § 47-18-1, et seq.
- 556. Defendants' anticompetitive acts described above were knowing, willful and constitute violations or flagrant violations of the West Virginia Antitrust Act.
- 557. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, West Virginia Plaintiffs did not discover and could not in the exercise of reasonable diligence have discovered the alleged concealed facts or Defendants' wrongful conduct.
- 558. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the West Virginia Class have been injured in their business and property in that they paid more for Packaged Tuna than they otherwise would have paid in the absence of Defendants' unlawful conduct. As a result of Defendants' violation of Section 47-18-3 of the West Virginia Antitrust

Act, Plaintiff and members of the West Virginia Class seek treble damages and their cost of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees, pursuant to section 47-18-9 of the West Virginia Code.

#### TWENTY-SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Wisconsin Antitrust Act, Wis. Stat. Ann. § 133.01(1), et seq.

(By Plaintiffs Michael Juetten, Kathy Lingnofski, Julie Wiese, and Daniel Zwirlein On Behalf of the Wisconsin Class)

- 559. Plaintiffs Michael Juetten, Kathy Lingnofski, Julie Wiese, and Daniel Zwirlein, on behalf of themselves and the Wisconsin Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 560. Chapter 133 of the Wisconsin Statutes governs trust and monopolies, with the intent "to safeguard the public against the creation or perpetuation of monopolies and to foster and encourage competition by prohibiting unfair and discriminatory business practices which destroy or hamper competition." Wis. Stat. § 133.01.
- 561. Plaintiffs Michael Juetten, Kathy Lingnofski, Julie Wiese, and Daniel Zwirlein purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Wisconsin during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 562. Under Wisconsin law, indirect purchasers have standing under the antitrust provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Wis. Stat. 133.18(a).
- 563. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in restraint of trade or commerce of Packaged Tuna, and monopolized or attempted to monopolize the trade or commerce of Packaged Tuna, with the intention of injuring or destroying competition therein, in violation of Wis. Stat. § 133.01, *et seq*.
  - 564. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to

purchases of Packaged Tuna in Wisconsin in that the actions alleged herein substantially affected the people of Wisconsin, with at least thousands of consumers in Wisconsin paying substantially higher prices for Defendants' Packaged Tuna in Wisconsin.

- 565. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Wisconsin Plaintiffs did not discover and could not in the exercise of reasonable diligence have discovered their injury or that Defendants' unlawful conduct likely caused such injury.
- 566. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Class are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, and injunctive relief.
- 567. Defendants' and their co-conspirators' anticompetitive activities have directly, foreseeably and proximately caused injury to Plaintiffs and members of the Classes in the United States. Their injuries consist of: (1) being denied the opportunity to purchase lower-priced Packaged Tuna from Defendants, and (2) paying higher prices for Defendants' Packaged Tuna than they would have in the absence of Defendants' conduct. These injuries are of the type of the laws of the above States were designed to prevent, and flow from that which makes Defendants' conduct unlawful.
- 568. Defendants are jointly and severally liable for all damages suffered by Plaintiffs and Class members.

# VIOLATIONS OF STATE CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW (Against All Defendants)

569. The following Twenty-eight through Fifty-second Claims for Relief are pleaded under the consumer protection or similar laws of each State or jurisdiction identified below, on behalf of the indicated Class.

#### TWENTY-EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 4-88-101, et seq.

# (By Plaintiffs Kim Craig, Kathleen Garner, and Joseph A. Langston On Behalf of the Arkansas Class)

- 570. Plaintiffs Kim Craig, Kathleen Garner, and Joseph A. Langston, on behalf of themselves and the Arkansas Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 571. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated Ark. Code Ann. § 4-88-101, *et seq*.
- 572. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna market, a substantial part of which occurred within Arkansas.
- 573. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Relevant Markets, a substantial part of which occurred within Arkansas, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the Packaged Tuna Market.
- 574. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of Arkansas.
- 575. Defendants' conduct misled consumers, withheld material facts, and resulted in material misrepresentations to Plaintiff and members of the Class.
- 576. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Arkansas's trade and commerce.
  - 577. Defendants' conduct was willful.
- 578. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Arkansas Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.

- 579. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Arkansas Plaintiffs did not discover, and could not in the exercise of reasonable diligence have discovered, their injury or that Defendants' unlawful conduct likely caused such injury.
- 580. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and members of the Arkansas Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief, including actual damages plus reasonable attorney's fees under Ark. Code Ann. § 4-88-113.

#### TWENTY-NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violations of California's Unfair Competition Law Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200, et seq. (the "UCL")

- (By Plaintiffs Mary Hudson, Tya Hughes, Amy Jackson, Michael Juetten, Rick Musgrave, and John Pels On Behalf of the California Class)
- 581. Plaintiffs Mary Hudson, Tya Hughes, Amy Jackson, Michael Juetten, Rick Musgrave, and John Pels, for themselves and on behalf of the California Class, repeat and reallege each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 582. The violations of federal antitrust law set forth above also constitute violations of section 17200, *et seq.* of California Business and Professions Code.
- 583. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, deceptive or fraudulent acts or practices in violation of the UCL by engaging in the acts and practices specified above.
- 584. This claim is instituted pursuant to sections 17203 and 17204 of California Business and Professions Code, to obtain restitution from these Defendants for acts, as alleged herein, that violated the UCL.
- 585. The Defendants' conduct as alleged herein violated the UCL. The acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices and non-disclosures of Defendants, as alleged herein, constituted a common, continuous, and continuing course of conduct of unfair competition by means of unfair, unlawful, and/or fraudulent

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business acts or practices within the meaning of the UCL, including, but not limited to, the following: (1) the violations of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, as set forth above; and (2) the violations of section 16720, et seq., of California Business and Professions Code, set forth above.

- 586. Defendants' acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices, and nondisclosures, as described above, whether or not in violation of section 16720, et seq., of California Business and Professions Code, and whether or not concerted or independent acts, are otherwise unfair, unconscionable, unlawful or fraudulent.
- 587. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct preventing California Plaintiffs in the exercise of due diligence from uncovering the unlawful conduct. The applicable statute of limitations is tolled until July 23, 2015 until the Plaintiffs, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have discovered it.
- 588. Plaintiffs and members of the California Class are entitled to full restitution and/or disgorgement of all revenues, earnings, profits, compensation, and benefits that may have been obtained by Defendants as a result of such business acts or practices.
- 589. The illegal conduct alleged herein is continuing and there is no indication that Defendants will not continue such activity into the future.
- 590. The unlawful and unfair business practices of Defendants, and each of them, as described above, have caused and continue to cause Plaintiffs and the members of the California Class to pay supra-competitive and artificially-inflated prices for Packaged Tuna sold in the State of California. Plaintiffs and the members of the California Class suffered injury in fact and lost money or property as a result of such unfair competition.
- 591. As alleged in this Complaint, Defendants and their co-conspirators have been unjustly enriched as a result of their wrongful conduct and by Defendants' unfair competition. Plaintiffs and the members of the California Class

are accordingly entitled to equitable relief including restitution and/or disgorgement of all revenues, earnings, profits, compensation, and benefits that may have been obtained by Defendants as a result of such business practices, pursuant to California Business and Professions Code sections 17203 and 17204.

#### THIRTIETH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the District of Columbia Consumer Protection Procedures Act, D.C. Code § 28-3901, et seq.

(By Plaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Kaitlyn Rooney, and Andrew Gorman On Behalf of the District of Columbia Class)

- 592. Plaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Kaitlyn Rooney, and Andrew Gorman, on behalf of themselves and the District of Columbia Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 593. Plaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Kaitlyn Rooney, and Andrew Gorman and members of the District of Columbia Class purchased Packaged Tuna for personal, family, or household purposes.
- 594. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated D.C. Code § 28-3901, *et seq*.
- 595. Defendants are "merchants" within the meaning of D.C. Code § 28-3901(a)(3).
- 596. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna market, a substantial part of which occurred within the District of Columbia.
- 597. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Relevant Markets, a substantial part of which occurred within the District of Columbia, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the Packaged Tuna Market.

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- 598. Defendants' conduct was an unfair method of competition, and an unfair or deceptive act or practice within the conduct of commerce within the District of Columbia.
- 599. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected the District of Columbia's trade and commerce.
- 600. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs and members of the District of Columbia Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
- 601. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct by the affirmative actions described herein which were designed to prevent the discovery of such unlawful conduct and the Plaintiffs in the District of Columbia did not discover and could not discover the unlawful conduct prior to July 23, 2015.
- 602. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiffs and members of the District of Columbia Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief, including treble damages or \$1500 per violation (whichever is greater) plus punitive damages, reasonable attorney's fees and costs under D.C. Code § 28-3901, et seq.

### **THIRTY-FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

Violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act, Fla. Stat. § 501.201(2), et seq.

# (By Plaintiffs Barbara Blumstein, Edgardo Gutierrez, Zenda Johnston, and Valerie Peters On Behalf of the Florida Class)

- 603. Plaintiffs Barbara Blumstein, Edgardo Gutierrez, Zenda Johnston, and Valerie Peters, for themselves and on behalf of the Florida Class, repeat and reallege each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 604. The Florida Deceptive & Unfair Trade Practices Act, Florida Stat. §§ 501.201, et seq. (the "FDUTPA"), generally prohibits "unfair methods of

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competition, unconscionable acts or practices, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce," including practices in restraint of trade. Florida Stat. § 501.204(1).

- 605. The primary policy of the FDUTPA is "[t]o protect the consuming public and legitimate business enterprises from those who engage in unfair methods of competition, or unconscionable, deceptive, or unfair acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce." Florida Stat. § 501.202(2).
- 606. A claim for damages under the FDUTPA has three elements: (1) a prohibited practice; (2) causation; and (3) actual damages.
- 607. Under Florida law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action under the FDUTPA based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Fla. Stat. § 501.211(a) ("...anyone aggrieved by a violation of this [statute] may bring an action...").
- 608. Plaintiffs Barbara Blumstein, Edgardo Gutierrez, Zenda Johnston, and Valerie Peters purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Florida during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 609. Defendants entered into a contract, combination or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna market, a substantial part of which occurred within Florida.
- 610. Defendants established, maintained or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the market for Packaged Tuna, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing or maintaining prices in Florida at a level higher than the competitive market level, beginning at least as early as 2000 and continuing through the date of this filing.
- 611. Accordingly, Defendants' conduct was an unfair method of competition, and an unfair or deceptive act or practice within the conduct of commerce within the State of Florida.

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- 612. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Florida's trade and commerce.
- 613. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and the members of the Florida Class have been injured in their business or property by virtue of overcharges for Packaged Tuna and are threatened with further injury.
- 614. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. As alleged herein, until July 23, 2015, Defendants were both successful in the concealment of their unlawful conduct and used fraudulent means to achieve such concealment such that the Florida Plaintiffs could not reasonably discover the claim under the circumstances to protect their interests during the limitations period. As a result, this cause of action did not accrue until July 23, 2015.
- 615. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and the members of the Florida Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief, including injunctive relief pursuant to Florida Stat. §501.208 and declaratory judgment, actual damages, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Florida Stat. § 501.211.

# THIRTY-SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of Hawaii Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act Haw. Rev. Stat. § 480-2 (By Plaintiff Gloria Emery On Behalf of the Hawaii Class)

- 616. Plaintiff Gloria Emery, for herself and on behalf of the Hawaii Class, repeats and realleges each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 617. Plaintiff Gloria Emery and members of the Hawaii Class purchased Packaged Tuna for personal, family, or household purposes.
  - 618. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated in

619. Defendants have engaged in "unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices" within the meaning of Haw. Rev. Stat. § 480-2, with the intent to injure competitors and consumers through supra-competitive profits.

- 620. During the Class Period, Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Hawaii commerce and consumers.621. Defendants fraudulently concealed their price-fixing conspiracy and
- withheld material facts regarding the true cause of price increases. Defendants' conduct had the capacity to deceive consumers and misled consumers into believing that increased prices were caused by non-conspiratorial circumstances.
- 622. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Hawaii's trade and commerce.
- 623. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiff and members of the Hawaii Class have been injured and are threatened with further injury.
- 624. Defendants' continued violations of the law comprise a repeated pattern and course of conduct that provide an exception to the applicable statute of limitations. Defendants also affirmatively misled Plaintiff by wrongfully concealing the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct. Plaintiff had neither actual nor constructive knowledge of the facts giving rise to her claims until July 23, 2015, and exercised due diligence in attempting to discover such facts.
- 625. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff and members of the Hawaii Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief available under Haw. Rev. Stat. §§ 480, *et seq.*
- 626. Concurrent with the filing of this complaint, Plaintiff and her counsel have served required materials upon the Hawaii Attorney General pursuant to H.R.S. § 480-13.3.

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## THIRTY-THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and **Deceptive Business Practices Act.** 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 505/10a, et seq.

(By Plaintiffs Sally Bredberg, Elizabeth Davis-Berg, and Amy Joseph)

- 627. Plaintiffs Sally Bredberg, Elizabeth Davis-Berg, and Amy Joseph repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein
- 628. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated 740 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 10/3(1), et seq.
- 629. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna market, a substantial part of which occurred within Illinois.
- 630. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Relevant Markets, a substantial part of which occurred within Illinois, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the Packaged Tuna Market.
- 631. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of Illinois.
- 632. Defendants' conduct misled consumers, withheld material facts, and resulted in material misrepresentations to Plaintiffs.
- 633. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Illinois's trade and commerce.
- 634. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
- 635. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct by the affirmative acts described herein with the intent to

deceive the Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs did not know and could not have known about Defendants' unlawful conduct until July 23, 2015.

636. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs are entitled to seek all forms of relief, including actual damages or any other relief the Court deems proper under 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 505/10a, *et seq*.

#### THIRTY-FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Act, Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 93A § 1, et seq.

# (By Plaintiffs Scott Caldwell, Sundé Daniels, and Elizabeth Perron On Behalf of the Massachusetts Class)

- 637. Plaintiffs Scott Caldwell, Sundé Daniels, and Elizabeth Perron, on behalf of themselves and the Massachusetts Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 638. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Act, Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 93A § 2, *et seq*.
- 639. Plaintiffs Scott Caldwell, Sundé Daniels, and Elizabeth Perron purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Massachusetts during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 640. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna market, a substantial part of which occurred within Massachusetts.
- 641. Defendant established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the market for Packaged Tuna, a substantial part of which occurred within Massachusetts, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the Packaged Tuna market.
  - 642. Defendants' conduct was an unfair method of competition, and an

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trade and commerce. 644. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Massachusetts Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.

645. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiffs and the Massachusetts Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief, including up to treble damages and reasonable attorney's fees and costs under Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 93A § 9.

unfair or deceptive act or practice within the conduct of commerce within the State

643. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Massachusetts'

- 646. Pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 93A § 9, Plaintiff Caldwell mailed to all Defendants on August 31, 2015, via certified mail, return receipt requested, Demand for Payment Letters which explained the unfair acts, the injury suffered, and requested relief from the Defendants. Plaintiff Caldwell has received a response to these letters from Defendant StarKist, but was unable to come to any agreement with StarKist. Plaintiff Caldwell has received no response from the other Defendants.
- 647. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Defendants concealed the existence of their unlawful conduct through the affirmative actions alleged herein with an intent to deceive the Massachusetts Plaintiffs and Class as to the nature of their actions. Plaintiffs did not know and reasonably could not have known the facts alleged giving rise to Defendants' unlawful conduct. As a result, this cause of action did not accrue until July 23, 2015.
- 648. Pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 93A § 9, Plaintiff Daniels mailed to all Defendants on September 3, 2015, and again on October 2, 2015, via certified mail, return receipt requested, Demand for Payment Letters which explained the unfair acts, the injury suffered, and requested relief from the Defendants. Plaintiff

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Daniels has received a response to these letters from Defendant StarKist, but was unable to come to any agreement with StarKist. Plaintiff Daniels has received no response from the other Defendants.

### THIRTY-FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# **Violation of the Michigan Consumer Protection Act** Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 445.901, et seq.

# (By Plaintiffs Louise Adams, Jessica Decker, and Barbara Olson On Behalf of the Michigan Class)

- 649. Plaintiffs Louise Adams, Jessica Decker, and Barbara Olson, on behalf of themselves and the Michigan Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 650. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 445.901, et seq.
- 651. Defendants have entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna Market, a substantial part of which occurred within Michigan.
- 652. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Packaged Market, for the purpose of excluding or limiting competition or controlling or maintaining prices, a substantial part of which occurred within Michigan.
- 653. Defendants' conduct was conducted with the intent to deceive Michigan consumers regarding the nature of Defendants' actions within the stream of Michigan commerce.
- 654. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of Michigan.
- 655. Defendants' conduct misled consumers, withheld material facts, and took advantage of Plaintiffs and Class members' inability to protect themselves.
  - 656. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Michigan's trade

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657. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs and members of the Michigan Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.

- 658. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct and through their affirmative arrangements and contrivances preventing discovery of such unlawful conduct until July 23, 2015.
- 659. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiffs and the Michigan Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief available under Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 445.911.

#### THIRTY-SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Minnesota Consumer Fraud Act, Minn. Stat. § 325F.68, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Laura Childs and Katherine Larson On Behalf of the Minnesota Class)

- 660. Plaintiffs Laura Childs and Katherine Larson, on behalf of themselves and the Minnesota Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 661. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated Minn. Stat. § 325F.68, et seq.
- 662. Defendants engaged in a deceptive trade practice with the intent to injure competitors and consumers through supra-competitive profits.
- 663. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna Market, a substantial part of which occurred within Minnesota, for the purpose of controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the Packaged Seafood Market.
- 664. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of Minnesota.
  - conduct, specifically in the form of fraudulent 665. Defendants'

concealment of their horizontal agreement, created a fraudulent or deceptive act or practice committed by a supplier in connection with a consumer transaction.

- 666. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Minnesota's trade and commerce.
  - 667. Defendants' conduct was willful.
- 668. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Minnesota Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
- 669. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct through the fraudulent and intentional acts described herein and Minnesota Plaintiffs could not have reasonable discovered the concealment of Defendants' unlawful conduct until July 23, 2015.
- 670. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Minnesota Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief, including damages, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs under Minn. Stat. § 325F.68, *et seq.* and applicable case law.

# THIRTY-SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act, Mo. Ann. Stat. § 407.010, et seq.

# (By Plaintiffs John Frick, Steven Kratky, Amber Sartori, and Rebecca Lee Simoens On Behalf of the Missouri Class)

- 671. Plaintiffs John Frick, Steven Kratky, Amber Sartori, and Rebecca Lee Simoens on behalf of themselves and the Missouri Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 672. Plaintiffs and members of the Missouri Class purchased Packaged Tuna during the Class Period for personal, family, or household purposes.
- 673. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated Missouri's Merchandising Practices Act (the "MMPA"), specifically Mo. Rev.

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- Stat. § 407.020, which prohibits "the act, use or employment by any person of any deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, unfair practice or the concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact in connection with the sale or advertisement of any merchandise in trade or commerce . . . . "
- Defendants have entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy 674. between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna Market, a part of which occurred within Missouri.
- 675. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna Market, for the purpose of excluding or limiting competition or controlling or maintaining prices, a part of which occurred within Missouri.
- 676. Defendants engaged in a deceptive trade practice with the intent to injure competitors and consumers through supra-competitive profits.
- 677. Defendants concealed, suppressed, and omitted to disclose material facts to Plaintiff and the members of the Missouri Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities. The concealed, suppressed, and omitted facts would have been important to Plaintiffs and the members of the Missouri Class as they relate to the cost of Packaged Tuna they purchased.
- 678. Defendants misrepresented the real cause of prices increases and/or the absence of price reductions in Packaged Tuna by making public statements that were not in accord with the facts.
- 679. Defendants' statements and conduct concerning the price of Packaged Tuna were deceptive as they had the tendency or capacity to mislead Plaintiff and the members of the Missouri Class to believe that they were purchasing Packaged Tuna at prices established by a free and fair market.
- 680. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Missouri commerce.
  - 681. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct,

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Plaintiffs and members of the Missouri Class suffered ascertainable loss of money or property.

- 682. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. As alleged herein, until July 23, 2015, Defendants affirmatively and successfully concealed their unlawful conduct which prevented the Missouri Plaintiffs and the Class from discovering Defendants' unlawful As a result of this fraudulent concealment, this cause of action did not conduct. accrue until July 23, 2015.
- 683. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Missouri Class seek all relief available under the MMPA, specifically Mo. Rev. Stat. § 407.020, as further interpreted by Title 15 of the Missouri Code of State Regulations, 15 CSR 60-7.010, et seq., 15 CSR 60-8.010, et seq., and 15 CSR 60-9.010, et seq., and Mo. Rev. Stat. § 407.025 which provides for the relief sought in this count.

# THIRTY-EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF Violation of the Nebraska Consumer Protection Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-1602, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Melissa Bowman and Barbara Buenning On Behalf of the Nebraska Class)

- 684. Plaintiffs Melissa Bowman and Barbara Buenning, on behalf of themselves and the Nebraska Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 685. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-1602, et seq.
- 686. Defendants have entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna Market, a substantial part of which occurred within Nebraska.
- 687. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna Market, for

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the purpose of excluding or limiting competition or controlling or maintaining prices, a substantial part of which occurred within Nebraska.

- 688. Defendants' conduct was conducted with the intent to deceive Nebraska consumers regarding the nature of Defendants' actions within the stream of Nebraska commerce.
- 689. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of Nebraska.
- 690. Defendants' conduct misled consumers, withheld material facts, and had a direct or indirect impact upon Plaintiffs and Class members' ability to protect themselves.
- 691. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Nebraska's trade and commerce.
- 692. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiff and the members of the Nebraska Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
- 693. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise As alleged herein, the Defendants affirmatively to their unlawful conduct. concealed their unlawful conduct which prevented Nebraska Plaintiffs from reasonably discovering the claim before the statute of limitations expired. As a result, Defendants" unlawful conduct was neither obvious nor discoverable during the limitations period. This cause of action did not accrue until July 23, 2015 when the Plaintiffs knew, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have known about the Defendants' unlawful conduct.
- 694. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff and members of the Nebraska Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief available under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-1614.

#### THIRTY-NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Nev. Rev. Stat. § 598.0903, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Nay Alidad and Nancy Stiller On Behalf of the Nevada Class)

- 695. Plaintiffs Nay Alidad and Nancy Stiller, on behalf of themselves and the Nevada Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 696. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated Nev. Rev. Stat. § 598.0903, *et seq.*
- 697. Defendants engaged in a deceptive trade practice with the intent to injure competitors and to substantially lessen competition.
- 698. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna Market, a substantial part of which occurred within Nevada, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the Packaged Tuna Market.
- 699. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of Nevada.
- 700. Defendants' conduct amounted to a fraudulent act or practice committed by a supplier in connection with a consumer transaction.
- 701. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Nevada's trade and commerce.
  - 702. Defendants' conduct was willful.
- 703. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the members of the Nevada Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
- 704. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, the Nevada Plaintiffs did not

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discover and could not have discovered by the exercise of reasonable diligence Defendants' unlawful conduct.

705. By reason of the foregoing, the Nevada Class is entitled to seek all forms of relief, including damages, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, and a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 per violation under Nev. Rev. Stat. § 598.0993.

#### **FORTIETH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

Violation of the New Hampshire Consumer Protection Act, N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. XXXI, § 358-A, et seq., (By Plaintiffs Jessica Bartling, Jody Cooper, and Rob Skaff On Behalf of the New Hampshire Class)

- 706. Plaintiffs Jessica Bartling, Jody Cooper, and Rob Skaff, on behalf of themselves and the New Hampshire Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 707. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. XXXI, § 358-A, *et seq*.
- 708. Defendants have entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna Market, a substantial part of which occurred within New Hampshire.
- 709. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna Market, for the purpose of excluding or limiting competition or controlling or maintaining prices, a substantial part of which occurred within New Hampshire.
- 710. Defendants' conduct was conducted with the intent to deceive New Hampshire consumers regarding the nature of Defendants' actions within the stream of New Hampshire commerce.
- 711. Defendants' conduct was unfair or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of New Hampshire.
  - 712. Defendants' conduct was willful and knowing.

- 713. Defendants' conduct misled consumers, withheld material facts, and had a direct or indirect impact upon Plaintiff and Class members' ability to protect themselves.
- 714. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected New Hampshire's trade and commerce.
- 715. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs and the members of the New Hampshire Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
- 716. Defendants fraudulently concealed the essential facts alleged here giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, New Hampshire Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have discovered in the exercise of reasonable diligence either Defendants' unlawful conduct or the facts giving rise to such conduct.
- 717. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiffs and the members of the New Hampshire Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief available under N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. XXXI, §§ 358-A:10 and 358-A:10-a.

## FORTY-FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF Violation of the New Mexico Unfair Practices Act, N.M. Stat. Ann. §§ 57-12-3, et seq.

#### (By Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid, Kathy Gore, and Laura Montoya On Behalf of the New Mexico Class)

- 718. Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid, Kathy Gore, and Laura Montoya, by themselves and on behalf of the New Mexico Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 719. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated N.M. Stat. Ann. §§ 57-12-3, *et seq*.
- 720. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna market, a substantial part of which occurred within New

- 721. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Relevant Markets, a substantial part of which occurred within New Mexico, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the Packaged Tuna Market.
- 722. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of New Mexico.
- 723. Defendants' conduct misled consumers, withheld material facts, and resulted in material misrepresentations to Plaintiff and members of the Class.
- 724. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected New Mexico's trade and commerce.
- 725. Defendants' conduct constituted "unconscionable trade practices" in that such conduct, inter alia, resulted in a gross disparity between the value received by the New Mexico class members and the price paid by them for Packaged Tuna as set forth in N.M. Stat. Ann. § 57-12-2E.
  - 726. Defendants' conduct was willful.
- 727. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs and the members of the New Mexico Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
- 728. Defendants knew that their conduct was unlawful and wrongfully concealed the facts alleged here giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, New Mexico Plaintiffs did not know and could not have known in the exercise of reasonable diligence either Defendants' unlawful conduct or the facts giving rise to such conduct.
- 729. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and members of the New Mexico Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief, including actual damages or up to \$300 per violation, whichever is greater, plus reasonable attorney's fees

under N.M. Stat. Ann. §§ 57-12-10.

#### FORTY-SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the North Carolina Unfair Trade and Business Practices Act, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-1.1, et seq.

#### (By Plaintiffs Corey Norris, Audra Rickman, and Amber Sartori On Behalf of the North Carolina Class)

- 730. Plaintiffs Corey Norris, Audra Rickman, and Amber Sartori, on behalf of themselves and the North Carolina Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 731. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-1.1, *et seq*.
- 732. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna Market, a substantial part of which occurred within North Carolina.
- 733. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of North Carolina.
- 734. Defendants' trade practices are and have been immoral, unethical, unscrupulous, and substantially injurious to consumers.
- 735. Defendants' conduct misled consumers, withheld material facts, and resulted in material misrepresentations to Plaintiff and members of the Class.
- 736. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected North Carolina's trade and commerce.
- 737. Defendants' conduct constitutes consumer-oriented deceptive acts or practices within the meaning of North Carolina law, which resulted in consumer injury and broad adverse impact on the public at large, and harmed the public interest of North Carolina consumers in an honest marketplace in which economic activity is conducted in a competitive manner.
  - 738. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the

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Plaintiffs and the members of the North Carolina Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.

- 739. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, the North Carolina Plaintiffs did not know and could not have learned or discovered by the exercise of due care about Defendants' unlawful conduct.
- 740. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiffs and the members of the North Carolina Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief, including treble damages under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-16.

#### **FORTY-THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

Violation of the North Dakota Unfair Trade Practices Law, N.D. Cent. Code § 51-10, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Tya Hughes and Bonnie Vander Laan

On Behalf of the North Dakota Class)

- 741. Plaintiffs Tya Hughes and Bonnie Vander Laan, on behalf of themselves and the North Dakota Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 742. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated N.D. Cent. Code § 51-10-01, *et seq*.
- 743. Defendants engaged in a deceptive trade practice with the intent to injure competitors and consumers through supra-competitive profits.
- 744. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna Market, a substantial part of which occurred within North Dakota, for the purpose of controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the Packaged Tuna Market.
- 745. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of North Dakota.
- 746. Defendants' conduct amounted to a fraudulent or deceptive act or practice committed by a supplier in connection with a consumer transaction.

- 747. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected North Dakota's trade and commerce.
  - 748. Defendants' conduct was willful.
- 749. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, North Dakota Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have discovered by exercise of reasonable diligence Defendants' unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, North Dakota Plaintiffs had neither actual nor constructive notice of the facts alleged herein giving rise to Defendants' unlawful conduct.
- 750. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiff and the members of the North Dakota Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
- 751. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiffs and the members of the North Dakota Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief, including damages and injunctive relief under N.D. Cent. Code § 51-10-06.

# FORTY-FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF Violation of the Oregon Unlawful Trade Practices Act, Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.605, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Danielle Johnson and Liza Milliner

On Behalf of the Oregon Class)

- 752. Plaintiffs Danielle Johnson and Liza Milliner, on behalf of themselves and the Oregon Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 753. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.608, *et seq*.
- 754. Defendants have entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna Market, a substantial part of which occurred within Oregon.
  - 755. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted

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to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna Market, for the purpose of excluding or limiting competition or controlling or maintaining prices, a substantial part of which occurred within Oregon.

- 756. Defendants' conduct was conducted with the intent to deceive Oregon consumers regarding the nature of Defendants' actions within the stream of Oregon commerce.
- 757. Defendants' conduct was unfair or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of Oregon.
- 758. Defendants' conduct misled consumers, withheld material facts, and had a direct or indirect impact upon Plaintiff and class members' ability to protect themselves.
- 759. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Oregon's trade and commerce.
- 760. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Oregon Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
- 761. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Oregon Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief available under Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.638.
- 762. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Oregon Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have discovered with reasonable diligence either the facts alleged or Defendants' unlawful conduct.
- 763. Pursuant to section 646.638 of the Oregon Unlawful Trade Practices Act, contemporaneously with the filing of this action, a copy of this Complaint is being served upon the Attorney General of Oregon.

#### **FORTY-FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

Violation of Rhode Island Deceptive Trade Practices Act, R.I. Gen Laws § 6-13.1-1, et seq.

#### (By Plaintiffs Katherine McMahon and Elizabeth Perron On Behalf of the Rhode Island Class)

- 764. Plaintiffs Katherine McMahon and Elizabeth Perron, on behalf of themselves and the Rhode Island Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 765. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated R.I. Gen Laws § 6-13.1-1, *et seq*.
- 766. Defendants engaged in an unfair or deceptive act or practice with the intent to injure competitors and consumers through supra-competitive profits.
- 767. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna Market, a substantial part of which occurred within Rhode Island, for the purpose of controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the Packaged Tuna Market.
- 768. Defendants' conduct was unfair or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of Rhode Island.
- 769. Defendants' conduct amounted to an unfair or deceptive act or practice committed by a supplier in connection with a consumer transaction.
- 770. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Rhode Island's trade and commerce.
  - 771. Defendants' conduct was willful.
- 772. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Rhode Island Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities, including the horizontal conspiracy and artificially-inflated prices for Packaged Tuna.
- 773. Defendants' deception, including its affirmative misrepresentations and/or omissions concerning the price of Packaged Tuna, constitutes information

necessary to Plaintiffs and members of the Rhode Island Class relating to the cost of Packaged Tuna purchased.

- 774. Plaintiffs and members of the Rhode Island class purchased goods, namely Packaged Tuna, primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.
- 775. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Rhode Island Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
- 776. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Rhode Island Plaintiffs could not, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, have discovered the alleged facts or Defendants' wrongful conduct.
- 777. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and the members of the Rhode Island Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief, including actual damages or \$200 per violation, whichever is greater, and injunctive relief and punitive damages under R.I. Gen Laws § 6-13.1-5.2.

#### FORTY-SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 39-5-10 et seq.

(By Plaintiff Gay Birnbaum on Behalf of the South Carolina Class)

- 778. Plaintiff Gay Birnbaum, on behalf of herself and the South Carolina Class, repeats and reasserts each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 779. Section 39-5-10 of the South Caroline Code prohibits "unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce."
- 780. Plaintiff Gay Birnbaum purchased Packaged Tuna from Defendants within the State of South Carolina during the Class Period.
- 781. Defendants engaged in an unfair or deceptive act or practice with the intent to injure competitors and consumers through supra-competitive profits.

- 782. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna Market, a substantial part of which occurred within South Carolina, for the purpose of controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the Packaged Tuna Market.
- 783. Defendants' conduct was unfair or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of South Carolina.
- 784. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected South Carolina's trade and commerce.
  - 785. Defendants' conduct was willful.
- 786. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiff and members of the South Carolina Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities, including the horizontal conspiracy and artificially-inflated prices for Packaged Tuna. Defendants' wrongful concealment of the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct meant that such facts were not and could not have been reasonably discovered by the diligence of Plaintiffs until July 23, 2015.
- 787. Defendants' deception, including its affirmative misrepresentations and/or omissions concerning the price of Packaged Tuna, constitutes information necessary to Plaintiff and members of the South Carolina Class relating to the cost of Packaged Tuna purchased.
- 788. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs and the members of the South Carolina Class have been ascertainably injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
- 789. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff and the members of the South Carolina Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief, including treble damages or and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs under S.C. Code Ann. § 39-5-140
- 790. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 39-5-140(b), a copy of this complaint is being mailed to the South Carolina Attorney General in conjunction with its filing.

#### FORTY-SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the South Dakota Deceptive Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, S.D. Codified Laws § 37-24, et seq. (By Plaintiff Casey Christensen On Behalf of the South Dakota Class)

- 791. Plaintiff Casey Christensen, on behalf of herself and the South Dakota Class, repeats and reasserts each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 792. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated S.D. Codified Laws § 37-24-6.
- 793. Defendants engaged in a deceptive trade practice with the intent to injure competitors and consumers through supra-competitive profits.
- 794. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna Market, a substantial part of which occurred within South Dakota, for the purpose of controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the Packaged Tuna Market.
- 795. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of South Dakota.
- 796. Defendants' conduct amounted to a fraudulent or deceptive act or practice committed by a supplier in connection with a consumer transaction.
- 797. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected South Dakota's trade and commerce.
  - 798. Defendants' conduct was willful.
- 799. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiff and the members of the South Dakota Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
- 800. Defendants acted affirmatively to wrongfully conceal facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, South Dakota Plaintiffs had no actual or constructive notice of these concealed facts and did not

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discover and could not have discovered with reasonable diligence Defendants' unlawful conduct.

801. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff and the members of the South Dakota Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief, including actual damages and injunctive relief under S.D. Codified Laws § 37-24-31.

#### FORTY-EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### Violation of the Utah Consumer Sales Practices Act, Utah Code Ann. §§ 13-11-1, et seq.

#### (By Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid and Tina Grant On Behalf of the Utah Class)

- 802. Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid and Tina Grant, on behalf of themselves and the Utah Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 803. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated Utah Code Ann. §§ 13-11-1, et seg.
- 804. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna market, a substantial part of which occurred within Utah.
- 805. Defendants are suppliers within the meaning of Utah Code Ann. §§ 13-11-3.
- 806. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Relevant Markets, a substantial part of which occurred within Utah, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the Packaged Tuna Market.
- 807. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of Utah.
- 808. Defendants' conduct and/or practices were unconscionable and were undertaken in connection with consumer transactions.

- 809. Defendants knew or had reason to know that their conduct was unconscionable.
- 810. Defendants' conduct misled consumers, withheld material facts, and resulted in material misrepresentations to Plaintiff and members of the Class.
- 811. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Utah's trade and commerce.
- 812. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Utah Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
- 813. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Utah Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have reasonably discovered their claim.
- 814. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Utah Class is entitled to seek all forms of relief, including declaratory judgment, injunctive relief, and ancillary relief, pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 13-11-19(5) and 13-11-20.

#### **FORTY-NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### Violation of the Utah Unfair Practices Act, Utah Code All. §§ 13-5-1, et seq.

#### (By Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid and Tina Grant On Behalf of the Utah Class)

- 815. Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid and Tina Grant, on behalf of themselves and the Utah Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 816. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated Utah Code Ann. §§ 13-5-1, *et seq*.
- 817. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna market, a substantial part of which occurred within Utah.
  - 818. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted

to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Relevant Markets, a substantial part of which occurred within Utah, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the Packaged Tuna Market.

- 819. Defendants' conduct caused or was intended to cause unfair methods of competition within the State of Utah.
- 820. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Utah's trade and commerce.
- 821. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Utah Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
- 822. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Utah Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have reasonably discovered their claim.
- 823. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Utah Class is entitled to seek all forms of relief, including actual damages or \$2000 per Utah Class member, whichever is greater, plus reasonable attorney's fees under Utah Code Ann. §§ 13-5-14, *et seq*.

#### **FIFTIETH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

Violation of the Vermont Consumer Fraud Act, Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 9, §§ 2453, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Stephanie Gipson and Jennifer A. Nelson On Behalf of the Vermont Class)

- 824. Plaintiffs Stephanie Gipson and Jennifer A. Nelson, on behalf of themselves and the Vermont Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 825. Title 9 of the Vermont Statutes generally governs commerce and trade in Vermont. Chapter 63 thereof governs consumer protection and prohibits, inter alia, unfair methods competition, unfair and deceptive acts and practices, and

- 826. One such unfair method of competition is through collusion, defined as agreeing, contracting, combining or conspiring to engage in price fixing, market division and/or allocation of goods, constituting unfair competition in the commerce of Packaged Tuna. Vt. Stat. Ann. Tit. 9, § 2451a(h).
- 827. Plaintiffs Stephanie Gipson and Jennifer A. Nelson purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Vermont during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 828. Under Vermont law, indirect purchasers have standing under the antitrust provisions of the Vermont Statutes to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Vt. Stat. Ann. Tit. 9, § 2465(b).
- 829. Defendants competed unfairly and colluded by meeting to fix prices, divide markets, and otherwise restrain trade as set forth herein, in violation of Vt. Stat. Ann. Tit. 9, § 2453, *et seq*.
- 830. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. As a result, the objective facts necessary to put the Vermont Plaintiffs and the Class on notice of such facts was not available until July 23, 2015. As a result, the period prior to the discovery of this unlawful conduct should be excluded in determining the time limited for the commencement of this action.
- 831. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna in Vermont and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, and reasonable attorneys' fees.

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#### **FIFTY-FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### Violation of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act, Va. Code Ann. § 59.1-196, et seq.

#### (By Plaintiffs Andrew Gorman, Marissa Jacobus, and Elizabeth Twitchell On Behalf of the Virginia Class)

- 832. Plaintiff Andrew Gorman, Marissa Jacobus, and Elizabeth Twitchell, on behalf of themselves and the Virginia Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 833. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated Va. Code Ann. § 59.1-196, *et seq.*
- 834. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna market, a substantial part of which occurred within Virginia.
- 835. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna Market, a substantial part of which occurred within Virginia, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the Packaged Tuna Market.
- 836. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of Virginia.
- 837. Defendants' conduct amounted to a fraudulent act or practice committed by a supplier in connection with a consumer transaction.
- 838. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Virginia's trade and commerce.
  - 839. Defendants' conduct was willful.
- 840. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Virginia Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
  - 841. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise

to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Defendants concealed the existence of their unlawful conduct through their affirmative acts of misrepresentation with the intent to debar and deter the Virginia Plaintiffs and Class from discovering the facts alleged giving rise to Defendants' unlawful conduct. The unlawful nature of Defendants' conduct is of character which involved moral turpitude. As a result, the time of Defendants' obstruction should not be counted as any part of the period within which the action must brought.

842. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiff and the members of the Virginia Class is entitled to seek all forms of relief, including treble damages or \$1000 per violation, whichever is greater, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs under Va. Code Ann. § 59.1-204(A), *et seq*.

## FIFTY-SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF Violation of the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act, W. Va. Code § 46A-6-101, et seq.

#### (By Plaintiffs Diana Mey and Jade Canterbury On Behalf of the West Virginia Class)

- 843. Plaintiffs Diana Mey and Jade Canterbury, on behalf of themselves and the West Virginia Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 844. The violations of federal antitrust law set forth above also constitute violations of Sections 46A-6-101, *et seq.* of the West Virginia Code.
- 845. During the Class Period, Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in a continuing contract, combination or conspiracy in unreasonable restraint of trade and commerce and other anticompetitive conduct alleged above in violation of W. Va. Code § 46A-6-101, *et seq*.
- 846. Defendants' anticompetitive acts described above were knowing, willful and constitute violations or flagrant violations of the West Virginia Antitrust Act and the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act.
  - 847. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct,

Plaintiff and members of the West Virginia Class have been injured in their business and property in that they paid more for Packaged Tuna than they otherwise would have paid in the absence of Defendants' unlawful conduct. As a result of Defendants' violation of Sections 46A-6-104 of the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act, Plaintiffs and members of the West Virginia Class seek actual damages or \$200 per violation, whichever is greater, pursuant to Section 46A-6-106 of the West Virginia Code.

- 848. Pursuant to Section 46A-6-106(c) of the West Virginia Code, Plaintiff Jade Canterbury provided notice to Defendants in the manner specified under the Code on September 25, 2015, which was twenty (20) days or more prior to the addition of this claim. Plaintiff has not received an offer to cure as of the date of this filing.
- 849. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, West Virginia Plaintiffs did not discover and could not in the exercise of reasonable diligence have discovered the alleged concealed facts or Defendants' wrongful conduct.

#### **UNJUST ENRICHMENT**

850. The following Fifty-third through Seventy-eighth Claims for Relief are pleaded in the alternative to each of the other claims in this Complaint save the Sherman Act claim and the Cartwright Act claim.

#### FIFTY-THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

## (By Plaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Tina Grant, Tya Hughes, John Pels, and Erica Rodriguez On Behalf of the Arizona Class)

- 851. Plaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Tina Grant, Tya Hughes, John Pels, and Erica Rodriguez, on behalf of themselves and the Arizona Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
  - 852. Plaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Tina Grant, Tya Hughes, John

Pels, and Erica Rodriguez purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Arizona during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

- 853. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in Arizona at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.
- 854. Defendants have been enriched by revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for Defendants' Packaged Tuna.
- 855. Plaintiffs and Class members have been impoverished by the overcharges for Defendants' Packaged Tuna resulting from Defendants' unlawful conduct.
- 856. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct preventing Arizona plaintiffs from reasonably discovering the claim during the limitations period. This cause of action did not accrue until July 23, 2015 when the plaintiffs knew or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have known about the Defendants' unlawful conduct.
- 857. Defendants' enrichment and Plaintiffs' impoverishment are connected. Defendants have paid no consideration to any other person for any benefits they received from Plaintiffs and Class Members.
- 858. There is no justification for Defendants' receipt of the benefits causing their enrichment and Plaintiffs' and Class members' impoverishment, because Plaintiffs and Class members paid anticompetitive prices that inured to Defendants' benefit, and it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain any revenue gained from their unlawful overcharges.
  - 859. Plaintiffs and Class members have no remedy at law.

#### FIFTY-FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(In the Alternative, By Plaintiffs Mary Hudson, Tya Hughes, Amy Jackson, Michael Juetten, Rick Musgrave, and John Pels
On Behalf of the California Class)

- 860. Plaintiffs Mary Hudson, Tya Hughes, Amy Jackson, Michael Juetten, Rick Musgrave, and John Pels for themselves and on behalf of the California Class, repeat and reallege each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 861. Plaintiffs Mary Hudson, Tya Hughes, Amy Jackson, Michael Juetten, Rick Musgrave, and John Pels purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of California during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 862. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in California at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.
- 863. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct preventing California Plaintiffs in the exercise of due diligence from uncovering the unlawful conduct. The applicable statute of limitations is tolled until July 23, 2015 until the Plaintiffs, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have discovered it.
- 864. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.

#### FIFTY-FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

- (By Plaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Kaitlyn Rooney, and Andrew Gorman On Behalf of the District of Columbia Class)
- 865. Plaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Kaitlyn Rooney, and Andrew Gorman for themselves and on behalf of the District of Columbia Class, repeat and

reallege each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.

- 866. Plaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Kaitlyn Rooney, and Andrew Gorman purchased Packaged Tuna within the District of Columbia during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 867. Defendants retained the benefits bestowed upon them under inequitable and unjust circumstances at the expense of Plaintiffs and Class Members.
- 868. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in the District of Columbia at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.
- 869. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.
- 870. Defendants accepted and retained the benefit bestowed upon them under inequitable and unjust circumstances arising from unlawful overcharges to Plaintiffs and Class Members.
- 871. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct by the affirmative actions described herein which were designed to prevent the discovery of such unlawful conduct and the Plaintiffs in the District of Columbia did not discover and could not discover the unlawful conduct prior to July 23, 2015.
- 872. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable and unjust for Defendants to retain such benefits.

#### FIFTY-SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

- (In the Alternative, By Plaintiff Gloria Emery on Behalf of the Hawaii Class)
  - 873. Plaintiff Gloria Emery for herself and on behalf of the Hawaii Class,

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repeats and realleges each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.

- 874. Plaintiff Gloria Emery purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Hawaii during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 875. Defendants retained the benefits bestowed upon them under inequitable and unjust circumstances at the expense of Plaintiff and Class Members.
- 876. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in the State of Hawaii at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.
- 877. Plaintiff and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.
- 878. Defendants accepted and retained the benefit bestowed upon them under inequitable and unjust circumstances arising from unlawful overcharges to Plaintiff and Class Members.
- 879. Defendants wrongfully and continually concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct with the intent to deceive Plaintiff. Plaintiff did not know and could not have known about Defendants' unlawful conduct until July 23, 2015.
- 880. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable and unjust for Defendants to retain such benefits.
- 881. In the absence of other applicable claims for relief, Plaintiff Gloria Emery and the Hawaii Class have no adequate remedy at law against Defendants.

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#### **FIFTY-SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### (By Plaintiffs Sally Bredberg, Elizabeth Davis-Berg, and Amy Joseph)

- 882. Plaintiffs Sally Bredberg, Elizabeth Davis-Berg, and Amy Joseph repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 883. Plaintiffs Sally Bredberg, Elizabeth Davis-Berg, and Amy Joseph purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Illinois during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 884. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in Illinois at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.
- 885. Plaintiffs have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs.
- 886. Defendants retained the benefits bestowed upon them under unjust circumstances arising from unlawful overcharges to Plaintiffs.
- 887. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct by the affirmative acts described herein with the intent to deceive the Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs did not know and could not have known about Defendants' unlawful conduct until July 23, 2015.
- 888. It is unjust and inequitable for Defendants to retain the benefits received without compensating Plaintiffs.

#### FIFTY-EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### (By Plaintiffs Carla Lown and Jennifer A. Nelson On Behalf of the Iowa Class)

889. Plaintiffs Carla Lown and Jennifer A. Nelson, on behalf of themselves and the Iowa Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in

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paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.

- 890. Plaintiffs Carla Lown and Jennifer A. Nelson purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Iowa during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 891. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in Iowa at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.
- 892. Defendants have been enriched by revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for Defendants' Packaged Tuna, which revenue resulted from anticompetitive prices paid by Plaintiffs, which inured to Defendants' benefit.
- 893. Defendants' enrichment has occurred at the expense of Plaintiffs and Class members.
- 894. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct. Defendants' unlawful conduct was not reasonably discovered until July 23, 2015.
- 895. It is against equity and good conscience for Defendants to be permitted to retain the revenue resulting from their unlawful overcharges.

#### FIFTY-NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (By Plaintiffs Brian Depperschmidt and Lisa Hall **On Behalf of the Kansas Class)**

- 896. Plaintiffs Brian Depperschmidt and Lisa Hall, on behalf of themselves and the Kansas Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 897. Plaintiffs Brian Depperschmidt and Lisa Hall purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Kansas during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

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898. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in Kansas at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

- 899. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.
- 900. Defendants retained the benefits bestowed upon them under unjust circumstances arising from unlawful overcharges to Plaintiffs and Class Members.
- 901. Defendants were unjustly enriched at the expense of Plaintiffs and Class members.

#### SIXTIETH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### (By Plaintiffs Scott Caldwell, Sundé Daniels, and Elizabeth Perron On Behalf of the Massachusetts Class)

- 902. Plaintiffs Scott Caldwell, Sundé Daniels, and Elizabeth Perron, on behalf of themselves and the Massachusetts Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 903. Plaintiffs Scott Caldwell, Sundé Daniels, and Elizabeth Perron purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Massachusetts during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 904. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in Massachusetts at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.
- 905. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.
- 906. Defendants were aware of or appreciated the benefit conferred upon them by Plaintiffs and Class members.

907. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Defendants concealed the existence of their unlawful conduct through the affirmative actions alleged herein with an intent to deceive the Massachusetts Plaintiffs and Class as to the nature of their actions. Plaintiffs did not know and reasonably could not have known the facts alleged giving rise to Defendants' unlawful conduct. As a result, this cause of action did not accrue until July 23, 2015.

908. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and Class members. Fairness and good conscience require that Defendants not be permitted to retain the revenue resulting from their unlawful overcharges at the expense of Plaintiffs and Class members.

#### **SIXTY-FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### (By Plaintiffs Louise Adams, Jessica Decker, and Barbara Olson On Behalf of the Michigan Class)

- 909. Plaintiffs Louise Adams, Jessica Decker, and Barbara Olson, on behalf of themselves and the Michigan Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 910. Plaintiffs Louise Adams, Jessica Decker, and Barbara Olson purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Michigan during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 911. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in Michigan at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.
- 912. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred a direct economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges paid by Plaintiffs and the Class members and accepted and retained by

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Defendants, to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.

- 913. Defendants retained the benefits bestowed upon them under unjust circumstances arising from unlawful overcharges to Plaintiffs and Class members.
- 914. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct and through their affirmative arrangements and contrivances preventing discovery of such unlawful conduct until July 23, 2015.
- 915. Defendants were unjustly enriched at the expense of Plaintiffs and Class members.

#### SIXTY-SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### (By Plaintiffs Laura Childs and Katherine Larson On Behalf of the Minnesota Class)

- 916. Plaintiffs Laura Childs and Katherine Larson, on behalf of themselves and the Minnesota Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 917. Plaintiffs Laura Childs and Katherine Larson purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Minnesota during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 918. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in Minnesota at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.
- 919. Defendants appreciated and knowingly accepted the benefits bestowed upon them by Plaintiff and Class members. Defendants have paid no consideration to any other person for any of the benefits they have received from Plaintiffs and Class members.
- 920. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct through the fraudulent and intentional acts described herein and Minnesota Plaintiffs could not have reasonable discovered the

921. It is inequitable for Defendants to accept and retain the benefits received without compensating Plaintiff and Class members.

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#### SIXTY-THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

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#### (By Plaintiff Christopher Todd On Behalf of the Mississippi Class)

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Class, repeats and reasserts each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to

923. Plaintiff Christopher Todd purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Mississippi during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

- 924. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in Mississippi at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.
- 925. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. As alleged herein, the Defendants actively concealed their unlawful conduct which prevented Mississippi plaintiffs from reasonably discovering the claim during the limitations period. This cause of action did not accrue until July 23, 2015 when the Plaintiffs knew, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have known about the Defendants' unlawful conduct.
- 926. Defendants retained the benefit of overcharges received on the sales of Defendants' Packaged Tuna, which in equity and good conscience belong to Plaintiffs and Class members on account of Defendants' anticompetitive conduct.

#### SIXTY-FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(By Plaintiffs John Frick, Steven Kratky, Amber Sartori, and Rebecca Lee **Simoens On Behalf of the Missouri Class**)

927. Plaintiffs John Frick, Steven Kratky, Amber Sartori, and Rebecca Lee

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Simoens, on behalf of themselves and the Missouri Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.

- 928. Plaintiffs John Frick, Steven Kratky, Amber Sartori, and Rebecca Lee Simoens purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Missouri during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 929. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in Missouri at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.
- 930. Plaintiffs and Missouri Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Missouri Class Members.
- 931. Defendants appreciated the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiff and Missouri Class members.
- 932. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. As alleged herein, until July 23, 2015, Defendants affirmatively and successfully concealed their unlawful conduct which prevented the Missouri Plaintiffs and the Class from discovering Defendants' unlawful conduct. As a result of this fraudulent concealment, this cause of action did not accrue until July 23, 2015.
- 933. Defendants accepted and retained the benefit bestowed upon them under inequitable and unjust circumstances arising from unlawful overcharges to Plaintiffs and Missouri Class members.

#### SIXTY-FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### (By Plaintiffs Melissa Bowman and Barbara Buenning On Behalf of the Nebraska Class)

934. Plaintiffs Melissa Bowman and Barbara Buenning, on behalf of themselves and the Nebraska Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations

contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.

- 935. Plaintiff Melissa Bowman and Barbara Buenning purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Nebraska during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 936. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in Nebraska at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.
- 937. Defendants received money from Plaintiffs and Class members as a direct result of the unlawful overcharges, and have retained this money. Defendants have paid no consideration to any other person in exchange for this money.
- 938. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. As alleged herein, the Defendants affirmatively concealed their unlawful conduct which prevented Nebraska Plaintiffs from reasonably discovering the claim before the statute of limitations expired. As a result, Defendants" unlawful conduct was neither obvious nor discoverable during the limitations period. This cause of action did not accrue until July 23, 2015 when the Plaintiffs knew, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have known about the Defendants' unlawful conduct.
- 939. In justice and fairness, Defendants should disgorge such money and remit the overcharged payments back to Plaintiffs and Class members.

## SIXTY-SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (By Plaintiffs Nay Alidad and Nancy Stiller On Behalf of the Nevada Class)

940. Plaintiffs Nay Alidad and Nancy Stiller, on behalf of themselves and the Nevada Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.

- 941. Plaintiffs Nay Alidad and Nancy Stiller purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Nevada during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 942. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases Defendants' Packaged Tuna in Nevada at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.
- 943. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for Defendants' Packaged Tuna.
- 944. Defendants appreciated the benefits bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and Class members, for which they have paid no consideration to any other person.
- 945. Defendants have knowingly accepted and retained the benefits bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and Class members.
- 946. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, the Nevada Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have discovered by the exercise of reasonable diligence Defendants' unlawful conduct.
- 947. The circumstances under which Defendants have accepted and retained the benefits bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and Class members are inequitable in that they result from Defendants' unlawful overcharges for Defendants' Packaged Tuna.

#### SIXTY-SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### (By Plaintiffs Jessica Bartling, Jody Cooper, and Rob Skaff On Behalf of the New Hampshire Class)

948. Plaintiffs Jessica Bartling, Jody Cooper, and Rob Skaff, on behalf of themselves and the New Hampshire Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein

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- 949. Plaintiffs Jessica Bartling, Jody Cooper, and Rob Skaff purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of New Hampshire during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 950. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in New Hampshire at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.
- 951. Defendants have received a benefit from Plaintiffs and Class members in the nature of revenue resulting from the unlawful overcharges, which revenue resulted from anticompetitive prices that inured to the benefit of Defendants.
- 952. Defendants fraudulently concealed the essential facts alleged here giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, New Hampshire Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have discovered in the exercise of reasonable diligence either Defendants' unlawful conduct or the facts giving rise to such conduct.
- 953. Under the circumstances, it would be unconscionable for Defendants to retain such benefits.

#### **SIXTY-EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### (By Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid, Kathy Gore, and Laura Montoya On Behalf of the New Mexico Class)

- 954. Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid, Kathy Gore, and Laura Montoya, on behalf of themselves and the New Mexico Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 955. Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid, Kathy Gore, and Laura Montoya purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of New Mexico during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
  - 956. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases

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of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in New Mexico at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

- 957. Defendants have knowingly benefitted at the expense of Plaintiffs and Class members from revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for Defendants' Packaged Tuna.
- 958. Defendants knew that their conduct was unlawful and wrongfully concealed the facts alleged here giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, New Mexico Plaintiffs did not know and could not have known in the exercise of reasonable diligence either Defendants' unlawful conduct or the facts giving rise to such conduct.
- 959. To allow Defendants to retain the benefits would be unjust because the benefits resulted from anticompetitive pricing that inured to Defendants' benefit and because Defendants have paid no consideration to any other person for any of the benefits they received.

#### SIXTY-NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### (By Plaintiffs Corey Norris, Audra Rickman, and Amber Sartori On Behalf of the North Carolina Class)

- 960. Plaintiffs Corey Norris, Audra Rickman, and Amber Sartori, on behalf of themselves and the North Carolina Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 961. Plaintiffs Corey Norris, Audra Rickman, and Amber Sartori purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of North Carolina during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 962. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in North Carolina at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.
  - 963. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic benefit

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27 28 upon Defendants in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.

- 964. Plaintiffs and Class members did not interfere with Defendants' affairs in any manner that conferred these benefits upon Defendants.
- 965. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, the North Carolina Plaintiffs did not know and could not have learned or discovered by the exercise of due care about Defendants' unlawful conduct.
- 966. The benefits conferred upon Defendants were not gratuitous, in that they comprised revenue created by unlawful overcharges arising from Defendants' actions to fix, maintain and stabilize artificially high prices for Packaged Tuna on the market.
- 967. The benefits conferred upon Defendants are measurable, in that the revenue Defendants have earned due to unlawful overcharges are ascertainable by review of sales and other business records.
- 968. Defendants consciously accepted the benefits and continue to do so as of the date of this filing.

#### SEVENTIETH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### (By Plaintiffs Tya Hughes and Bonnie Vander Laan On Behalf of the North Dakota Class)

- 969. Plaintiffs Tya Hughes and Bonnie Vander Laan, on behalf of themselves and the North Dakota Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 970. Plaintiffs Tya Hughes and Bonnie Vander Laan purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of North Dakota during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
  - 971. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases

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27 28 of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in North Dakota at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

- 972. Defendants, without justification, have been enriched at the direct impoverishment of Plaintiffs and Class members, in that Defendants have been enriched by revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for Defendants' Packaged Tuna.
- 973. Plaintiffs and Class members have been impoverished by the overcharges for Defendants' Packaged Tuna resulting from Defendants' unlawful conduct, and they have no legal means of retrieving the value of their impoverishment.
- 974. Defendants' enrichment and Plaintiffs' and Class members' impoverishment are connected. Defendants have paid no consideration to any other person for any benefits they received directly or indirectly from Plaintiffs and Class Members.
- 975. There is no justification for Defendants' receipt of the benefits **Plaintiffs** causing their enrichment, because and Class members paid anticompetitive prices that inured to Defendants' benefit, and it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain any revenue gained from their unlawful overcharges.
- 976. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, North Dakota Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have discovered by exercise of reasonable diligence Defendants' unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, North Dakota Plaintiffs had neither actual nor constructive notice of the facts alleged herein giving rise to Defendants' unlawful conduct.
  - 977. Plaintiffs and Class members have no remedy at law.

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#### **SEVENTY-FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### (By Plaintiffs Danielle Johnson and Liza Milliner On Behalf of the Oregon Class)

- 978. Plaintiffs Danielle Johnson and Liza Milliner, on behalf of themselves and the Oregon Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 979. Plaintiffs Danielle Johnson and Liza Milliner purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Oregon during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 980. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in Oregon at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.
- 981. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.
- 982. Defendants were aware of the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and Class members.
- 983. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Oregon Plaintiffs did not discover and could not discovered with reasonable diligence either the facts alleged or Defendants' unlawful conduct.
- 984. It would be inequitable and unjust for Defendants to retain any of the overcharges for Packaged Tuna derived from Defendants' unfair conduct without compensating Plaintiffs and Class members.

### <u>SEVENTY-SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF</u> (By Plaintiffs Katherine McMahon and Elizabeth Perron

#### On Behalf of the Rhode Island Class)

985. Plaintiffs Katherine McMahon and Elizabeth Perron, on behalf of

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27 28 themselves and the Rhode Island Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.

- 986. Plaintiffs Katherine McMahon and Elizabeth Perron purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Rhode Island during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 987. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in Rhode Island at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.
- 988. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiff and Class members.
- 989. Defendants were aware of and/or recognized the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Class members.
- 990. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Rhode Island Plaintiffs could not, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, have discovered the alleged facts or Defendants' wrongful conduct.
- 991. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and Class members.

#### **SEVENTY-THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### (By Plaintiff Gay Birnbaum on Behalf of the South Carolina Class)

- 992. Plaintiff Gay Birnbaum for herself and on behalf of the South Carolina Class, repeats and realleges each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 993. Plaintiff Gay Birnbaum purchased Packaged Tuna with the State of South Carolina during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount

994. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in the State of South Carolina at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

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995. Plaintiff and Class members have conferred a non-gratuitous, economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiff and Class members.

996. Defendants appreciated the benefits bestowed upon them by Plaintiff and Class Members, for which they have paid no consideration to any other person.

997. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiff and members of the South Carolina Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities, including the horizontal conspiracy and artificially-inflated prices for Packaged Tuna. Defendants' wrongful concealment of the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct meant that such facts were not and could not have been reasonably discovered by the diligence of Plaintiffs until July 23, 2015.

998. It is inequitable for Defendants to accept and retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiff and Class Members.

#### **SEVENTY-FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### (By Plaintiff Casey Christensen On Behalf of the South Dakota Class)

999. Plaintiff Casey Christensen, on behalf of herself and the South Dakota Class, repeats and reasserts each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.

1000. Plaintiff Casey Christensen purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of South Dakota during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

1001. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in South Dakota at prices that were more than they

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would have been but for Defendants' actions.

1002. Plaintiff and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class Members.

1003. Defendants were aware of the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiff and Class members.

1004. Defendants acted affirmatively to wrongfully conceal facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, South Dakota Plaintiffs had no actual or constructive notice of these concealed facts and did not discover and could not have discovered with reasonable diligence Defendants' unlawful conduct.

1005. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable and unjust for Defendants to retain such benefits without reimbursing Plaintiffs and Class members.

#### **SEVENTY-FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### (By Plaintiffs Kirsten Peck, John Peychal, and John Trent On Behalf of the Tennessee Class)

1006. Plaintiffs Kirsten Peck, John Peychal, and John Trent, on behalf of himself and the Tennessee Class, repeats and reasserts each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.

1007. Plaintiffs Kirsten Peck, John Peychal, and John Trent purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Tennessee during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

1008. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who purchased Defendants' Packaged Tuna in Tennessee at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

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26 27 28 upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiff and Class Members.

- 1010. Defendants appreciated the benefits bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and Class Members, for which they have paid no consideration to any other person.
- 1011. It is inequitable for Defendants to accept and retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and Class Members.
- 1012. Defendants wrongfully and affirmatively concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Despite exercising due diligence, Plaintiffs did not have information sufficient to alert a reasonable person of the need to investigate the injury, and were not able to discover evidence of their claims of Defendants' unlawful conduct until July 23, 2015.
- 1013. The resellers from whom Plaintiffs and Class Members purchased Defendants' Packaged Tuna were not involved in the conspiracy. Plaintiff and Class Members have no remedy against the innocent resellers under the theory of unjust enrichment.

#### SEVENTY-SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (By Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid and Tina Grant On Behalf of the Utah Class)

- 1014. Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid and Tina Grant, on behalf of themselves and the Utah Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 1015. Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid and Tina Grant purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Utah during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 1016. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in Utah at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

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1017. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred a direct economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges paid by Plaintiffs and the Class members and accepted and retained by Defendants, to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.

- 1018. Defendants were aware of or appreciated the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and Class members.
- 1019. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Utah Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have reasonably discovered their claim.
- 1020. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and Class Members.

# SEVENTY-SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (By Plaintiffs Stephanie Gipson and Jennifer A. Nelson On Behalf of the Vermont Class)

- 1021. Plaintiffs Stephanie Gipson and Jennifer A. Nelson, on behalf of themselves and the Vermont Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 1022. Plaintiffs Stephanie Gipson and Jennifer A. Nelson purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Vermont during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 1023. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in Vermont at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.
- 1024. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class Members.
  - 1025. Defendants accepted the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and

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1026. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. As a result, the objective facts necessary to put the Vermont Plaintiffs and the Class on notice of such facts was not available until July 23, 2015. As a result, the period prior to the discovery of this unlawful conduct should be excluded in determining the time limited for the commencement of this action.

1027. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and Class members.

## **SEVENTY-EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**(By Plaintiffs Diana Mey and Jade Canterbury

On Behalf of the West Virginia Class)

1028. Plaintiffs Diana Mey and Jade Canterbury, on behalf of themselves and the West Virginia Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.

1029. Plaintiffs Diana Mey and Jade Canterbury purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of West Virginia during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

1030. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in West Virginia at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

- 1031. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.
- 1032. Defendants were aware of or appreciated the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and Class members.
  - 1033. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise

to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, West Virginia Plaintiffs did not discover and could not in the exercise of reasonable diligence have discovered the alleged concealed facts or Defendants' wrongful conduct.

1034. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and Class members.

#### SEVENTY-NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

## (By Plaintiffs Michael Juetten, Kathy Lingnofski, Julie Wiese, and Daniel Zwirlein On Behalf of the Wisconsin Class)

1035. Plaintiffs Michael Juetten, Kathy Lingnofski, Julie Wiese, and Daniel Zwirlein, on behalf of themselves and the Wisconsin Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.

1036. Plaintiffs Michael Juetten, Kathy Lingnofski, Julie Wiese, and Daniel Zwirlein purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Wisconsin during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

1037. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in Wisconsin at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

1038. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.

1039. Defendants appreciated the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and Class Members.

1040. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Wisconsin Plaintiffs did not discover and could not in the exercise of reasonable diligence have discovered their injury or that Defendants' unlawful conduct likely caused such injury.

1041. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and Class members.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Accordingly, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the Classes of all others so similarly situated, respectfully requests that:

- a) The Court determine that each of the claims alleged in this Complaint may be maintained as a class action claims under Rule 23(a), (b)(2), and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and direct that reasonable notice of this action, as provided by Rule 23(c)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, be given to each and every member of the Classes once certified;
- b) The unlawful conduct alleged herein be adjudged and decreed in violation of the listed state antitrust laws, state consumer protection laws, and common law;
- c) Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes recover damages, to the maximum extent allowed under applicable state law, and that a joint and several judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and the members of such Classes be entered against Defendants in an amount to be trebled to the extent such laws permit;
- d) Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes recover damages, to the maximum extent allowed by applicable state law, in the form of restitution and/or disgorgement of profits unlawfully gained from them;
- e) Defendants, their affiliates, successors, transferees, assignees and other officers, directors, partners, agents and employees thereof, and all other persons acting or claiming to act on their behalf or in concert with them, be permanently enjoined and restrained from in any manner continuing, maintaining or renewing the conduct, contract, conspiracy, or combination alleged herein, or from entering into any other contract, conspiracy, or combination having a similar purpose or effect, and from adopting or following any practice, plan, program, or device having a similar purpose or effect;
- f) Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes be awarded pre- and postjudgment interest as provided by law, and that such interest be awarded at the highest legal rate from and after the date of service of this Complaint;
- g) Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes recover their costs of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees, as provided by law;

Plaintiffs and members of the Classes have such other and further 1 h) relief as the case may require and the Court may deem just and proper. 2 3 JURY DEMAND 4 Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the Classes of all others similarly 5 situated, hereby demand a trial by jury on all issues so triable pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. 6 7 DATED: May 8, 2017 WOLF HALDENSTEIN ADLER FREEMAN & HERZ LLP 8 s/Betsy C. Manifold BETSY C. MANIFOLD By: 9 10 BETSY C. MANIFOLD RACHELE R. RICKERT 11 750 B Street, Suite 2770 San Diego, ĆA 92101 12 Telephone: 619/239-4599 Facsimile: 619/234-4599 13 manifold@whafh.com 14 rickert@whafh.com 15 WOLF HALDENSTEIN ADLER FREEMAN & HERZ LLP 16 FRED TAYLOR ISQUITH THOMAS H. BURT RANDALL S. NEWMAN 17 270 Madison Avenue 18 New York, New York 10016 Telephone: 212/545-4600 Facsimile: 212/545-4653 19 isquith@whafh.com 20 burt@whafh.com newman@whafh.com 21 WOLF HALDENSTEIN ADLER 22 FREEMAN & HERZ LLC THEODORE B. BELL 23 CARL MALMSTROM 24 One South Dearborn St., Suite 2122 Chicago, IL 60603 Telephone: 312/984-0000 25 Facsimile: 312/212-4401 26 tbell@whafh.com malmstrom@whafh.com 27 Interim Lead Counsel for the End Payer 28 *Plaintiffs* - 187 -

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Plaintiffs Louise Adams, Nay Alidad, Paul BergerJessica Bartling, Gay Birnbaum, Barbara Blumstein, Jessica Breitbach Sally Bredberg, Melissa Bowman, Barbara Buenning, Michael Buff, Scott Caldwell, Jade Canterbury, Laura Childs, Casey Christensen, Jody Cooper, Sally CrnkovichKim Craig, Sundé Daniels, Elizabeth Davis-Berg, Jessica Decker, Vivek Dravid, Kenneth Dunlap, Brian Depperschmidt, Gloria Emery, Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, John Frick, Kathleen Garner, Stephanie Gipson, Kathy Gore, Andrew Gorman, Tina Grant, Edgardo Gutierrez, Lisa Hall, Mary Hudson, Tya Hughes, Amy Jackson, Marissa Jacobus, Amy Joseph, Danielle Johnson, Amy Joseph Zenda Johnston, Michael Juetten, Dwayne KennedySteven Kratky, Joseph A. Langston, Katherine Larson, Kathy Lingnofski, Carla Lown, Katherine McMahon, Diana Mey, Beth and Liza Milliner, Laura Montoya, Rick Musgrave, Jennifer A. Nelson, Corey Norris, Barbara Olson, Jennifer A. Nelson, Jonathan Rizzo Kirsten Peck, John Pels, Valerie Peters, Elizabeth Perron, John Peychal, Audra Rickman, Erica Rodriguez, Kaitlyn Rooney, Joelyna A. San Agustin, Amber Sartori, Rebecca Lee Simoens, Robert Skaff, Greg Stearns, Nancy Stiller, Christopher Todd, David Ton, John Trent, Elizabeth Twitchell, Bonnie VanderLaan Vander Laan, Nigel Warren, Julie Wiese, Thomas E. Willoughby III, and Daniel Zwirlein (collectively "Plaintiffs"), for their consolidated complaint, allege upon personal knowledge as to themselves and their own actions, and upon information and belief, including the investigation of counsel, as follows:

#### NATURE OF ACTION

1. This is a class action concerning anticompetitive activity by the Defendants Bumble Bee Foods LLC; Dongwon Industries Co., Ltd.; StarKist Company; Del Monte Corporation ("Del Monte"); Thai Union Group Public Company Limited; and Tri-Union Seafoods LLC d/b/a Chicken of the Sea International (collectively "Defendants"). The claims alleged herein are brought pursuant to Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1, and Section 3 of the

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- 2. The exact date of the conspiracy is uncertain, but it began no later than 2004 and continued in force through at least July 2015 (the "Relevant Period"). The effects of the conspiracy continue to the date of the filing of this Complaint, as evidenced by the Class Period.
- 2.3. Defendants have conspired to raise, fix, stabilize or maintain prices of and restrict capacity within the market for the sale of PSPsPackaged Tuna during the Class Period.
- 3.4. With slowing and stagnating growth <u>and margins</u> in the United States <u>PSPPackaged Tuna</u> industry, beginning in or about <u>August 1, 2008in</u> 2004, Defendants directly coordinated the: (1) can and pouch sizes for tuna; (2) pricing <u>and market allocation for PSPs throughout of packaged tuna; (3)</u>

¹Discovery is necessary to determine the full scope of the conspiracy, including the time frame, products and participants. Plaintiffs have only begun reviewing the hundreds of thousands of merits-related documents produced by Defendants since the beginning of April of 2017. Third-party document productions remain far from complete. No depositions have been taken. Evidence indicates that further discovery may demonstrate actionable cartel conduct significantly outside the Class Period, and accordingly Plaintiffs reserve the right to amend to expand the time period covered by the claims alleged.

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promotional activity for packaged tuna; and (4) the offering of "FAD" (or "Fish Aggregating Device") Free labeling for tuna under the United States. major brands. As part of this coordination, Defendants agreed and conspired to artificially increase prices for PSPsPackaged Tuna to record highs in spite of reduced consumer interest and falling demand. The impacts of Defendants' unlawful and anticompetitive conduct are ongoing and continue to this day.

#### **PARTIES**

#### **Plaintiffs**

- 4.<u>5.</u> Plaintiff Louise Adams is domiciled in Chippewa County, Michigan, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Michigan during the Class Period.
- 5.6. Plaintiff Nay Alidad is domiciled in Clark County, Nevada, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Nevada during the Class Period.
- 6.7. Plaintiff Paul BergerJessica Bartling is domiciled in the District of ColumbiaHillsborough County, New Hampshire, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna,Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the DistrictState of ColumbiaNew Hampshire during the Class Period.
- 8. Plaintiff Gay Birnbaum is domiciled in Beaufort County, South Carolina, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of South Carolina during the Class Period.
- 7.—Plaintiff Barbara Blumstein is domiciled in Palm Beach County, Florida, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Florida during the Class Period.
- 8.9. Plaintiff Jessica Breitbach is domiciled in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, indirectly from one or more Defendants in the States of Illinois and Wisconsin during the Class Period.
  - 9.10. Plaintiff Melissa Bowman is domiciled in Douglas County, Nebraska,

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and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Nebraska during the Class Period.

- 11. Plaintiff Sally Bredberg is domiciled in Cook County, Illinois, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Illinois during the Class Period.
- 10.12. Plaintiff Barbara Buenning is domiciled in Dodge County, Nebraska, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Nebraska during the Class Period.
- 11.13. Plaintiff Michael Buff is domiciled in Albany County, New York, an purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of New York during the Class Period.
- 12.14. Plaintiff Scott Caldwell is domiciled in Essex County, Massachusetts, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the States State of California and Massachusetts during the Class Period.
- 13.15. Plaintiff Jade Canterbury is domiciled in Monroe County, West Virginia, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of West Virginia during the Class Period.
- 14.16. Plaintiff Laura Childs is domiciled in Washington County, Minnesota, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Minnesota during the Class Period.
- 15.17. Plaintiff Casey Christensen is domiciled in Lincoln County, South Dakota, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of South Dakota during the Class Period.
- 16.18. Plaintiff Jody Cooper is domiciled in Merrimack County, New Hampshire, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna Packaged Tuna, indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of New Hampshire.
  - 47.19. Plaintiff Sally Crnkovich Kim Craig is domiciled in Cook Garland

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County, Illinois Arkansas, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of **Illinois**Arkansas during the Class Period.

- 18.20. Plaintiff Sundé **Daniels** is domiciled in Norfolk County, Massachusetts and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Massachusetts during the Class Period.
- 49.21. Plaintiff Elizabeth Davis-Berg is domiciled in Cook County, Illinois, and purchased PSPs, primarily packaged tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Illinois during the Class Period.
- 20.22. Plaintiff Jessica Decker is domiciled in Ingham County, Michigan, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Michigan during the Class Period.
- 21. Plaintiff Vivek Dravid is domiciled in Salt LakeCuyahoga County, UtahOhio, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, indirectly from one or more Defendants in the States of New Mexico, Illinois, and Utah during the Class Period.
- 22.23. Plaintiff Kenneth Dunlap is domiciled in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Wisconsin Utah during the Class Period.
- 23.24. Plaintiff Brian Depperschmidt is domiciled in Sedgwick County, Kansas, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Kansas during the Class Period.
- 25. Plaintiff Gloria Emery is domiciled in Hawaii County, Hawaii, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Hawaii during the Class Period.
  - 26. Plaintiff Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia is domiciled in the District of

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Columbia and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Arizona and the District of Columbia during the Class Period.

- 27. Plaintiff John Frick is domiciled in Jackson County, Missouri, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Missouri during the Class Period.
- 28. Plaintiff Kathleen Garner is domiciled in Clark County, Arkansas, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Arkansas during the Class Period.
- 24.29. Plaintiff Stephanie Gipson is domiciled in Chittenden County, Vermont, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the States State of New York and Vermont during the Class Period.
- 25.30. Plaintiff Kathy Gore is domiciled in Portales County, New Mexico, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of New Mexico during the Class Period.
- 31. Plaintiff Andrew Gorman is domiciled in the District of Columbia, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the District of Columbia and the State of Virginia during the Class Period.
- 26.32. Plaintiff Tina Grant is domiciled in Salt Lake County, Utah, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the States of Arizona and Utah during the Class Period.
- 33. Plaintiff Edgardo Gutierrez is domiciled in Broward County, Florida, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Florida during the Class Period.
- 27.34. Plaintiff Lisa Hall is domiciled in Saline County, Kansas, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Kansas during the Class Period.
  - 28.35. Plaintiff Mary Hudson is domiciled in San Diego County, California,

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and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of California during the Class Period.

29.36. Plaintiff Tya Hughes is domiciled in Ward County, North Dakota, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the StateStates of Arizona, California, and North Dakota during the Class Period.

30.37. Plaintiff Amy Jackson is domiciled in the Territory of Guam and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the Territory of Guam and the State of California during the Class Period.

31.38. Plaintiff Marissa Jacobus is domiciled in Calaveras County, California, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of California Virginia during the Class Period.

39. Plaintiff Amy Joseph is domiciled in DuPage County, Illinois, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Illinois during the Class Period.

32.40. Plaintiff Danielle Johnson is domiciled in Multnomah County, Oregon, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Oregon during the Class Period.

33.41. Plaintiff Amy JosephZenda Johnston is domiciled in DuPageOrange County, IllinoisFlorida, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of IllinoisFlorida during the Class Period.

34.42. Plaintiff Michael Juetten is domiciled in Los Angeles County, California, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the StateStates of California and Wisconsin during the Class Period.

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- 35.43. Plaintiff Dwayne KennedySteven Kratky is domiciled in Clark County, Nevadathe independent city of St. Louis, Missouri, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of NevadaMissouri during the Class Period.
- <u>36.44.</u> Plaintiff Joseph A. Langston is domiciled in Benton County, Arkansas, and purchased <u>PSPs</u>, <u>primarily canned tuna</u>, <u>Packaged Tuna</u> indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Arkansas during the Class Period.
- 45. Plaintiff Katherine Larson is domiciled in Hennepin County, Minnesota, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Minnesota during the Class Period.
- 46. Plaintiff Kathy Lingnofski is domiciled in Outagamie County, Wisconsin, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Wisconsin during the Class Period.
- 37.47. Plaintiff Carla Lown is domiciled in Blackhawk County, Iowa, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Iowa during the Class Period.
- 38.48. Plaintiff Katherine McMahon is domiciled in Washington County, Rhode Island, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Rhode Island during the Class Period.
- 39.49. Plaintiff Diana Mey is domiciled in Ohio County, West Virginia, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of West Virginia during the Class Period.
- 40.50. Plaintiffs Beth and Plaintiff Liza Milliner are is domiciled in Washington County, Oregon, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Oregon during the Class Period.
  - 51. Plaintiff Laura Montoya is domiciled in Rio Arriba County, New

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Mexico, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Arizona during the Class Period.

- 41.52. Plaintiff Rick Musgrave is domiciled in Contra Costa County, California, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of California during the Class Period.
- 53. Plaintiff Jennifer A. Nelson domiciled in Bennington County, Vermont, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the States of Iowa, New York, and Vermont during the Class Period.
- 42.54. Plaintiff Corey Norris is domiciled in Johnston County, North Carolina, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of North Carolina during the Class Period.
- 43.55. Plaintiff Barbara Olson is domiciled in Washtenaw County, Michigan, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Michigan during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Jennifer A. NelsonPlaintiff Kirsten Peck is domiciled in Bennington Williamson County, Vermont Tennessee, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Tennessee during the Class Period.
- 44.57. Plaintiff John Pels is domiciled in Sonoma County, California, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the States of Iowa, New York, Arizona and Vermont California during the Class Period.
- Jonathan Rizzo Elizabeth Perron 58. Plaintiff is domiciled in Maricopa Worcester County, Arizona, Massachusetts and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna, indirectly from one or more Defendants in the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Valerie Peters is domiciled in Broward County, Florida, and 59. purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of

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- 45.60. Plaintiff John Peychal is domiciled in Sevier County, Tennessee, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Arizona during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Audra Rickman is domiciled in Brunswick County, North Carolina, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of North Carolina during the Class Period.
- 62. Plaintiff Erica Rodriguez is domiciled in Maricopa County, Arizona, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Arizona during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Kaitlyn Rooney is domiciled in the District of Columbia, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the District of Columbia during the Class Period.
- 46.64. Plaintiff Joelyna A. San Agustin is domiciled in the Territory of Guam and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the Territory of Guam during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Amber Sartori is domiciled in Mecklenburg County, North 65. Carolina, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the States of Missouri and North Carolina during the Class Period.
- 47.66. Plaintiff Rebecca Lee Simoens is domiciled in St. Charles County, Missouri, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Missouri during the Class Period.
- Plaintiff Robert Skaff is domiciled in Rockingham County, New Hampshire, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of New Hampshire during the Class Period.
- 48.68. Plaintiff Greg Stearns is domiciled in Waldo County, Maine, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Maine during the Class Period.

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- 49.69. Plaintiff Nancy Stiller is domiciled in Washoe County, Nevada, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Nevada during the Class Period.
- 50.70. Plaintiff Christopher Todd is domiciled in New Orleans Parish, Louisiana, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Mississippi during the Class Period.
- 51. Plaintiff David Ton is domiciled in San Diego County, California, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of California during the Class Period.
- 52.71. Plaintiff John Trent is domiciled in Shelby County, Tennessee, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Florida Tennessee during the Class Period.
- 53.72. Plaintiff Elizabeth Twitchell is domiciled in the independent city of Alexandria, Virginia, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna Packaged Tuna, indirectly from one or more Defendants in the States State of Illinois, North Carolina, and Virginia during the Class Period.
- 54.73. Plaintiff Bonnie VanderLaan Vander Laan is domiciled in Emmons County, North Dakota, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tunaPackaged Tuna, indirectly from one or more Defendants in the StatesState of North Dakota and South Dakota during the Class Period.
- 55.74. Plaintiff Nigel Warren is domiciled in Kings County, New York, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of New York during the Class Period.
- 75. Plaintiff Julie Wiese is domiciled in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, and purchased Packaged Tuna indirectly from one or more Defendants in the State of Wisconsin during the Class Period.
- 56.76. Plaintiff Thomas E. Willoughby III is domiciled in Cumberland County, Maine, and purchased PSPs, primarily canned tuna, Packaged Tuna

investment firm headquartered in the United Kingdom, which purchased it from private investment firm Centre Partners in 2010, following its merger with Connor Brothers Limited in in 2004.

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#### **StarKist Defendants**

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60.84. Defendant StarKist Company ("StarKist") is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 225 North Shore Drive, Suite 400, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. StarKist Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dongwon Industries Co. Ltd. ("Dongwon"), which is headquartered in the

85. Defendant Dongwon Industries Co. Ltd. is a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of South Korea, with its headquarters located at

Dongwon Industries Building 7th floor, Mabang-ro 68 (Yangjae-dong), Seocho-gu,

Seoul, Korea. Dongwon is a publicly traded company listed on the Korean Stock

Exchange. It is the largest producer of canned tuna in South Korea.

#### **Del Monte** Defendants and their co-conspirators directly

- 86. Defendant Del Monte Corporation ("Del Monte"), now known as Big Heart Pet Brands, Inc., is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 1 Strawberry Lane, Orrville, Ohio, 44667.
- 87. In 2014, Del Monte Pacific Limited acquired the canned and through their affiliates processed foods portfolio of the Del Monte Corporation. As a result, the remainder of the Del Monte business not acquired in the transaction was renamed Big Heart Pet Brands, Inc., which now largely focuses on the remaining pet foods portfolio.
- 61.88.Del Monte acquired StarKist Company in 2002. Through StarKist Company, Del Monte Produced and sold Packaged Tuna throughout the United States (including in this District), its territories and the District of Columbia. On June 6, 2008, Del Monte sold StarKist Company to Dongwon; the divestiture was completed on October 6, 2008. According to a filing by Del Monte with the

Securities & Exchange Commission ("SEC"), "[a]t the time of sale, Del Monte entered into a two-year Operating Services Agreement (which was completed in 4 <u>5</u>

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### September 2010) pursuant to which the Company provided operational services to StarKist Company such as warehousing, distribution, transportation, sales, information technology and administration."

#### AGENTS AND CO-CONSPIRATORS

62.89. On information and belief, other corporations, partnerships, or business entities, currently unknown to Plaintiffs, are co-conspirators with Defendants in their unlawful restraints of trade. Various persons that are not named as Defendants have participated as co-conspirators in the violations alleged herein and have performed acts and made statements in furtherance thereof.

63.90. These other persons or entities have facilitated, adhered to, participated in, and/or communicated with others regarding the alleged conspiracy to raise prices of PSPs and the anticompetitive and unduly restrictive exclusive dealing agreements addressed in this lawsuit.and maintain prices of Packaged Tuna and restrict offerings alleged. Plaintiffs reserve the right to name some or all of these entities as Defendants at a later date.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

64.91. Plaintiffs seek consideration paid, damages, restitution, treble damages or three times consideration paid by consumers of PSPsPackaged Tuna, disgorgement, other monetary relief, injunctive and other equitable relief under various state antitrust, consumer protection and unfair trade practices laws, and state unjust enrichment laws, as alleged specifically herein, as well as costs of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees, for the injuries that Plaintiffs and all others similarly situated sustained as a result of Defendants' violations of those laws. This Consolidated Class Action Complaint of the Indirect Purchaser End Payer Plaintiffs ("CAC") is also filed under Section 16 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. § 26, to obtain injunctive relief and to recover the costs of suit, including

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reasonable attorneys' fees, for the injuries sustained by Plaintiffs and all others similarly situated as a result of Defendants' violations of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1.

65.92. This Court has jurisdiction over the federal claim under Section 16 of the Clayton At, 15 U.S.C. § 26, as well as under 28 U.S.C. § 1331, 1337. The Court has jurisdiction over the state law claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1367 because those claims are so related to the federal claim brought by Plaintiffs at the time the matter was originally brought that they form part of the same case or controversy. Independently, this, and the Court may continue to exercise jurisdiction even if no federal claim remains. This Court also has subject matter jurisdiction over the state law claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1332 because the amount in controversy for each of the Classes exceeds \$5,000,000, there are more than 100 members in each of the Classes, and there are members of some of the Classes who are citizens of different states than Defendants.

<u>UnionCOSI</u> and Bumble Bee each have their principal places of business within this District and; (2) each Defendant transacts a substantial amount of business in this District, and (3) each Defendant and the conduct alleged has affected, and continues to affect, a substantial amount of trade and commerce in this District.

#### **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

67. Plaintiffs bring the claims asserted in this action on behalf of themselves and as class claims under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 23(a) and (b)(2), seeking equitable and injunctive relief on behalf of the following classes (defined for use in this CAC as the "Nationwide Sherman Act Class", the "Nationwide Cartwright Act Class" and the "State Classes" each of which is individually described and further defined):

68. The Nationwide Sherman Act Class consists of:

All persons and entities who resided in the United States who indirectly

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purchased PSPs for end consumption and not for resale, from any Defendants or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period for equitable and injunctive relief under the Sherman Act.

#### 69. The Nationwide Cartwright Act Class consists of:

All persons and entities who resided in the United States who indirectly purchased PSPs for end consumption and not for resale, from any Defendants or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period for equitable and injunctive relief and appropriate damages under California's Cartwright Act.

70.94. Plaintiffs as specifically identified herein also bring claims asserted in this action on behalf of themselves and as a class claims under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 23(a) and (b)(3), seeking damages pursuant to various the state antitrust, unfair competition, and consumer protection laws of the states listed below on behalf of the following classes (collectively, the "State Classes"): the *Illinois Brick* Repealer Cartwright Act Class and the State Classes, each of which is individually described and further defined):

- (a) Illinois Brick Repealer Cartwright Act class: All persons and entities who resided in one of the States described in paragraphs 94(b) to 94(gg), specifically Arizona, Arkansas, California, the District of Columbia, Florida, Guam, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin, who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (a)(b) **Arizona class**: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Arizona who indirectly purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, fromproduced by any Defendant

- or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.
- (b)(c) Arkansas class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Arkansas who indirectly purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, fromproduced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (e)(d) <u>California class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of California who indirectly purchased <u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> for end consumption and not for resale, <u>fromproduced by</u> any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (d)(e) **District of Columbia class**: All persons and entities who resided in the District of Columbia who indirectly purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, fromproduced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (e)(f) Florida class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Florida who indirectly purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, fromproduced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.
- (f)(g) Guam class: All persons and entities who resided in the Territory of Guam who indirectly purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, fromproduced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.
- (g)(h) <u>IllinoisHawaii class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in <u>the</u>
  State of <u>Illinois-Hawaii</u> who indirectly purchased <u>PSPsPackaged</u>
  <u>Tuna</u> for end consumption and not for resale, <u>fromproduced by</u>
  any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.

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- (h)(i) <u>Iowa class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Iowa who indirectly purchased <u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> for end consumption and not for resale, <u>fromproduced by</u> any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period, or from <u>August 25</u>, <u>2011 to the present for antitrust claims</u>.
- (i)(j) <u>Kansas class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Kansas who indirectly purchased <u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> for end consumption and not for resale, <u>fromproduced by</u> any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, <u>duringfrom August 25, 2012 to</u> the <u>Class Periodpresent</u>.
- (j)(k) Maine class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Maine who indirectly purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, fromproduced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, duringfrom August 25, 2009 to the Class Periodpresent for statutory claims.
- (1) Massachusetts class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Massachusetts who indirectly purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, fromproduced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (m) Michigan class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Michigan who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.
- (k)(n) Minnesota class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Minnesota who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.

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- (l) <u>Michigan class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Michigan who indirectly purchased PSPs for end consumption and not for resale, from any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (m) <u>Minnesota class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Minnesota who indirectly purchased PSPs for end consumption and not for resale, from any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (o) Mississippi class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Mississippi who indirectly purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, fromproduced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (p) Missouri class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Missouri who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.
- (n)(q) Nebraska class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Nebraska who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.
- (o) <u>Missouri class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Missouri who indirectly purchased PSPs for end consumption and not for resale, from any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (p) <u>Nebraska class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Nebraska who indirectly purchased PSPs for end consumption and not for resale, from any Defendant or any current or former

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subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.

- (q)(r) <u>Nevada class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Nevada who indirectly purchased <u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> for end consumption and not for resale, <u>fromproduced by</u> any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.
- (r)(s) New Hampshire class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of New Hampshire who indirectly purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, fromproduced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (t) New Mexico class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of New Mexico who indirectly purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (u) New York class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of New York who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, during the Class Period, or from August 25, 2012 to the present for consumer protection claims.
- (s)(v) North Carolina class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of North Carolina who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (t) <u>New York class</u>: All persons and entities who resided in the State of New York who indirectly purchased PSPs for end consumption and not for resale, from any Defendant or any current or former

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- subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (u) North Carolina class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of North Carolina who indirectly purchased PSPs for end consumption and not for resale, from any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (v)(w)North Dakota class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of North Dakota who indirectly purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, fromproduced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (w)(x)Oregon class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Oregon who indirectly purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, fromproduced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.
- (x)(y) **Rhode Island class**: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Rhode Island who indirectly purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, fromproduced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during between July 15, 2013 and the Class Period present.
- (y)(z) South Dakota Carolina class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of South Dakota Carolina who indirectly purchased PSPs Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, from produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (aa) UtahSouth Dakota class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of UtahSouth Dakota who indirectly purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, fromproduced by any Defendant or any current or former

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subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.

- (z)(bb) Tennessee class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Tennessee who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.
- (aa)(cc) VermontUtah class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of VermontUtah who indirectly purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, fromproduced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (bb)(dd) Virginia Vermont class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Virginia Vermont who indirectly purchased PSPs Packaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, fromproduced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (ec)(ee) West Virginia class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of West Virginia who indirectly purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, fromproduced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.
- (dd)(ff) WisconsinWest Virginia class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of WisconsinWest Virginia who indirectly purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna for end consumption and not for resale, fromproduced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the Class Period.

The Nationwide Classes

(gg) Wisconsin class: All persons and entities who resided in the State of Wisconsin who indirectly purchased Packaged Tuna for end

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consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any coconspirator, during the Class Period.

71.95.The Illinois Brick Repealer Cartwright Act Class and the State Classes are collectively referred to herein as the "Classes" unless otherwise indicated.

72.96. Excluded from each of the Classes are Defendants, their parent companies, subsidiaries and affiliates, any co-conspirators, federal governmental entities and instrumentalities of the federal government, states and their subdivisions, agencies and instrumentalities, all judges assigned to this matter, all jurors in this matter, and all persons and entities who only purchased **PSPs**Packaged Tuna directly or for resale.

73.97. Each of the Classes is so numerous that joinder of all members would be impracticable. While Plaintiffs do not know the exact number of members of each of the Classes, Plaintiffs believe there are at least hundreds of thousands of members in each of the Classes.

74.98. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of each of the Classes. This is particularly true given the nature of Defendants' conspiracy, which was generally applicable to all members of each of the Classes, thereby making appropriate relief with respect to each Class as a whole. Such questions of law and fact common to the Classes include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Whether the Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in a combination and conspiracy to fix, raise, maintain or stabilize the prices of PSPsPackaged Tuna sold in the United States and in each of the States alleged herein;
- The identity of the participants of the alleged conspiracy; (b)
- The duration of the alleged conspiracy and the acts carried out by (c) Defendants and their co-conspirators in furtherance of the conspiracy;

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- (d) Whether Defendants' alleged conduct violated the Sherman and Clayton Acts;
- (e)(d) Whether Defendants' alleged conduct violated various state antitrust and restraint of trade laws;
- (f)(e) Whether Defendants' alleged conduct violated various state consumer protection and unfair competition laws;
- (g)(f) Whether the conduct of Defendants and co-conspirators, as alleged in this Complaint, caused injury to the business or property of Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes;
- (h)(g) The effect of Defendants' alleged conduct on the prices of PSPsPackaged Tuna sold in the United States during the Class Period; and
- (i)(h) The appropriate relief for the Classes, including injunctive and equitable relief.

75.99. Each Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the members of the respective Classes each Plaintiff seeks to represent, and each Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the respective classes such plaintiff seeks to represent. Each of the Plaintiffs and all members of the Classes that Plaintiffs seek to represent were similarly affected by Defendants' wrongful conduct in that they paid artificially inflated prices for PSPsPackaged Tuna purchased indirectly from the Defendants and/or their co-conspirators.

<u>76.100.</u> Each Plaintiff's claims arise out of the same common course of conduct giving rise to the claims of the other members of each of the Classes that each Plaintiff seeks to represent. Each Plaintiff's interests are coincident with, and not antagonistic to, those of the other members of the respective Classes that plaintiff seeks to represent. Plaintiffs are represented by counsel who are competent and experienced in the prosecution of antitrust and class action litigation.

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77.101. The questions of law and fact common to the members of each of the Classes predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, including legal and factual issues relating to liability and damages.

Class action treatment is a superior method for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy, in that, among other things, such treatment will permit a large number of similarly situated persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum simultaneously, efficiently and without the unnecessary duplication of evidence, effort and expense that numerous individual actions would engender. The benefits of proceeding through the class mechanism, including providing injured persons or entities with a method for obtaining redress for claims that it might not be practicable to pursue individually, substantially outweigh any difficulties that may arise in management of this class action.

79.103. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Classes would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications, establishing incompatible standards of conduct for Defendants.

#### RELEVANT MARKETS

Defendants operate and sell PSPsPackaged Tuna in the United States and, collectively, control the U.S. market of PSPs including, specifically, the largest category of PSP sales in the United States — canned or packaged tuna. Packaged Tuna. Collectively, Defendants account for nearlyapproximately 80% of PSP tunaPackaged Tuna sales in the United States, and a slightly lower percentage of the nation's overall PSP market. Unlike PSPPackaged Tuna manufacturers and sellers located outside of the United States, Defendants have U.S. facilities, relationships and distribution assets in the United States that enable Defendants to avoid foreign product import tariffs and to effectively constrain prices for PSPsPackaged Tuna packaged and sold in the United States.

81.105. The relevant product market is shelf-stable packaged seafood

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products, or PSPs. These are tuna, crab, mackerel, oyster, salmon, sardines and shrimp, packaged such that they may be transported and stored at room temperature. Packaged Tuna.

82.106. The market in the United States for PSPsPackaged Tuna is approximately \$2.61.8 billion annually. There are four generally recognized categories of PSPs: (1) tuna, the largest, accounting for approximately 71% of U.S. sales of PSPs; (2) salmon; (3) sardines; and (4) "specialty" PSPs which are largely invertebrates, and include crab, shrimp and bivalves. Defendants account for nearly 80% of PSP tuna sales in the United States and a slightly lower proportion of the overall PSP market. As shelf-stable food products, PSPsPackaged Tuna may be transported across state lines in the final packaging and without cold-chain or further processing.

83.107. PSPs are Packaged Tuna is sold nationwide to consumers in a few standard sizes and predominantly in standard grades. Each brand's offerings compete with each other brand's comparable offerings, and PSPs have many characteristics of commodity products.

84. PSPs, including canned tuna, are regulated by the United States Department of Agriculture, at 21 CFR 161.190. The regulations govern the species, parts, packaging, packing media, additives and flavoring, and labeling of canned tuna. The regulations for tuna contemplate four can sizes and four ingredient types (solid, chunks, flakes, and grated) of canned tuna.

108. Packaged Tuna is sold as "white meat", which consists of Albacore, and "light meat", which is primarily Skipjack tuna. The market is dominated by a few common sizes of packages: cans in 5oz and 12oz size, sold by all Defendants, and pouches, sold by StarKist and Bumble Bee. The tuna in the cans or pouches falls into a few grades (chunk, solid, flake). Accordingly, product offerings are readily described by these brief categories – for example "5oz chunk light."

#### INTERSTATE COMMERCE

- 85.109. Defendants manufactured and/or sold PSPsPackaged Tuna in the United States in a continuous and uninterrupted flow of interstate commerce, including through and into this judicial district.
- 86.110. Defendants' business activities substantially affected interstate commerce in the United States and caused antitrust injury throughout the United States.
- 87.111. Defendants' business activities also affected the intrastate (or intra-District, or intra-Territorial) commerce of every jurisdiction for which a claim is asserted herein, as further specifically alleged in Claims for Relief Two through Seventy-Eight herein where required. Canned tuna, the most widely transacted PSP,Packaged Tuna is a staple food. American consumers, on average, currently purchase more than two pounds of this product per capita annually, and thousands of consumers buy it each year in every single state, District and territory.
- <u>112.</u> Together, Defendants control <u>just under approximately</u> 80% of the United States <u>tuna PSPPackaged Tuna</u> market. StarKist controls <u>roughly 35-approximately</u> 40-44% of the market, Bumble Bee <u>roughly approximately 24-25</u>% and Tri-Union <u>roughly approximately 15-17%</u>.

# PARENT ENTITY LIABILITY

## **COSI And TUG Act As A Single Entity**

- 113. TUG, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Tri-Union, produces and sells Packaged Tuna throughout the United States (including this District), its territories and the District of Columbia. In recent years, 40% or more of its sales have originated in the United States, which is its largest market.
- 88.114. TUG purposefully directs its activities to the United States by exporting Packaged Tuna, including canned tuna, from Thailand to this country. TUG further purposefully directs its activities to the United States through its method of conducting business. It currently has three strategic business units, one

of which is the "Ambient Seafood" unit, which includes its global canned tuna business; Tri-Union is part of that business unit and is viewed by TUG as part of its footprint in the United States. Indeed, TUG has its own fishing fleet and is thus vertically integrated with Tri-Union. TUG also purposefully directs its activities into the United States by operating Thai Union North America, Inc. ("TUNAI") (a company formerly known as Thai Union International, Inc.), that was founded in 1996. TUNAI is a wholly-owned instrumentality of TUG and has its address at 9330 Scranton Road, Sorrento South Corporate Center, Suite 500, San Diego CA 92121 (the same address as Tri-Union). TUNAI's President is Thiraphong Chansiri (President and CEO of TUG). The Chansiri family is the largest single shareholder in TUG, owning 20%..4% of its stock.<sup>2</sup>

115. TUG directly participated in the conspiracy alleged herein and used its dominance and control over Tri-Union's Packaged Tuna business to conspire with the other Defendants and their co-conspirators. Among the members of the Board of Directors of Tri-Union are Kraisorn Chansiri (Chairman of TUG), Cheng Niruttinanon (Executive Chairman of TUG), and the aforementioned Thiraphong Chansiri. Chan Tin King, a former Director of Tri-Union, now serves as Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") of TUG. Shue Wing Chan ("Chan"), the President and CEO of Tri-Union since 2007, is a member of the Chansiri family, and is a member of TUG's self-styled "Global Leadership Team." Prior to

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> TUG sponsors the issuance of American Depository receipts traded on NASDAQ that allow United States investors to trade its equities in the domestic securities market. In that connection, it regularly files reports with the United States Securities & Exchange Commission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Niruttinanon family is the third largest shareholder in TUG, owning 7.0% of its stock.

joining Tri-Union, he served as the CFO of TUG.4 1 2 <u>3</u> His dual role and his membership in the founding family made his participation inextricable from TUG. 4 116. TUG exercises control and dominance over Tri-Union through these <u>5</u> individuals. And, according to his own LinkedIn webpage, David Roszmann <u>6</u> 7 ("Roszmann"), the former Chief Operating Officer ("COO") of Tri-Union, who 8 joined the company in March of 2013, served as the "only direct report to CEO [Chan] (relative of majority owning family of this foreign public company [TUG]) 9 with all functions direct-reporting to COO including sales, marketing, 10 procurement, supply chain, operations, finance, HR. legal and IT." Roszmann left 11 Tri-Union in December of 2015, soon after Tri-Union's attempt to acquire Bumble 12 13 Bee was assailed by the DOJ, as further described below. 117. TUG publicly acknowledges its dominance over Tri-Union. The 14 following pertinent excerpt of an organizational chart that appears on TUG's 15 website demonstrates that TUG views Tri-Union as part of its overall "Global 16 17 Tuna Business" and "US Ambient Operations" that are controlled directly by <u>18</u> TUG's Board of Directors and executives: 19 <u>20</u> <u>21</u> <u>22</u> <u>23</u> <u>24</u> <u>25</u> 26 <u>27</u> 28



International ("Tri-Union" or "COSI") acted as a single business enterprise and TUG's control and dominance over COSI and the integration of their collective human and capital resources and operations were intended to and did achieve a common business purpose. Ultimately, COSI is but a mere shell and conduit for the affairs of TUG, which stripped it of assets. For the reasons that follow, it would be an unjust and inequitable result to permit TUG to escape liability for the conduct alleged herein.

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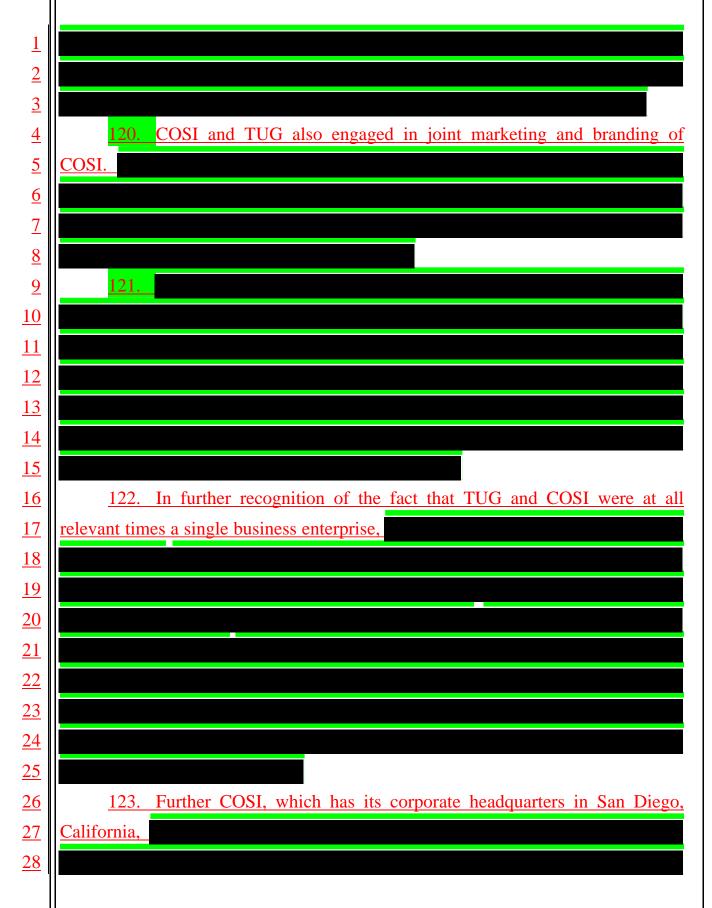
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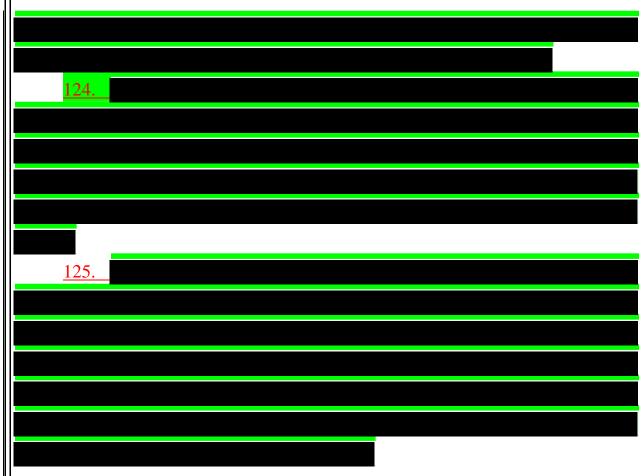
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126. Thus, TUG and Tri-Union operated as a single business enterprise and Tri-Union is the *alter ego* and agent of TUG. Moreover, TUG directly participated in the conspiracy described herein through personnel who had duties at TUG, such as Chan and Wipada Termlertmanuswong, both of whom were stationed in San Diego. In addition, TUG, by its own acknowledgement, profited from the conspiracy.

127. TUG withdrew the substantial profits from the conspiracy, from COSI.

128. As a result of COSI's transfers to TUG, TUG left COSI unable to satisfy a substantial judgment. For example, COSI's stated equity as of December 31, 2012 was just \$62 million. Approximately \$22 million of the equity was COSI's plant facilities and equipment. In addition, in 2012 COSI had over \$63

million in "related party" payables. Given the breadth and scope of the alleged conspiracy, an award of damages even before statutory trebling cannot reasonably be met by COSI alone. Because TUG reaped the rewards and COSI alone cannot make the victims whole, it would be inequitable to exclude the single business enterprise composed of TUG and COSI from joint and several liability.

### **Dongwon And StarKist Act As A Single Entity**

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129. Dongwon itself has repeatedly availed itself of the jurisdiction of United States federal courts.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Dongwon Indus. Co., Ltd. v. Yoshida, No. 90-cv-00282 (D. Alaska); Yu Sheng Fishery Co. v. Dongwon Indus. Co., Ltd., No. 91-00018, 1991 WL 126138, at \*1 (D. Guam May 20, 1991) (denial of motion by Dongwon for vacatur of writ of maritime attachment, dismissal of in rem claims and release of security; court noted that "[t]here is no dispute of the fact that Dongwon has sufficient minimum contacts with Guam to subject it to general *in personam* jurisdiction and suit in this district".); Matter of Yu Sheng Fishery Co., Ltd., 1993 A.M.C. 116 (D. Guam July 12, 1991); Dongwon Indus. Co., Ltd. v. Ships Gear & Transit, Inc., No. 93-cv-01691 (S.D. Cal.) (suit alleging contract and tort claims against seller of a purse seine skiff); Perez v. Dongwon Indus. Co., No. 1:02-cv-00025 (D. Guam Aug. 9, 2002) (admiralty suit against Dongwon that was settled); United States ex rel. Moore & Co., P.A. v. Majestic Blue Fisheries, LLC, 69 F.Supp. 3d 416 (D. Del. 2014), rev'd, 812 F.3d 294 (3d Cir. 2016) ("Moore") (proceedings involving defendants' (including Dongwon) motion to dismiss claims under the False Claims Act relating to the sinking a United States-flagged vessel operated by Dongwon); Hill v. Majestic Blue Fisheries, LLC, Civ. No. 11-00034, 2013 WL 1499155 (D. Guam April 12, 2013) ("Hill") (denying Dongwon's motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim) and 2015 WL 3961421 (D. Guam June 30, 2015) (involving various motions dealing with pretrial settlement by Dongwon); Yang v. Majestic Blue Fisheries, LLC, Civ. No. 13-00015, 2015 WL 5001190 (D. Guam Jan. 14, 2015), adopted in part and rejected in part, 2015 WL 5003606 (D. Guam Aug. 24, 2015), recon. denied, 2016 WL 1411335 (D. Guam April 11, 2016) (all dealing with Dongwon's participation in a scheme with relatives of corporate insiders to acquire two United States flagged vessels). The Hill, Yang and Moore cases are of significance here. The underlying facts are laid out in Majestic Blue, 2014 WL 3728556, at \*10-35 and the qui tam complaint filed in the Moore case in (continued...)

## 130. According to StarKist Company's website:

Founded in 1969, Dongwon Group began as a fisheries business and branched out into various sectors including a strong food & beverage manufacturing arm, Dongwon F&B. Dongwon F&B now owns 75% of the canned tuna market share in Korea. Dongwon Industries is one of the world's largest tuna catching companies with a fleet of 36 boats. Dongwon's world class fish procurement and processing capacity builds on

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November of 2012. Dongwon owned the F/V Majestic Blue, a tuna fishing vessel. Jae-woong Kim, the brother of Dongwon Chairman Jae-chul Kim, was the General Manager of Dongwon's office in Guam and had two daughters who were American citizens born on Guam. In 2008, those women became the figureheads for Majestic Blue Fisheries LLC ("MBFLLC"), a United States limited liability company. The F/V Majestic Blue was sold to that entity for \$10. MBFLLC thereupon entered into maintenance and ship manning contracts with Dongwon whereby the latter essentially ran the vessel, which, because it was owned by American citizens, could fly the American flag. A series of American captains was hired to lead the vessel, but they were figureheads; largely Korean personnel selected by Dongwon really held the reins of control. The crew on the vessel engaged in repeated violations of, inter alia, MARPOL (the International Convention on the Prevention of Pollution from Ships) and certain laws relating to fishing practices. In June of 2010, the vessel sank after a series of poor repairs by Dongwon. MBFLLC sued for a limitation of its liability. Chief Engineer Chang Cheol Yang and Captain David Hill both died in the incident and their next of kin sued both MBFLLC and Dongwon. Dismissal of the Moore case was recently reversed, and the findings of fact made by the Magistrate Judge in Majestic Blue are being appealed to the Ninth Circuit. Adam Baske, a tuna expert formerly with the Pew Charitable Trusts, has, in an article on the F/V Majestic Blue, called Dongwon "one of the international bad boys in terms of illegal fishing activity." https://medium.com/matter/mutiny-on-the-majestic-blue-80e3d2fbb345#.4wrwi94gv.

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StarKist's national brand recognition and distribution networks in the United States to bring world-class seafood to consumers worldwide.

131. Dongwon's own website has this to say about its control over StarKist Company:

StarKist is the world's best tuna brand with 65 years of history, and holds the No.1 position in the US tuna market. Like Dongwon Group in Korea, StarKist is an iconic tuna brand in the United States, and has been controlled by Dongwon Group since 2008, accompanying Dongwon Group on its journey to globalization. Dongwon Group, which has already become the dominant player in Korea's tuna market, has focused on the steady growth of the world's tuna market and determined that tuna can be one of core resources that will lead future industries. Through the acquisition of StarKist, Dongwon Group has secured an opportunity to take off as the world's biggest tuna company, and will become de facto a globalized enterprise. (Emphases added).

- 132. For the reasons that follow, it would be an unjust and inequitable result to permit Dongwon to escape liability for the conduct alleged herein.
- 133. Before describing the interrelationship between StarKist Company and Dongwon Industries, it is first necessary to explain briefly the concept of the Korean *chaebol*, which is a recognized concept in the academic business literature focused on South Korean companies. See, e,g., the general discussions in David Hundt, Korea's Developmental Alliance: State, Capital and the Politics of Rapid

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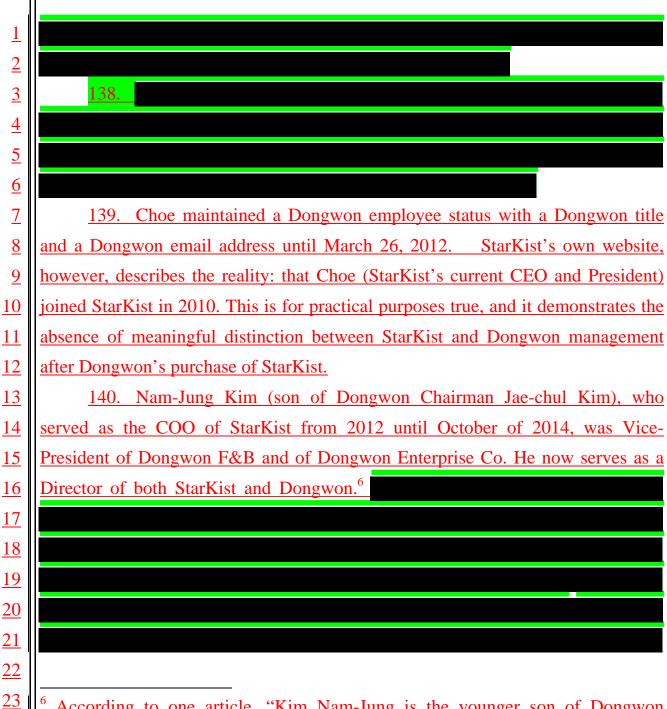
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<u>Development (2009); R. M. Steers, K.S. Yoo, & G. Ungson, The Chaebol: Korea's New Industrial Might (1989).</u>

134. The term "chaebol" is made up of the words "chae" (wealth or property and "bol" (clan or group). Chaebols are closely-knit business groups in South Korea under the control of a single family or extended family, with key flagship firms which are used as the instruments of control of other firms within the group. They have four key features: (1) the governance structure of the group involves family or extended family control; (2) the formal organizational structure of the group involves a group headquarters, located in an actual or *de facto* holding company, sometimes known as a "flagship" company, which controls a network of subsidiaries, which fall under the control of the family, the group as a whole, and of flagship firms within the group; (3) the business structure of the firm encompasses a number of discrete products and services, some of which are wholly unrelated and others that are effectively vertically integrated; and (4) these groups are characterized by strong internal cultures of hierarchy, familism and loyalty, with family members of the founder or his cohorts also occupying key managerial positions within the group.

135. The Dongwon family of companies fits this definition. The company started in 1969 and is dominated by Chairman Jae-chul Kim ("J.C. Kim") and members of his family or extended family, as described in more detail below. The group headquarters is in Seoul, South Korea, where its holding company, Dongwon Enterprises, is located. Through its subsidiaries, it operates in a number of business sectors including, *inter alia*, marine products, other food products, feed products and pet food, packing materials, and aluminum foil products. As explained below, the Dongwon family of companies has an internal culture of hierarchy, familism and loyalty. Defendants Dongwon Industries and StarKist Company exhibit that culture with members of J.C. Kim's family being put in key positions in both companies and executives at Dongwon Enterprises, Dongwin

Industries and various other Dongwon subsidiaries being routinely seconded to 1 StarKist Company to fill managerial roles. Dongwon Industries, run by J.C. Kim, 3 is the parent entity for StarKist Company. <u>4</u> <u>5</u> <u>6</u> 7 8 136. Dongwon purposefully directs its activities in the United States 9 10 through its controlled and wholly-owned subsidiary StarKist Company, through which it produces and sells Packaged Tuna throughout the United States (including 11 in this District), its territories and the District of Columbia. Indeed, Dongwon has 12 its own fishing fleet and is vertically integrated with StarKist. Dongwon also 13 purposefully directs its activities to the United States by exporting Packaged Tuna 14 to this country. Dongwon directly participated in the conspiracy alleged herein, as 15 16 described herein, as well as using its control over StarKist's Packaged Tuna 17 business to conspire with the other Defendants and their co-conspirators. 137. Dongwon dominates StarKist, and has done so since June 6, 2008 18 19 when it contracted to purchase StarKist from Del Monte (a sale completed in 20 October 2008). The current President and CEO of StarKist is Andrew Choe ("Choe"), who took that position in September of 2014. Choe joined Dongwon in 21 2010. He first took a title at StarKist in 2012, but formalities notwithstanding, he was closely involved in the management of StarKist. For example 23 <u>24</u> 25 26 27 28



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> According to one article, "Kim Nam-Jung is the younger son of Dongwon chairman Kim Jae-Chul, who founded the business in 1969 to fish for tuna and established his first overseas base in the Republic of Ghana in 1973.... In preparation for succession, the founder has been transferring ownership of the private family holding company, Dongwon Enterprise Co., which owns stakes in various listed affiliates, to Nam-Jung. Jae-Chul holds a 24.5% stake and Nam-Jung, 68%.

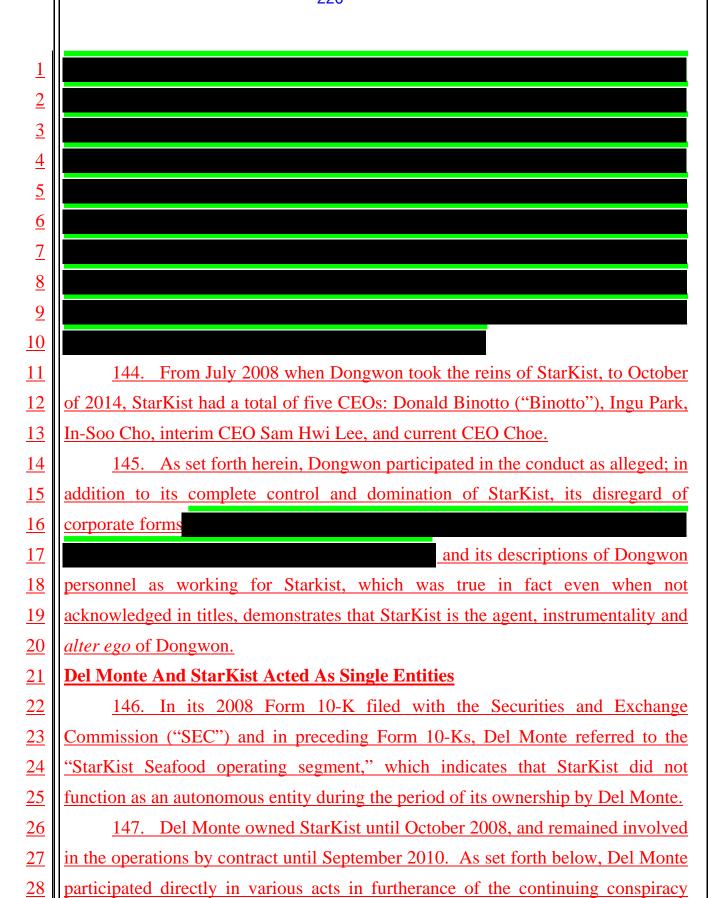
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1 <u>3</u> 141. Similarly, Hyung-Joo Kim, Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") of 4 Dongwon F&B, became the CFO of the StarKist in 2012. Likewise, In-gu Park, the <u>5</u> Chairman of the Board of StarKist, who also served as its Acting President from November of 2010 to March of 2011, serves as CEO of Dongwon Precision 6 7 Machinery Company. Nam-Jung Kim, Hyung-Joo Kim, and In-gu Park all served 8 as officers of StarKist during the period of the conspiratorial activities described 9 herein, would have known of those activities, and would have relayed that information to executives at Dongwon, as reflected in Dongwon's own statements 10 described below. 11 142. After the acquisition, American executives at StarKist began to <u>12</u> leave—voluntarily and involuntarily. 13 <u>14</u> <u>15</u> 16 <u>17</u> <u>18</u> 143. 19 20 21 Dongwon is no stranger to antitrust violations in the food industry. In June of <u>22</u> 2011, one of its subsidiaries, Dongwon Dairy Foods, was fined 1.31 billion Korean 23 won by the Korean Fair Trade Commission ("KFTC") for conspiring with three other firms to rig prices in the South Korean cheese market. According to the <u>24</u> KFTC, employees of the Dongwon subsidiary were found to have participated in <u>25</u> "a covert organization established for the purpose of such price-fixing"; they had multiple meetings with competitors in 2007-08, in which they agreed to raise 26 cheese prices bv 15-20%. <u>27</u> http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20110626000297.



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alleged herein. Certain individuals acting on behalf of Starkist that are mentioned herein came to StarKist from Del Monte. Examples are Melissa Murphy ("Murphy"), StarKist's Senior Vice-President of Corporate Affairs and Human Resources, who served as Del Monte's Vice-President of Corporate Communications from 2003 to 2008; Steve Hodge ("Hodge"), a former Senior Vice-President of Sales for StarKist from May of 2010 to December of 2013 who was employed by Del Monte as a Director of Field Sales for StarKist from 2008-10; and Joe Tuza ("Tuza"), who served as the Vice-President of Marketing for Del Monte before joining StarKist.

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150. Defendants and their co-conspirators directly and through their affiliates sold Packaged Tuna in the United States and in this district at artificially inflated prices during the Class Period. Defendants are direct, horizontal competitors in the United States Packaged Tuna market.

#### ADDITIONAL FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

# A. Overview of the Packaged Seafood Products ("PSPs") Tuna Industry.

89.151. PSPs startPackaged Tuna starts as raw seafoodfish that is processed, cooked and canned for flavor, safety, and to increase shelf life. Because the animals that comprise PSPstuna are generally caught far out at sea, raw seafoodtuna is usually delivered to canneries or processing facilities in a frozen or

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refrigerated state. Upon delivery to a processing plant, an initial quality control inspection is performed.

90.152. SeafoodTuna of acceptable quality is transferred to large ovens for "precooking." Following pre-cooking and cleaning, seafoodtuna is transmitted into a filling machine which processes the seafoodtuna into cans, or pouches or cups in pre-set amounts. The containers are then closed and sealed in sealing machines.

91.153. Each package has a code that identifies the plant, product, date, batch, and other identifying information. Filled and sealed packages are then cooked under pressure to make the products commercially sterile and so that they will have a long shelf life.

PSPs are Packaged Tuna is largely sold, in their the original packaging, directly to wholesale distributors, who, in turn, re-sell, also in their original packaging, to grocery stores, restaurants, school districts and other outlets. Additionally, PSPs are Packaged Tuna is sold both directly and indirectly, in their original packaging, to club warehouses, retail groceries, grocery cooperatives, mass merchandisers, and drug stores, among others, who resell PSPsPackaged Tuna to end-user consumers in their original individual packaging.

93.155. Defendants all <u>currently</u> sell <u>PSPsor during the class period sold</u> <u>Packaged Tuna</u> in the United States. <u>StarKist</u>, <u>Bumble Bee</u> and <u>COSI sell packaged tuna</u>, clams, salmon, and sardines. <u>Bumble Bee</u> and <u>Tri-Union also sell packaged crab</u>, mackerel, oysters and shrimp.

94.156. Defendants collectively dominate the United States' highly-concentrated Packaged Tuna industry for PSPs and have done so for decades. StarKist, Bumble Bee, and COSI for about 80% of the tuna market, and the remaining share is divided among private label brands, typically associated with and distributed by a single retailer.

95.157. Beginning in or about 2000, national demand for PSPs,

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particularly canned tunaPackaged Tuna, began to decline for numerous reasons. Between 2000 and 2014, the average per person annual tuna consumption decreased by more than 31% from approximately 3.5 pounds per person per year to 2.4 pounds per person per year

96.158. In a competitive environment, a decline in demand for a given commodity product should (other factors being equal) lead to a decline in that product's price. However, as Defendants control the market and have agreed to restrict capacity, allocate customers, and fix prices for PSPsPackaged Tuna, the prices were set at artificially high levels beginning not later than August 1July 21, 2008. Further, while the raw material is the largest cost input to PSPs, the price of canned tuna since 2007 has outpaced the price of the major component fish, namely skipjack tuna. Growth of prices of a commodity product, unexplained by rising raw product costs, and significant oversupply and falling raw material prices during periods since the conspiracy began have not resulted in price reductions as would be expected in a competitive industry. Growth of prices that outstrips rises in raw product costs and/or persists when material costs fall, and in markets where demand is softening, suggests suspension of ordinary market functions.

97.159. Prices for PSPsPackaged Tuna since at least August, 2008July 1, 2004, were a direct result of Defendants' conspiracy to restrict capacity, allocate customers, diminish can size and fix the collusively set and raise prices of PSPs in the United States., to police discounts and refrain from offering products labeled to indicate sustainability features. As a result, Plaintiffs and the Classes paid artificially-inflated prices for PSPsPackaged Tuna purchased indirectly from Defendants.

# B. Defendants Engaged in an Anticompetitive Conspiracy

98.160. At least as early as August 2008 July 1, 2004 Defendants Tri-UnionCOSI, Bumble Bee and StarKist participated in an anticompetitive horizontal cartel, perpetuated through organizations the Defendants themselves

created, and which conspiracy included communications in person and by telephone and email, and in in-person meetings at senior levels of the Defendant brands, and sharing sensitive business information. While it is possible that Defendants' anticompetitive conduct in the United States ceased when the United States Department of Justice ("DOJ") opened its investigation of the anticompetitive conduct of the Defendants in 2015, the effects of that anticompetitive conduct persist to the present. In the course of this cartel, directly and through intermediaries. Defendants (1) coordinated a reduction in tuna can sizes; (2) coordinated increases to list and net prices of PSPs; (2Packaged Tuna; (3) shared information about and policed discounting from list prices on Packaged Tuna; and (34) collectively agreed to forbear from introducing certain higher cost PSP products in theirunder brand lines.names that were labeled FAD Free, indicating forbearance from a fishing method that has been criticized for its impact on the sustainability of global fisheries. The Defendants' horizontal collusion was intended to, and did, fix, raise, stabilize, and/or maintain the prices of PSPsPackaged Tuna sold to customers in the United States.

99.161. The Defendants among others, in their present or past parent corporate forms, were founding members of the <u>U.S. Tuna Foundation</u>, <u>which became The Tuna Council</u>. <u>In 2007</u>, the <u>Tuna Council merged with the National Fisheries Institute ("NFI")</u>. The NFI was founded at least as early as 1945, and <u>continues to serveserves</u> as the seafood industry's primary trade group and lobby.

The NFI includes several subgroups, including the Tuna Council, which consists of at least all of the Defendants and possibly others. the Defendant brands. Additionally, in 2007 NFI members created the Better Seafood Board ("BSB"), an organization which, while "governed separately from NFI," "provides the mechanism for [the] industry's partners in the supply chain. . .to

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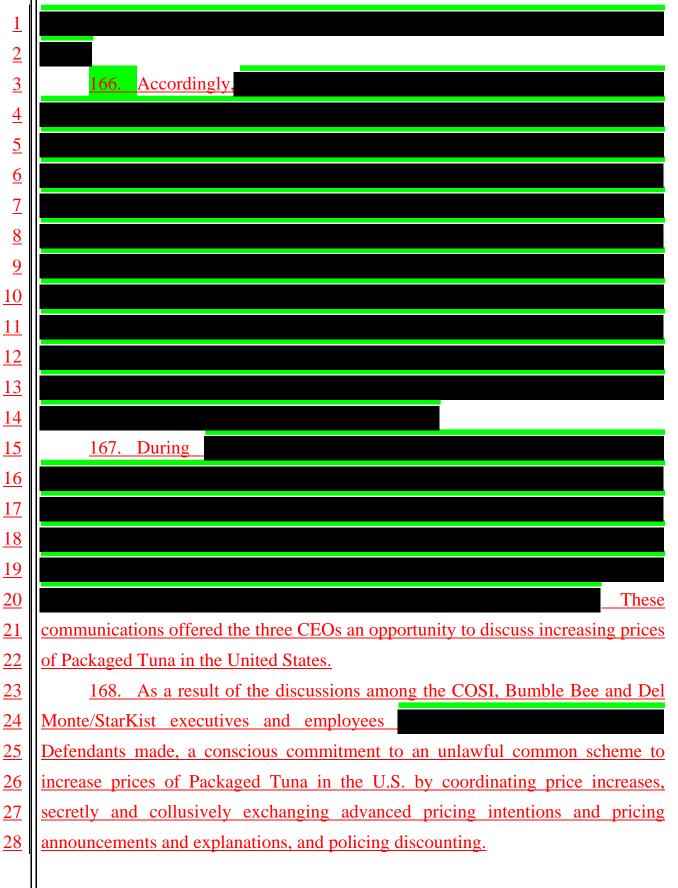
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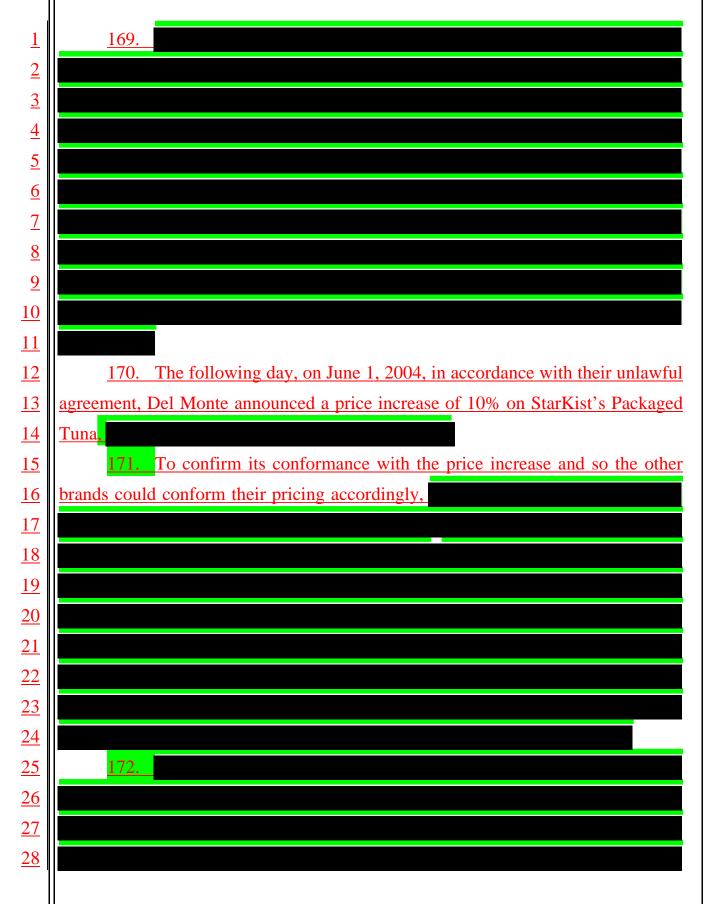
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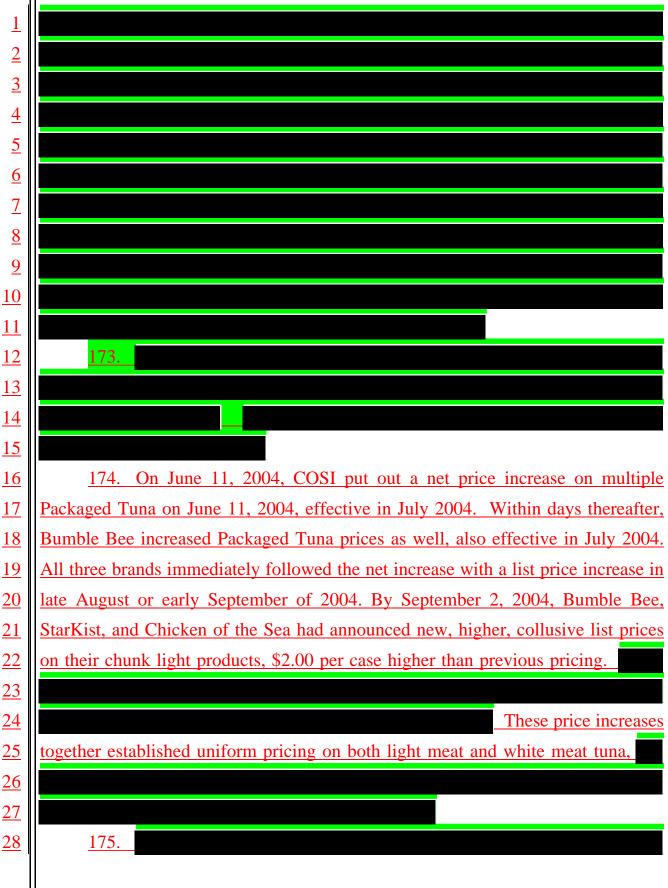
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By July 2004, COSI, Bumble Bee and Del Monte/StarKist had executed the first 3 collusive price increase. In September, they executed the second. 4 176. Between August 20, 2004 and August 30, 2004, Bumble Bee, <u>5</u> StarKist, and COSI collusively raised prices on light meat tuna by an additional \$2.00 per case. <u>6</u> 7 177. Defendants' 2004 collusive price increases were intended to and did 8 increase U.S. Packaged Tuna prices, and these prices remained at supracompetitive levels throughout the Class Period. 9 10 178. In or about January 2006, Defendants decided to execute another round of collusive price increases when rising albacore costs threatened to erode 11 12 their supracompetitive profit margins. StarKist moved first, notifying the trade (that is, brokers and purchasers) on or about January 30, 2006 that it would 13 increase prices on white meat (albacore) tuna products by about 6% effective May 14 1, 2006. However, StarKist needed Bumble Bee and COSI to go along with the 15 price increase for it to hold. 16 <u>17</u> 179. <u>18</u> 19 20 <u>21</u> 180. 22 23 <u>24</u> 181. 25 182. 26 27 28





187. Consequently, on March 6, 2006, COSI announced a price increase of approximately 6% on white meat tuna products, which followed the prices announced by StarKist. For example, COSI raised prices on cases of solid white tuna in water to \$58.08 and on 24-packs of solid white tuna in oil to \$29.04, which exactly matched the prices announced by StarKist.

188. Thereafter, Bumble Bee announced a price increase on white meat tuna products that matched the conspiratorial prices. Bumble Bee made its announcement on April 17, 2006. Both the Bumble Bee and the COSI price increases went into effect in the first week of July 2006.

189. As a result of the conspiracy, six ounce chunk light tuna (one of the most popular Packaged Tuna products, which had gone as low as \$0.54 per can in the beginning of 2004, rose to \$0.58 by late 2004 and \$0.62 by August 2005. The 2004 and 2006 increases set a template for exchange on non-public information and collusive, coordinated increases.

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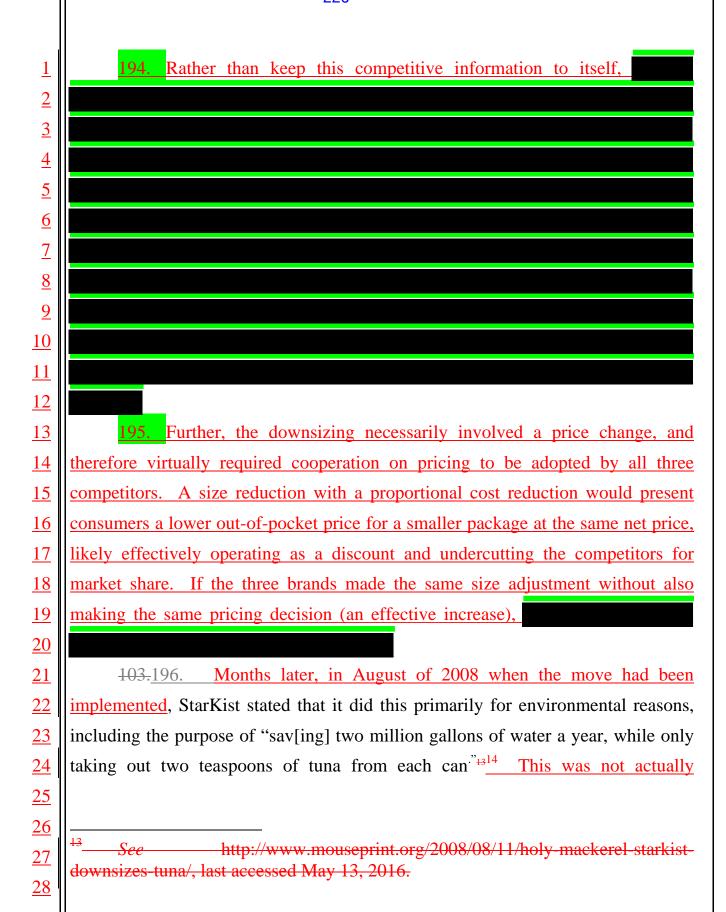
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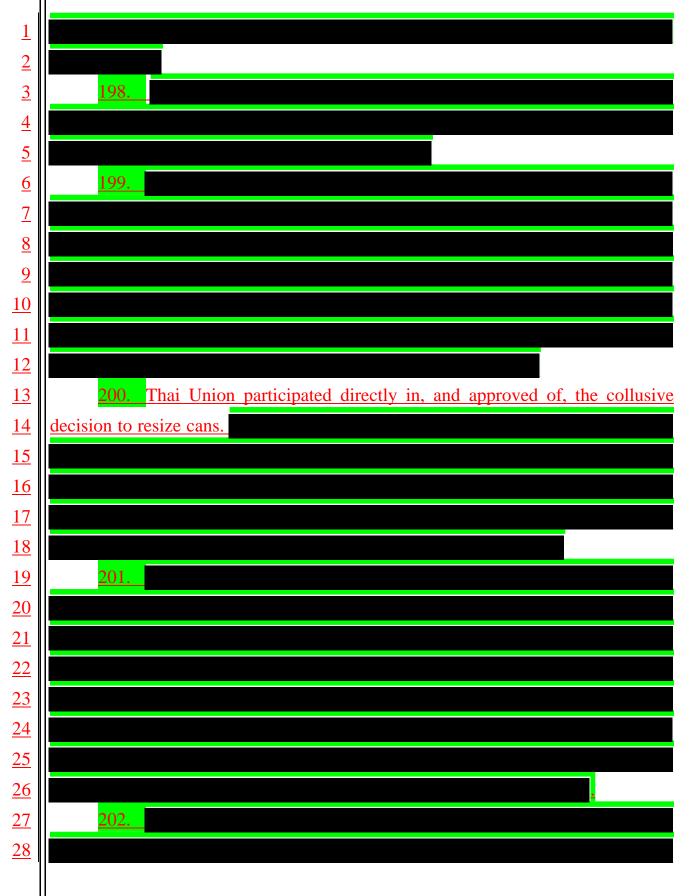
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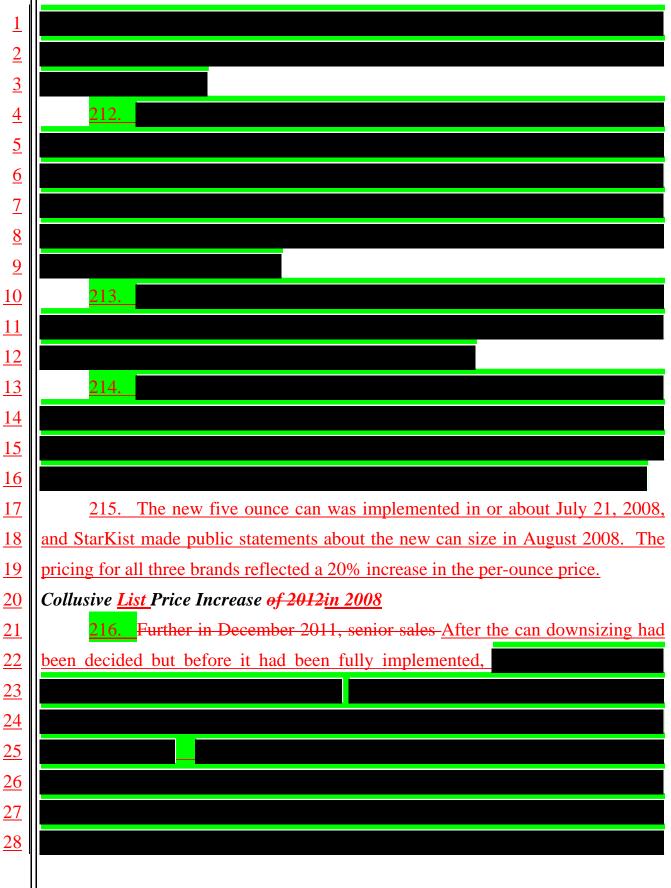
### Defendants' Collusive Package Size Reduction and Price Increases in 2007-2008 <u>2</u> 190. The conspiracy among Defendants and co-conspirators continued in 3 2007 and 2008. <u>4</u> 191. <u>5</u> <u>6</u> 7 8 9 10 11 <u>12</u> 13 Collusive Alignment of Can Sizes in 2008 14 Between roughly 2000 and 20082007, leading tuna companies, <u>15</u> 16 including Defendants, followed each other in a series of gradual moves to change 17 the size of the standard tuna can, first from seven ounces to six and a half ounces, 18 then to six and one-eighth ounces, and then to six ounces. 12 These changes 19 occurred gradually over at least an eight-year period. 20 193. In or about August 20082007, StarKist and its can maker, Impress, 21 decided to abruptly ehanged the size of its standard six-ounce tuna can to 22 five ounces, marking a major departure from the gradual changes of the previous 23 decade. At the time <u>24</u> <u>25</u> See http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2010/07/29/tuna-shrinkage-cans-26 now-five-ounces-more-expensive.html; http://www.mouseprint.org/2008/08/11/holy-mackerel-starkist-downsizes-tuna/, <u>27</u> last accessed May 13, 2016.

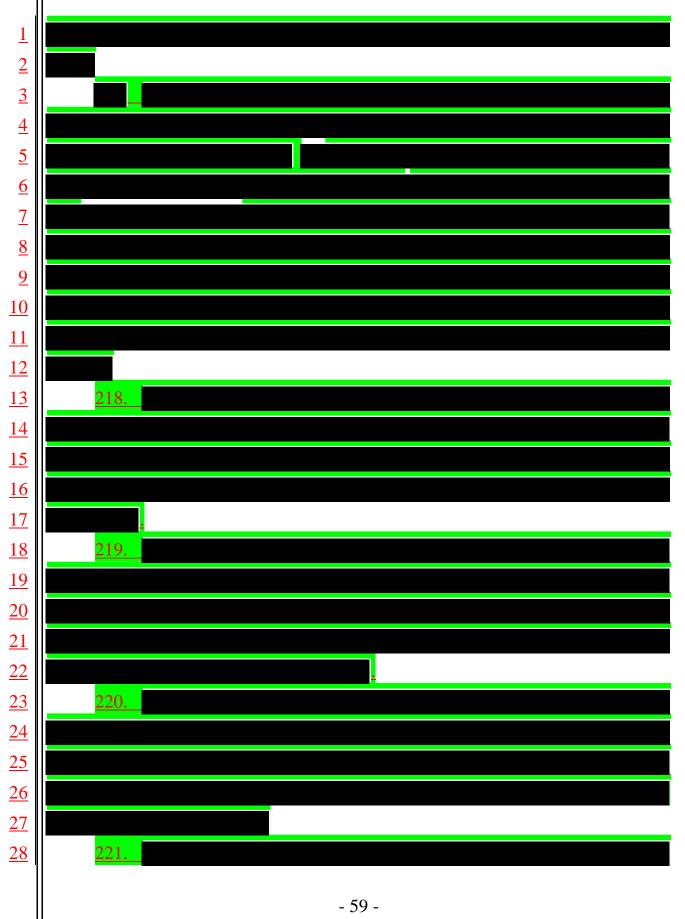




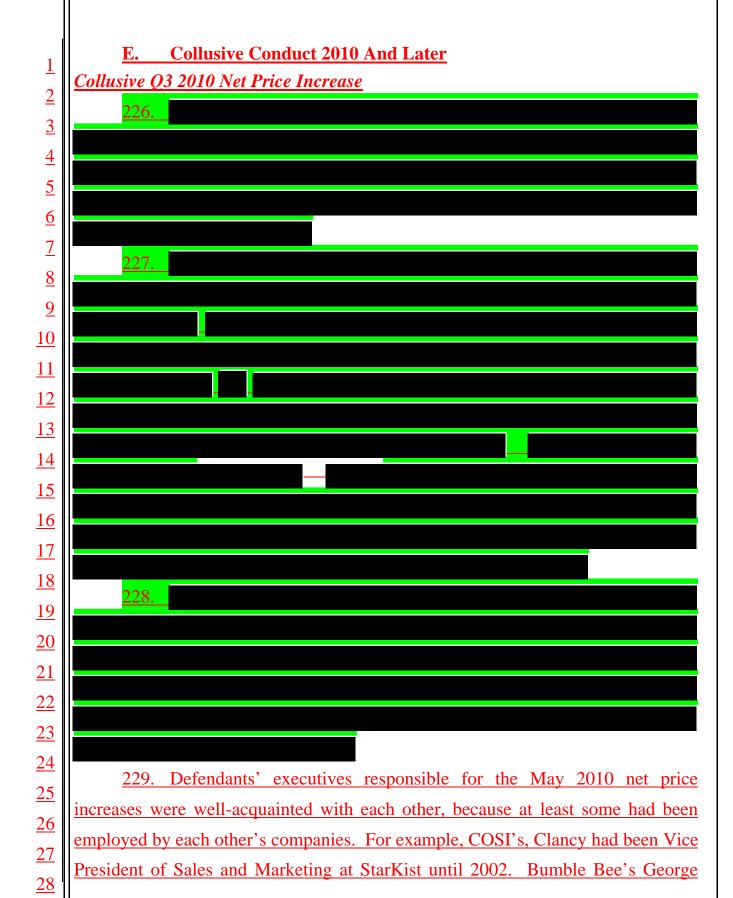


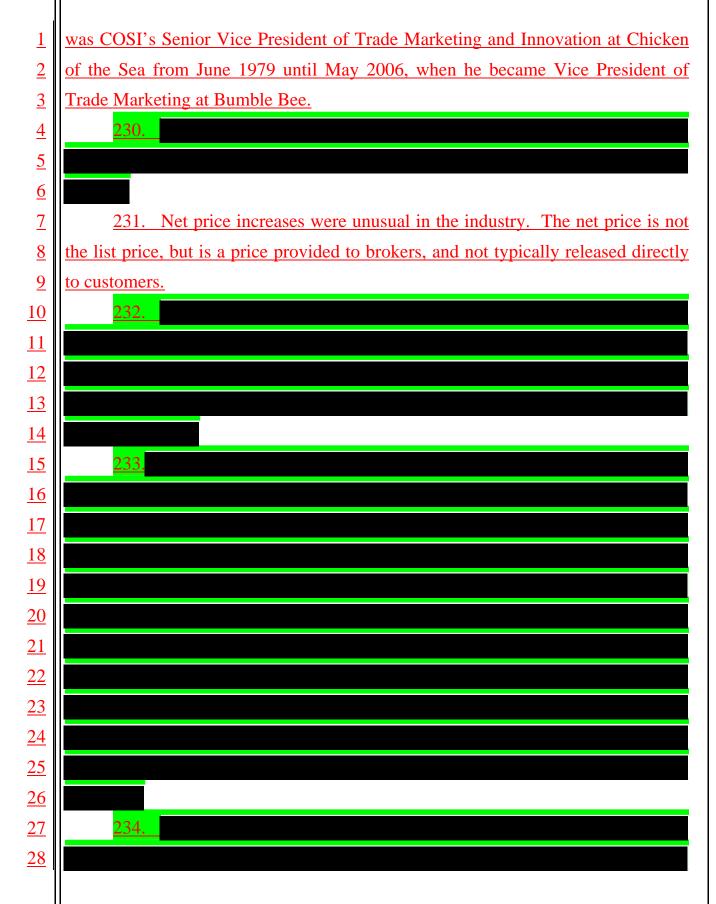




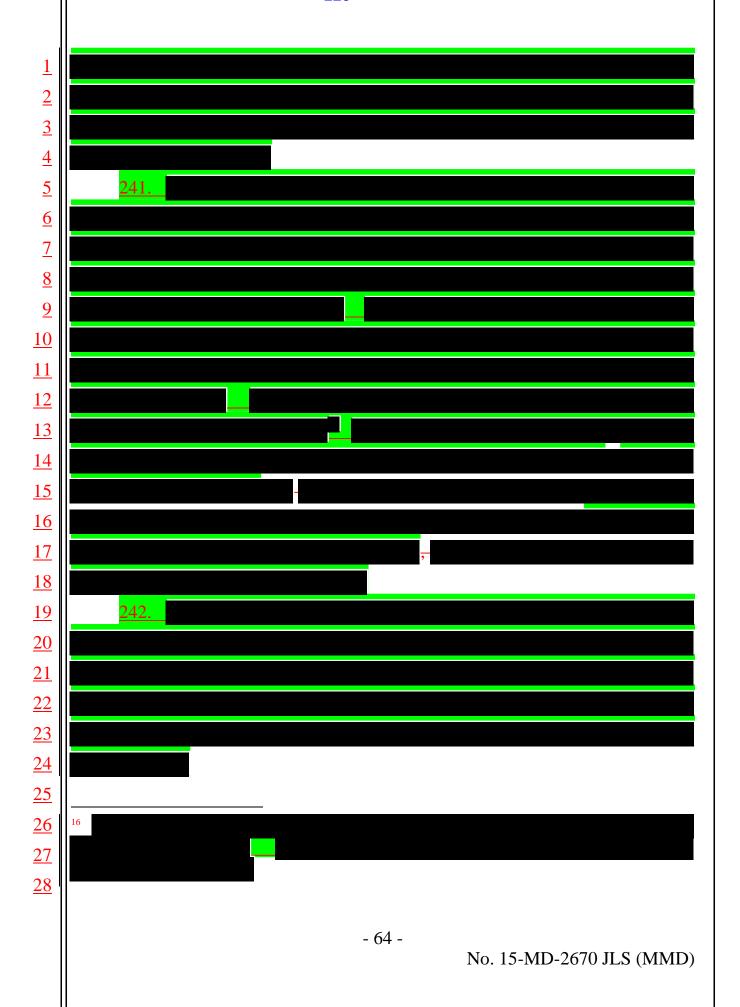


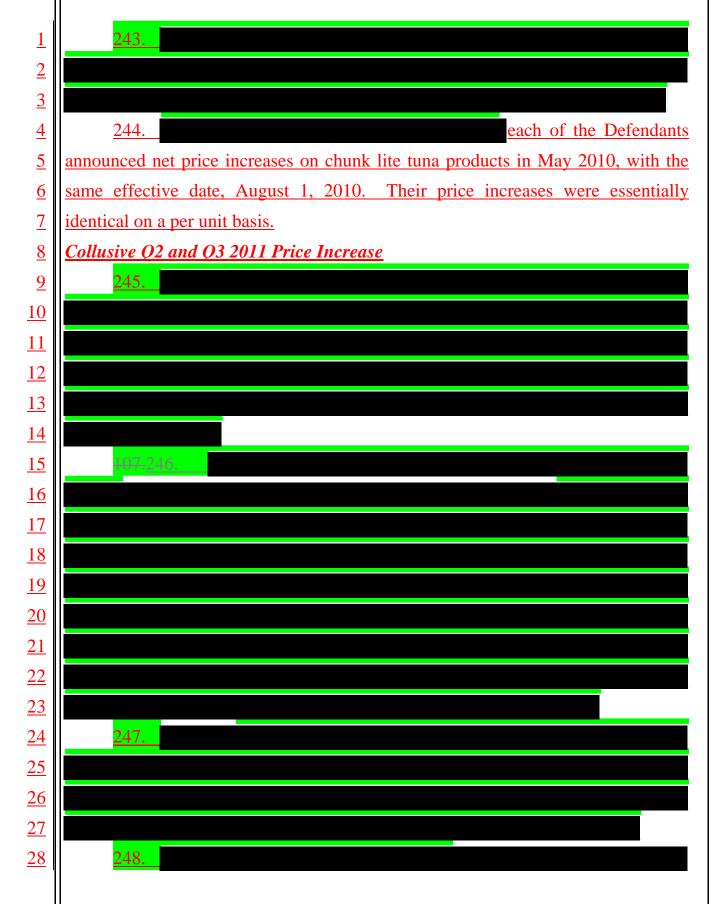


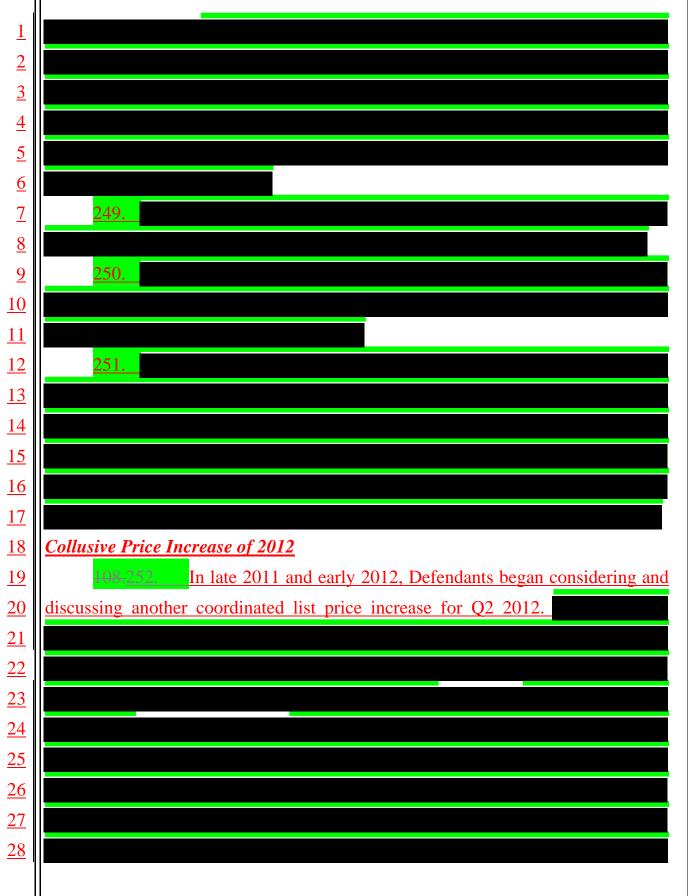












in an otherwise competitive market. In order to conceal their price agreement, Defendants gave pretextual justifications in their price announcement letters to customers, pointing to the rising input costs for fish, packaging, and transportation.

255. The series of price increases planned, executed and collusively set a benchmark which caused the prices to consumers to be artificially high long after the last overt acts of conspiracy.

# Collusive Monitoring of Promotions

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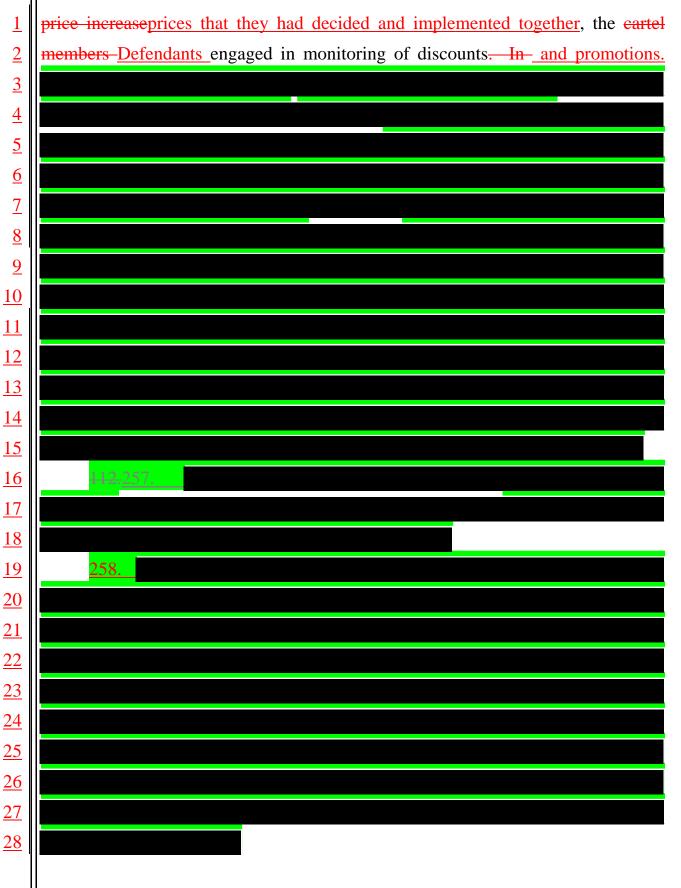
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### Collusive Refusal to Offer FAD-Free Products

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During 2011 the industry experienced increasing pressure to provide consumers the option to purchase more sustainably fished product in their product lines. A particular focus was the use of Fish Aggregation Devices ("FADs") in conjunction with the purse-seine method of fishing. A FAD is a manmade device that floats on the ocean (typically using a buoy tethered to the ocean floor) used to attract schools of fish that orbit around the FAD.

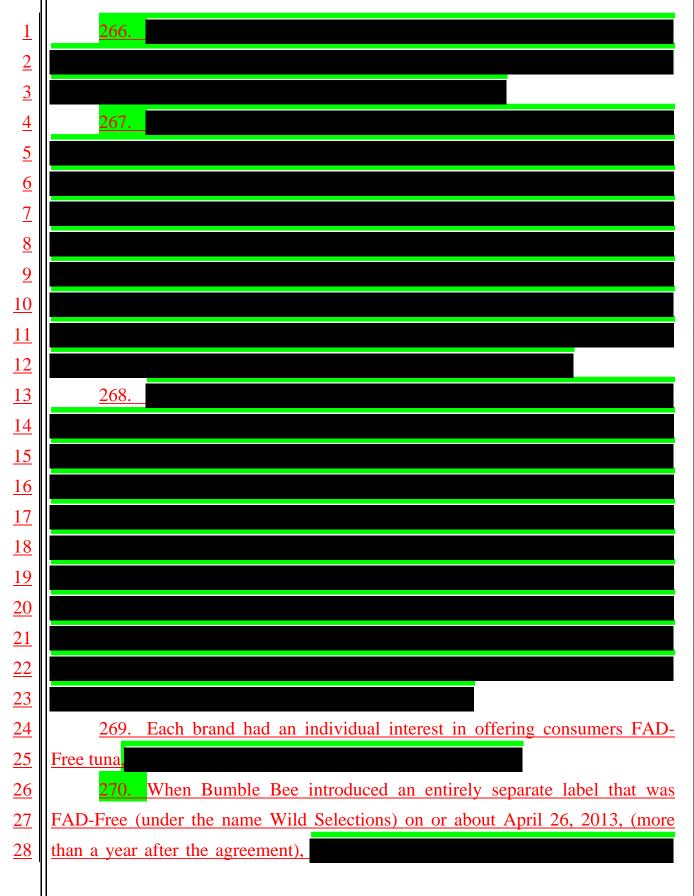
414.260. Much of the world's tuna is caught by purse-seine netting, in which a large net is deployed under an entire school of fish and hoisted upwards. This technique is distinct from methods involving towed nets, or pole-and-line fishing, where fish are hooked. The most cost-effective method of catching <a href="mailto:skipjack">skipjack</a> tuna is to use a FAD to draw schools of tuna into a small area, and a purse-seine net to capture them. The practice has drawn criticism on environmental sustainability grounds.

pressed latter half of 2011, partially in response to efforts by environmental sustainability advocates—to—end, the Defendants began receiving inquiries about providing light tuna (largely skipjack) caught without the use of FADs. But the Defendants' customers—have also soughta FAD. Rather than respond to prompt these inquiries as an opportunity for competitive differentiation, the Defendants decided to introduce FAD free tuna into the United States PSP market, asserting that they perceive an unmet consumer demand for a more sustainable, FAD free tuna product in the U.S. market.

formulate a coordinated response.

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118. The discussions of the pressure to offer FAD-free tuna that began in 2011 during one or more conference calls under the aegis of sustainability 3 4 organizations. At least once in the week of February 6, 2012, each of Bumble Bee, <u>5</u> StarKist and COSI participated in a call under the aegis of NFI. On that call, the participants reached an agreement. This call was memorialized in email on or 6 7 about February 17, 2012. 8 119. The agreement between the participants to the call on or about February 6, 2012 was to prevent the launch of a FAD-free tuna product under the 9 brand name of any of the major brands for the US market. This agreement enabled 10 Defendants to maintain their price-fixing conspiracy, and to further effectuate their 11 12 agreement not to compete on the basis of price or distinguishing product choice, 13 such as FAD-free tuna. 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 264. <u>24</u> On February 10, 2012, Safeway announced its decision to eliminate 25 FAD-caught tuna in favor of tuna caught using "free-school purse-seine methods." 26 27 28



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271. The FAD-free agreement assisted Defendants in maintaining their price-fixing conspiracy, and in staving off inter-brand competition in offering FAD-free tuna to consumers as a more environmentally sustainable and desirable alternative.

## Defendants Have AmpleAdditional Opportunities to Collude

precedent corporate parents all helped found NFINFI's Tuna Council and BSB, which became loci of a conspiracy among these competitors not to compete, and to share competitive information and coordinated business strategies. NFI itself includes a subgroup, the Tuna Council.—As explained on that organization's website: "The National Fisheries Institute's Tuna Council represents the largest processors and household names for canned and pouch tuna in the U.S. including Bumble Bee®, Chicken of the Sea® and StarKist®. The Tuna Council speaks for the tuna industry on numerous issues including food safety, labeling, sustainability, nutrition education and product marketing." NFI and specifically Tuna Council meetings were typically attended by the CEOs, and/or by other members of the senior management team. They met or spoke at least quarterly, providing a regular opportunity for the exchange of competitive information.

121.273. The industry provides other opportunities for the Defendants to collude and exchange sensitive business information necessary to forming and monitoring a cartel. For example:

a. AllFor example, all three Defendants participate in regional fisheries management organizations. These include the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Council; and the Fishery Counsel of Canada.

122.274. All three Defendants regularly send representatives to major trade conferences including the Infofish World Tuna Trade Conference and Exchange, an Asia-Pacific region conference sponsored each year by an intergovernmental arm of the United Nations and drawing key players in the industry. The conference is in its fourteenth year.

275. Since The ISSF was founded in 2009, all. The ISSF states that its mission is to "to undertake science-based initiatives for the long-term conservation and sustainable use of tuna stocks, reducing by and promoting ecosystem health."

276. The ISSF Board of Directors includes individuals associated with the tuna industry, many of whom work or have worked for Defendants have participated in the ISSF, of which all. For example, the current President of the ISSF is Susan Jackson ("Jackson"). Prior to joining ISSF, Jackson was the vice president for government/industry relations and seafood sourcing for Defendant Del Monte Foods, former parent of StarKist. The Board of Directors of the ISSF also currently includes John Connelly, who is the President of the NFI.

277. The ISSA is a tuna industry trade association. Full membership in the ISSA is limited to "processors," "traders" and "marketers" in the tuna industry.

the ISSF. Each of the three Brand Defendants has played, and/or continues to play an active role in the ISSF and the ISSA. Chris Lischewski, President and CEO of Bumble Bee, In-Soo Cho, former president and CEO of Starkist and Shue Wing Chan, of Thai Union, parent of COSI, have served as ISSA Board Members.

279. The ISSF and the ISSA provided the three Brand Defendants numerous and ongoing opportunities to interact at meetings, conferences, and to participate in conference calls. ISSF bylaws provide for meetings of the ISSF Board of Directors be held three times each year.

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same for the East Coast in Lyons, Georgia. TUG approved this arrangement.

Thus, even before the proposed merger, described below, of these two companies,

they were cooperating closely. –These interlocking relationships provided an

excellent opportunity to collude on pricing. Collaborating at their U.S. processing

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 facilities allowed each of these two Defendants an organic and in-house opportunity to monitor production, a key component of information exchange necessary to sustaining a long-term cartel.

127. Defendants' representatives were in regular communication with each other during 2011 and 2012 regarding coordinating pricing and responses to their customer and consumer pressure for sustainable and environmentally improved fishing operations. These communications strongly suggest that these individuals were in communications on a regular basis prior to the communications in 2011 and 2012 and thereafter.

### C.F. The PSPPackaged Tuna Market Is Conducive to Collusion

128.284. The PSPPackaged Tuna market is structured and characterized in such a way as to be highly conducive to conspiracy.

129. PSPs are commodity products which are Packaged Tuna is sold to wholesale and retail stores which in turn sell to customers such as the Plaintiffs. A very small percentage of sales are made directly to consumers. There are different varieties of PSPs, but within each type of seafood, each variety is sold in similar amounts in similar sizes with similar shelf life and in similar types of packaging. As a result, consumers such as the Plaintiffs are more likely to be influenced by price when making a purchasing decision.

Tuna market. Start-up costs are very high. Dongwon and Thai UnionTUG each are to some degree vertically integrated, Dongwon claiming at times to have the world's largest fishing fleet. The cost of processing plants is high. Merely modernizing the processing plant in American Samoa (owned by COSI at the start of the Class Period, purchased and refitted by a nonparty and reopened in 2015) cost \$70 million. Access to manufacturing materials, distribution channels and raw materials are all highly restricted. Defendants are able to raise prices without fear of being undercut by new entrants into the market.

431.286. Additionally, StarKist, COSI and Bumble Bee, as brands, have 1 all existed for around a century very long time. StarKist was founded in 1917. 3 COSI was founded in 1914 as the Van Camp Seafood Company, and was once a 4 part of Ralston Purina. Bumble Bee was founded in 1899 actually predates the <u>5</u> First World War and was previously part of Pillsbury and later ConAgra. StarKist, the most recent of the brand names to appear on American store shelves, began 6 using that name in 1942, though the company itself predates even that. These three brands have had not decades but generations to build brand identities and 9 They are known by virtually every American consumer. company seeking to start anew faces difficulties in lack of background, industry 10 ties, and brand awareness. 11

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132.287. Even an industry player with decades of experience faces formidable obstacles in establishing a consumer brand. Tri-Marine, a company that has sold fish to each brand for decades, now cans the Kirkland Signature brand for Costco, one of the more successful private labels. It now owns the packing plant in American Samoa previously operated by COSI. However, even with this massive investment and experience, Tri-Marine's entry has been limited to private label production, where one of the largest retail outlets lends its muscle to bring the product to market. Tri-Marine has a brand of its own, Ocean Naturals, but Ocean Naturals has struggled to find shelf space and exists as a niche environmental sustainability product with small areas of shelf space at Walmart, and is otherwise dependent upon Amazon as a retail conduit.

133.288. Purchasers routinely source their PSPsPackaged Tuna from one of the Defendants. As a result, Defendants dominate the United States PSPsPackaged Tuna market.

134.289. As stated above, Defendants control roughly 80% of the tuna market share for the United States, so almost all wholesale or retail purchasers do business with Defendants. Defendants possess significant market power to raise

prices for PSPsPackaged Tuna to supra-competitive price levels in the United States.

uniquely combine to reduce customers' willingness to purchase substitute products in the face of rising prices. PSPsPackaged Tuna are convenient high protein, low fat, shelf-stable foodsfood that havehas a particular taste and historical usage. Because of these characteristics, there are no reasonable substitutes for PSPs.Packaged Tuna. Therefore, control of the Relevant Markets by a theoretical a hypothetical monopolist would allow that monopolist to profitably increase the prices of PSPs to supra-competitive or monopoly levels.

of International Fishery and Agribusiness Marketing measured the demand coefficient of canned tuna at -0.3, a highly inelastic figure that indicates tuna is a staple food item for U.S. consumers. This figure implies that if the makers were able to constrain supply by just 3%, they could sustainably raise prices by 10%.

there was collusive pricing within the domestic PSPsPackaged Tuna industry. As noted above, consumption of PSPs, both canned tuna and other PSP productsPackaged Tuna, has declined over the past ten years in the United States. The annual consumption per person of canned tuna was 3.1 lbs. in 2005, but fell to 2.3 lbs. in 2013. An article in the Washington Post graphically represented this decline by measuring United States annual per capita consumption from 1930 to 2010:

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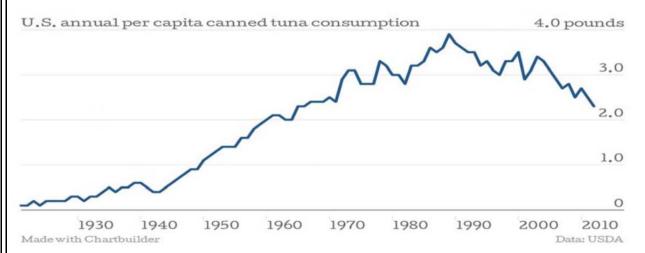
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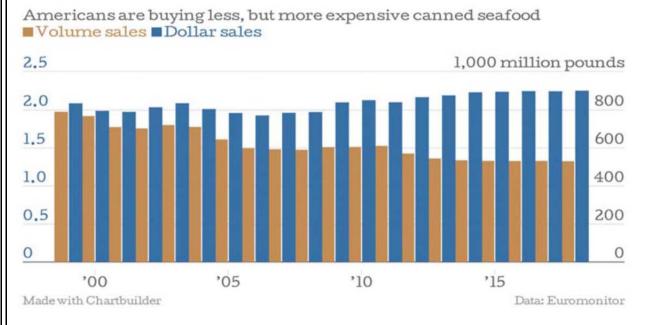
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Tuna, they are paying more for what they do buy. The same article presented this graph, illustrating the increased prices paid for lower quantities of canned seafood (expanding the analysis beyond tuna) by American purchasers:



diven this decline in consumption of PSPsPackaged Tuna and other packaged seafood products, one would expect rational businesses to reduce the prices for packaged seafood products, but that did not happen. The following chart, taken from data available at the Bureau of Labor Statistics, depicts

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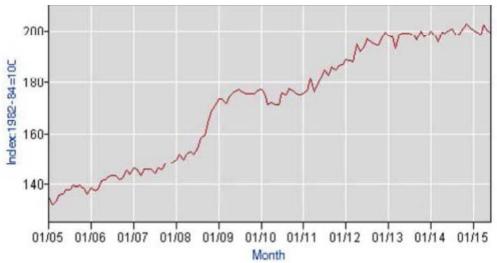
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seasonally adjusted U.S. city average prices for shelf stable fish and seafood from January 2005 through the first part of 2015, with the period 1982-84 used as a baseline.

<u>Tuna</u> increased dramatically from 2008 to the early part of 2015 – and did so even though annual consumer demand for <u>PSPsthe products</u> in the United States was falling.



Supply of tuna has expanded steadily worldwide since the early 1960s. The use of purse-seine netting, in which a net is extended under an entire school and hauled upwards, as described above, has increased the availability of skipjack tuna since the 1970s, so that Skipjack has come to represent more than 70% of the Defendants' tuna products on U.S. store shelves. The global tuna catch, which was less than a million metric tons per year in 1961, is now over 4.5 million tons annually. Catch per vessel has roughly doubled since the mid-1980s, and the global tuna fishing fleet is larger today than it was in the mid-1980s. No constriction in global tuna catch explains the rising prices charged by Defendants.

142.296. Nor do raw material costs adequately explain these price

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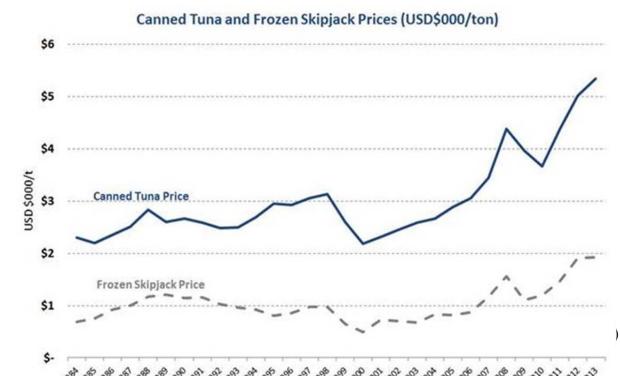
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increases. While the cost per metric ton of skipjack tuna rose in 2012 and early 2013, it declined precipitously thereafter. According to the April 19, 2015 issue of Tuna Market Intelligence, "[a]s recently as June last year, skipjack was selling at US\$1,800 in Bangkok. But the price has since plummeted to US\$1,000 since the beginning of the year, with industry officials anticipating further reductions in price this year." Tuna exporters in Ecuador noted in January of 2015 that the price per metric ton had declined from \$1,400 to \$800. And the United Nations Food & Agriculture Organization noted in its May 2015 "Food Outlook" biannual report that tuna prices had dropped considerably in 2014: "tuna prices declined significantly due to excess supply, with frozen skipjack prices hitting a 6-year low." Despite these drastically declining raw material costs, Defendants did not decrease prices and try to obtain more market share.

143.297. In fact, while there have been periodic increases in fish cost, from 2000 to 2015, fish cost as a proportion of retail price of canned tuna has actually decreased. In 2000, the price of tuna accounted for 37% of the retail price of the canned product. By 2015, tuna price was only 31% of the canned tuna price meaning that while the price of skipjack tuna has increased, the price of retail canned tuna in the U.S. has risen even faster, and at a time when U.S. consumption is falling due to changing consumer preferences.



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144. The spread between the price of frozen skipjack tuna and the price of canned tuna visibly widens, particularly from 2008 forward.

discuss Report discusses this situation. In its 2013 Annual Report, Thai Union TUG

Frozen Products stated that "our branded tuna business showed resilient growth from 2012 thanks to the price adjustments in Europe and more rational market competition in the US." (Emphasis added). It stated in the same report that its future profit margins would depend upon "[r]easonable US canned tuna competition without unnecessary price." (Emphasis added). In its 2014 Annual Report, Thai Union Frozen Products explicitly noted that this goal had been achieved. It stated: "Thanks to reduced price competition (absence of cut throat pricing) and generally lower fish cost Chicken of the Sea, our own tuna brands marked a great year of increased profitability. Despite minimal sales growth in the U.S., competitive inventory cost and reasonable market conditions helped lift the margin of our U.S. brand." (Emphases added).

The same report went on to note that "sensible market competition, supported by lower raw material costs, made it possible for our own tuna brands to expand their margins through the year despite limited volume growth." (Emphasis added). It indicated that future revenue growth would again be dependent upon "[r]easonable US canned tuna market competition that focuses more on consumption creation than market share alone." (Emphasis added). The "reasonable market conditions," "more rational market competition," "sensible

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market competition," avoidance of battles for market share and "absence of cut throat pricing" that the reports note could only have come about through collusion. In 2014, TUG attributed its own US profits to reduced price competition and competitors eschewing the quest for market share through discounting. It would have been against the individual self-interest of each Defendant to eschew increasing market share during this period by lowering prices.

#### **D.** Pretextual Explanations

147. Each of the Defendants has offered explanations for price increases that are pretextual.

148. During the period December 2011 through January 2012, for example, as described above, the three Defendants executed price increases to their U.S. customers. In June, 2011, COSI explained these increases to its customers wholesalers and grocery chains – as arising from persistent global increases in fish prices. StarKist, in July 2011, attributed increases to "continuously rising fish costs." In January, 2012, COSI again attributed rising prices to "high fish prices". Bumble Bee's Scott Cameron publicly stated on March 30, 2012 that "unforecasted elements" would drive price increases for the second half of 2012, and in April, 2013, Bumble Bee projected an increase of \$120 to \$200 per metric ton of skipjack tuna to explain rising prices. Though they offered facially innocuous explanations, the price increases were in fact coordinated between three competing brands.

## E.G. The Department of Justice Investigates Defendants

The San Francisco office of the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice ("DOJ") is currently investigating anticompetitive practices in the PSP industry. A grand jury has been convened. Two Defendants, Tri-Union and Bumble Bee, have publicly confirmed receipt of grand jury subpoenas., two individuals previously employed by Bumble Bee have entered guilty pleas, and as of the day of the filing of this Complaint, the investigation <u>5</u>

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27 28 further resulted in the first corporate guilty plea. It was publicly reported that Bumble Bee would plead guilty to conspiring to restrain trade in connection with Packaged Tuna, and pay a fine.

450.301. On The criminal investigation first surfaced on July 23, 2015, Thai Unionwhen TUG confirmed that "Tri-Union Seafoods LLC, operating in the United States under the brand Chicken of the Sea ha[d] received a subpoena requiring the production of relevant information to the DOJ" and that "Chicken of the Sea is cooperating fully with the investigation."

451.302. On July 17, 2015, Thai UnionTUG announced it suspended a planned public stock offering that it had planned to use to finance acquisition of Bumble Bee. Thai UnionTUG stated that it wanted "additional clarity" on the investigation before proceeding with the offering. Thai Union has notified the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") of the suspension. Thai Union has since also announced that the planned acquisition of Bumble Bee will not proceed given the merger investigation that is part of the DOJ investigation of anticompetitive practices in the PSP industry.

152.303. The publication Global Competition Review has reported that it "is highly likely that something produced in the [Tri-Union and Bumble Bee] merger investigation sparked this investigation touching the industry as a whole rather than just the parties to the deal," and "early information indicates the demand for information came from a separate section of the antitrust division, not one tasked with analyzing deals."

453.304. On July 23, 2015, Bumble Bee acknowledged receipt of a grand jury subpoena. Bumble Bee stated, "The Company did receive a grand jury subpoena relating to a US Department of Justice investigation into potential antitrust violations in the packaged seafood industry. The Company is cooperating fully with the investigation."

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DOJ investigation, it appears that StarKist received a subpoena as well, and that the DOJ's investigation extends to the entire domestic PSP sector. StarKist has but did not announced whether or not it has received a grand jury subpoenasay so publicly.

155.306. The fact that these companies received subpoenas from a federal grand jury is alone significant, as is reflected in Chapter 3 of the 2014 edition DOJ's Division of the Antitrust Manual, available http://www.justice.gov/atr/public/divisionmanual/chapter3.pdf. Section F.1 of that chapter notes that "staff should consider carefully the likelihood that, if a grand jury investigation developed evidence confirming the alleged anticompetitive conduct, the Division would proceed with a criminal prosecution." *Id.* at 111-82. The staff request needs to be approved by the relevant field chief and is then sent to the Antitrust Criminal Enforcement Division. Id. "The DAAG [Deputy Assistant Attorney General] for Operations, the Criminal DAAG, and the Director of Criminal Enforcement will make a recommendation to the Assistant Attorney General. If approved by the Assistant Attorney General, letters of authority are issued for all attorneys who will participate in the grand jury investigation." Id. at 111-83. "The investigation should be conducted by a grand jury in a judicial district where venue lies for the offense, such as a district from or to which pricefixed sales were made or where conspiratorial communications occurred." Id.

Grand Jury investigation is no secret. The DOJ made a formal motion for intervention in this action, which was not opposed and has since been granted by this Court. The DOJ is now an intervenor in this action. The DOJ had three attorneys in attendance at the first status conference on January 20, 2016. Since then, the parties and the Government—have negotiated and filed a partial stay

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agreement that expressly provides for certain discovery while preventing discovery that would infringe upon the Grand Jury's investigation.—; which was later modified to accommodate the timeline of the investigation. That investigation has now borne demonstrable fruit.

308. On December 7, 2016, it filed a criminal information against Cameron, a Senior Vice-President of Sales for Bumble Bee, alleging a conspiracy to fix prices of PSPs. "Information" (Dec. 7, 2016) (ECF No. 1) in *United States v. Cameron*, No. 3:16-cr-00501-EMC (N.D. Cal.). Cameron pled guilty to the offense charged at a hearing on January 25, 2017.

309. On December 21, 2016, the DOJ filed a criminal information against Ken Worsham, a Senior Vice-President of Trade Marketing for Bumble Bee, again alleging his participation in a conspiracy to fix the prices of PSPs. "Information" (Dec. 21, 2016) (ECF No. 1) in *United States v. Worsham*, No. 3:16-cr-00535-EMC-1 (N.D. Cal.). Ken Worsham pled guilty to the charge against him on March 15, 2017.

## 310. Both plea agreements state that:

the defendant participated in a conspiracy with other persons and entities engaged in the manufacture and sale of packaged seafood, the primary purpose of which was to fix, raise and maintain the prices of packaged seafood sold in the United States, In furtherance of the conspiracy, the defendant engaged in conversations and discussions and attended meetings with representatives of other major packaged-seafood-producing firms. During these conversations, discussions and meetings, agreements and mutual understandings were reached to fix, raise and maintain the prices of packaged seafood sold in the United States.

Worsham Plea Agreement, ¶ 4(b); Cameron Plea Agreement, ¶ 4(b).

311. Pursuant to his guilty plea, Ken Worsham admitted to collusive discussions with competitors about Defendants' price increases. Ken Worsham

also stated that during his conversations, discussions, and meetings, "agreements and mutual understandings were reached to fix, raise, and maintain the prices of packaged seafood sold in the United States." Ken Worsham and the government agreed on his sentencing guidelines calculations "based on a total amount of volume of commerce attributable to the defendant of over \$300 million." A reasonable inference from this admission is that Ken Worsham, Bumble Bee, StarKist and COSI reached and implemented illegal collusive agreements affecting over \$300 million worth of Bumble Bee's sales of packaged seafood in U.S. interstate commerce, in addition to the packaged seafood sales of StarKist and COSI that the agreement affected.

157.312. It has been publicly reported that one Defendant has applied for and been accepted into the DOJ's corporate leniency program under the Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act of 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-237, §213(b), 118 Stat. 665, 666 (codified as amended at 15 U.S.C. § 1 note) ("ACPERA"). This Defendant's

the ACPERA leniency program is specifically related to Defendants' price-fixing activities and other anticompetitive conduct in violation of Section 1 of The Sherman Act in the United States PSPPackaged Tuna market. At least one news service has identified a single brand as the leniency applicant. The news service MLex Market Insight has reported that the amnesty applicant has applied for protection the Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act of 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-237, tit. II, 118 Stat. 661 (2004) ("ACPERA"), Part B. Such protection requires that the amnesty applicant admit the commission of a criminal

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Plea Agreement ¶ 4 (b) *United States v. Kenneth Worsham*, No. 16 CR 535 (N.D. Cal. Dec. 21, 2016) (ECF No. 14).

 $<sup>^{18}</sup>$  *Id.* ¶ 9. (emphasis added). Worsham admitted his employer's sales of packaged seafood affecting U.S. customers totaled *at least* \$300 million. *Id.* ¶ 4(a).

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<u>3</u>	F. <u>H.</u> Plaintiffs Suffered Antitrust Injury
<u>4</u>	158.313. Defendants' anticompetitive conduct had the following effects,
<u>5</u>	among others:
<u>6</u>	a. Price competition has been restrained or eliminated with respect to
<u>7</u>	PSPsPackaged Tuna sold in the United States;
<u>8</u>	b. The prices of PSPsPackaged Tuna sold in the United States have
<u>9</u>	been fixed, raised, maintained, or stabilized at artificially inflated
<u>10</u>	levels;
<u>11</u>	c. Indirect purchasers of PSPsPackaged Tuna have been deprived of
<u>12</u>	free and open competition; and
<u>13</u>	d. Indirect purchasers of PSPsPackaged Tuna paid artificially inflated
<u>14</u>	prices.
<u>15</u>	159.314. By reason of the alleged violations of the antitrust laws and
<u>16</u>	other laws alleged herein, Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes have sustained
<u>17</u>	injury to their businesses or property, having paid higher prices for PSPsPackaged
<u>18</u>	Tuna than they would have paid in the absence of Defendants' illegal conduct, and,
<u>19</u>	as a result, have suffered damages in an amount presently undetermined. This is an
<u>20</u>	antitrust injury of the type that the antitrust laws were meant to punish and prevent.
<u>21</u>	FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT AND THE TOLLING OF THE
<u>22</u>	STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS
<u>23</u>	160. Throughout the Class Period, Defendants affirmatively and
<u>24</u>	fraudulently concealed their unlawful conduct from discovery by Plaintiffs.
<u>25</u>	I. TOLLING OF THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS
<u>26</u>	315. Plaintiffs had neither actual nor constructive knowledge of the facts
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<u>28</u>	161. Plaintiffs and members of the Class did not discover, nor and could
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not have discovered through the exercise of duereasonable diligence, the existence of the conspiracy and Defendants' and their co-conspirators' involvement in the conspiracy before July 23, 2015, when the DOJ's investigation became public.

162. Because alleged herein until at least July of 2015. Indeed, the conspiracy was actively concealed until July 23, 2015, Plaintiffs were unaware of Defendants' and their co-conspirators' unlawful conduct. Until that time, Plaintiffs were unaware that they were paying artificially inflated prices for PSPs.

163.316. The affirmative acts of Defendants and their co-conspirators, including acts in furtherance of apparently only uncovered by DOJ in the process of reviewing internal company documents relating to the conspiracy, were wrongfully concealed and conducted in a manner that precluded detectionproposed merger between COSI and Bumble Bee.

164. Defendants and their co-conspirators agreed among themselves not to discuss publicly or otherwise reveal the nature and substance of the acts and communications in furtherance of their illegal conspiracy.

165. Defendants and their co-conspirators met and communicated secretly concerning the pricing and marketing of PSPs so as to avoid detection.

earlier date by the exercise of reasonable diligence because of the deceptive practices and techniques employed by Defendants and their co-conspirators to avoid the detection of, and fraudulently conceal, their contract, conspiracy, or combination. Defendants' conspiracy was fraudulently concealed by various means and methods, including, but not limited to, secret meetings, misrepresentations to customers, and surreptitious communications among Defendants and their co-conspirators via telephone or in in-person meetings.

167. Because the alleged conspiracy was affirmatively concealed by Defendants and their co-conspirators until July 23, 2015, Plaintiffs had no knowledge of the alleged conspiracy or any facts or information that would have

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caused a reasonably diligent person to investigate whether a conspiracy existed.

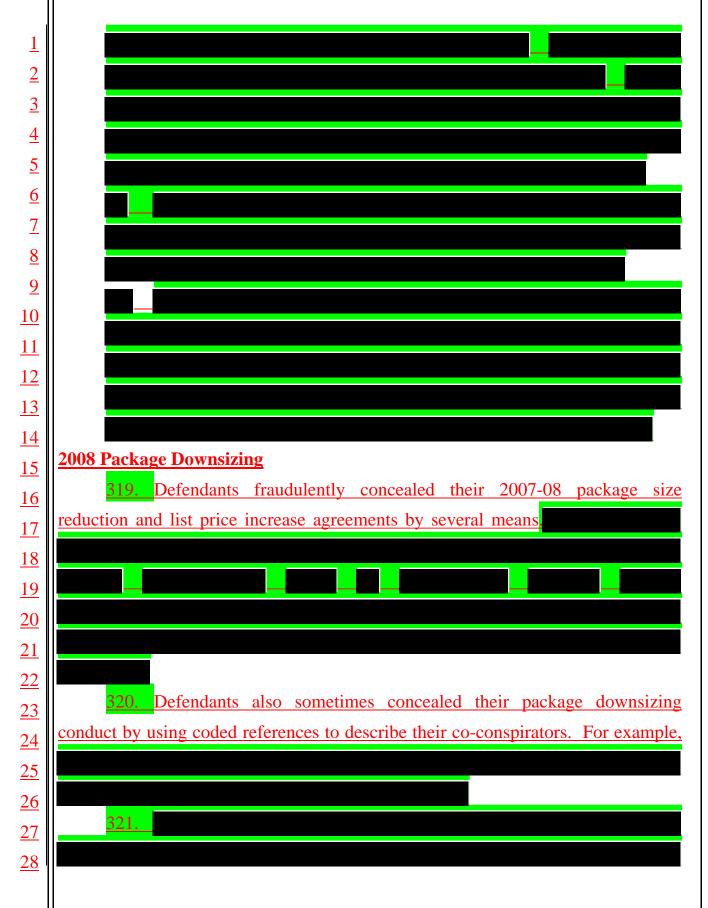
168. None of the facts or information available to Plaintiffs prior to July 23, 2015, if investigated with reasonable diligence, could or would have led to the discovery of the conspiracy prior to July 23, 2015.

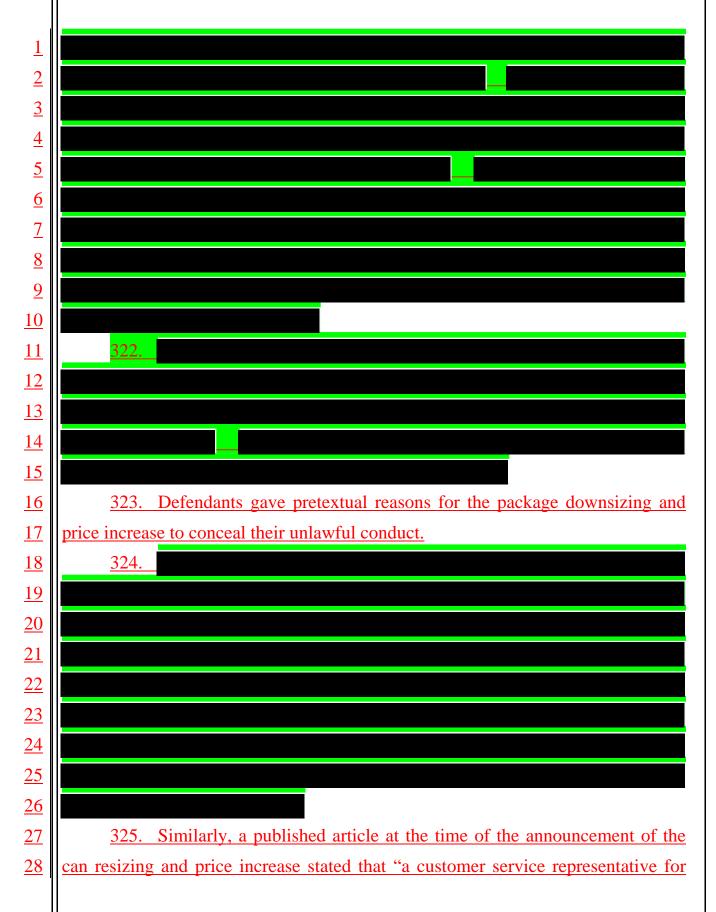
317. As a result of Defendants' and their co-conspirators' Defendants engaged in a secret conspiracy and did not reveal facts that would put Plaintiffs or the Class on inquiry notice that there was an agreement to fix prices for Packaged Tuna. By their very nature, price-fixing conspiracies are inherently self-concealing. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants agreed among themselves to conceal their unlawful conspiracy, including by agreeing not to discuss the conspiracy publicly and by other means of avoiding detection and maintaining secrecy, such as the use of nonpublic e-mails and private telephone calls, as described above. Accordingly, Plaintiffs could not have had either actual or constructive knowledge of the price fixing scheme until the public disclosure of the DOJ's criminal investigation on July 23, 2015.

### 2004-2006 Price Increases

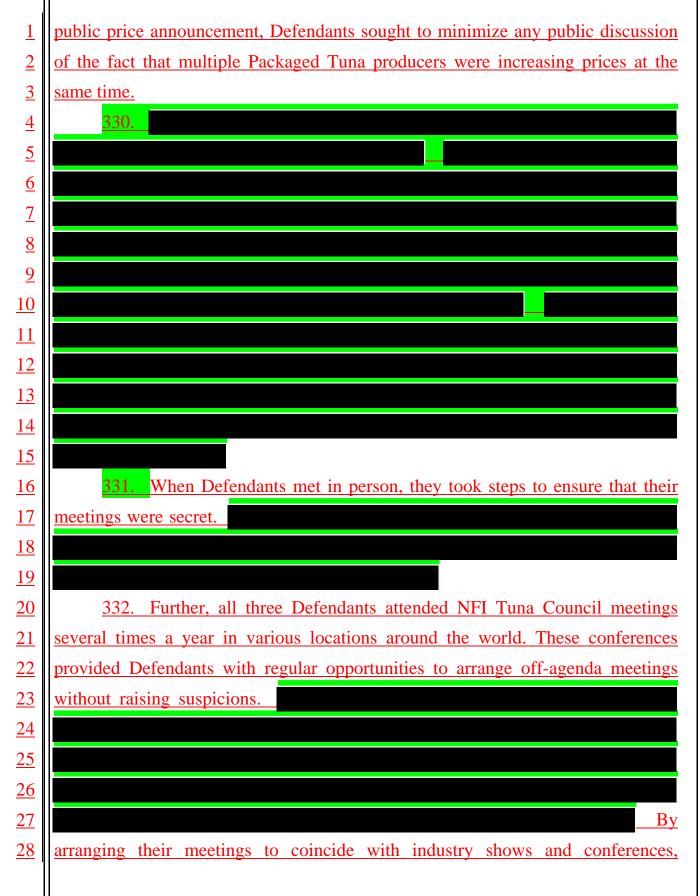
318. Defendants fraudulently concealed the 2004 and 2006 increases.

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<u>4</u>	When instituting the 2008 list price increase, StarKist stated in August
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<u>11</u>	<u>Later Coordinated Price Increases</u>
<u>12</u>	327. Defendants again used multiple means to conceal their 2008, 2010,
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349. The guilty plea of Ken Worsham of Bumble Bee further raise	s the
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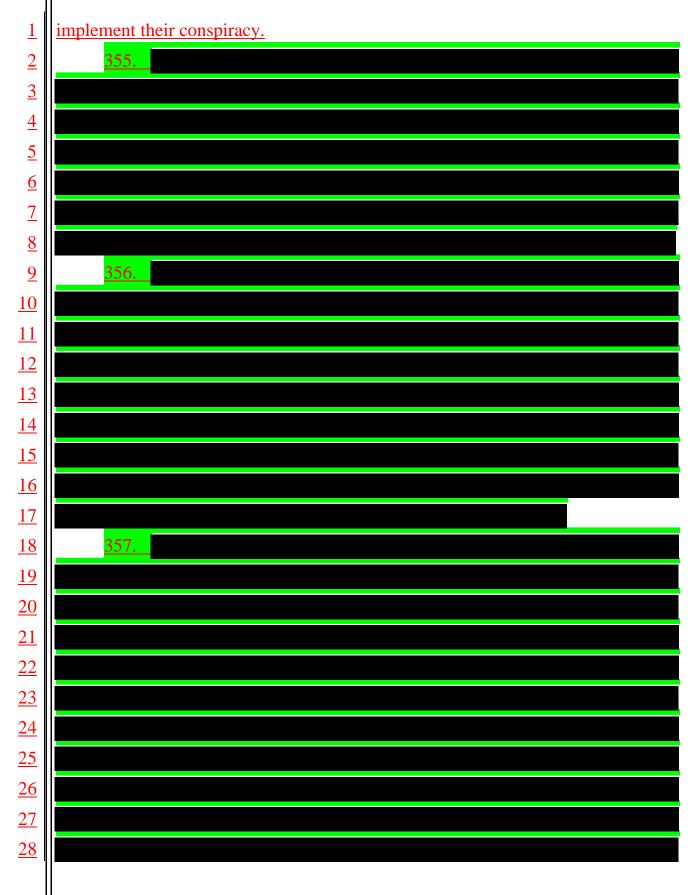
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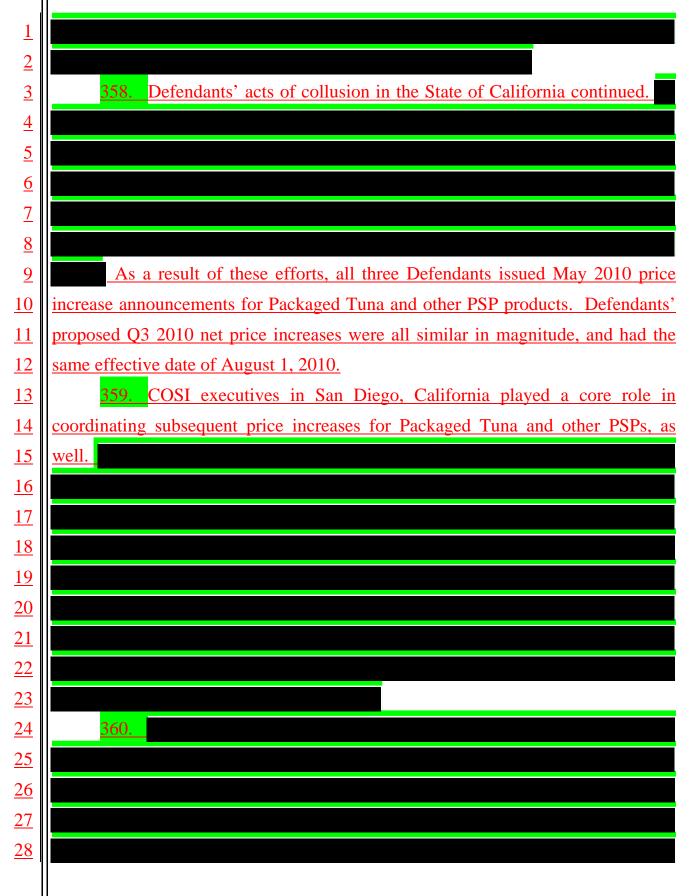
involvement of both father and son in the collusion allowed Defendants an avenue to pass competitive information where personnel from competing companies could meet as frequently as necessary with no need to present an explanation.

- 350. None of these communications ever mentioned Defendants' collusion or the fact that, as DOJ's Baer has stated, their industry was "not functioning competitively."
- 351. Defendants thus actively misled their customers about the price-fixing scheme. Their various justifications for price increases did not disclose that they had agreed among themselves to fix, raise and/or stabilize the price of Packaged Tuna. Defendants' justifications for their price increases were also misleading, to the extent they were true even in part, because of their failure to disclose that the price increases in fact resulted from their illegal agreement and conspiracy.
- 352. Because Defendants' agreement, understanding and conspiracy was kept secret, Plaintiffs and members of the Class were unaware of Defendants' unlawful conduct alleged herein and did not know that they were paying artificially high prices for Packaged Tuna during the Class Period.

## <u>Defendants' Conspiratorial Acts Overwhelmingly Took Place in California</u>

- 353. Defendants' acts in furtherance of their conspiracy to raise the prices of Packaged Tuna overwhelmingly occurred in the State of California.
- 354. As alleged above, Defendants COSI and Bumble Bee each maintain their principal places of business in San Diego, California. Defendants used and availed themselves of these and other California-based locales to engage in and





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362. In sum, all aspects of Defendants' collusive and conspiratorial acts, as herein alleged, involved executive and management-level personnel employed by, among others, Defendants COSI and Bumble Bee at their principle places of business in San Diego, California. Additionally, Defendants' actions in furtherance of the alleged Packaged Tuna price-fixing conspiracy overwhelming occurred in California. Indeed, in allocutions made at the time they entered guilty pleas to criminal antitrust charges for engaging in conspiratorial conduct with other companies to fix the prices of PSPs in the United States, Bumble Bee executives Ken Worsham and Cameron quite candidly admitted that their wrongful and collusive actions in violation of the nation's antitrust laws occurred largely, if not entirely, in California.<sup>19</sup>

363. Because the conspiratorial conduct overwhelmingly took place in

See, e.g., Rprt's Transc. Of Proceedings, January 25, 2017, U.S. v. Cameron,
 3:16-cr-00501-EMC, at pp.13-15; Rptr's Transc. Of Proceedings, March 15, 2016,
 U.S. v. Worsham, 3:16-cr-00535-EMC, at page 13, lines 15-17.

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California, and the massive economic harm visited on consumers throughout the United States emanated from California through the conduct of predominantly California actors acting in California, therefore California has a superior interest in having its laws applied to all injured consumers which exceeds the interests of those states which while allowing recovery by their consumers have chosen a different or more limited procedural mechanism with respect to cases brought in their respective jurisdictions under their respective laws.

#### **CAUSES OF ACTION**

#### **VIOLATIONS OF STATE ANTITRUST LAW**

364. The following First through Twenty-Seventh Claims for Relief are pleaded under the antitrust laws of each State or jurisdiction identified below, on behalf of the indicated Class.

#### FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1
(By All Plaintiffs On Behalf of The Nationwide Sherman Act Class)

- 170. Plaintiffs repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166 as if fully set forth herein.
- 171. Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in a continuing contract, combination, or conspiracy to artificially fix, raise, maintain and/or stabilize the prices of PSPs within the United States, its territories, and the District of Columbia in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. § 1).
- 172. Defendants' anticompetitive acts were intentionally directed at the United States market for PSPs and had a substantial and foreseeable effect on interstate commerce by raising and fixing PSP prices throughout the United States.
- 173. The contract, combination or conspiracy had the following direct, substantial, and reasonably foreseeable effects upon commerce in the United States and upon import commerce:
  - a. prices charged to, and paid by, Plaintiffs and members of the

1	Classes were artificially raised, fixed, maintained, or stabilized
<u>2</u>	at supra-competitive levels;
<u>3</u>	b. Plaintiffs and members of the Nationwide Sherman Act Class
<u>4</u>	have been deprived of the benefits of free, open and
<u>5</u>	unrestricted competition in the PSP market in the United States;
<u>6</u>	and
<u>7</u>	c. competition in establishing prices paid for PSPs has been
<u>8</u>	unlawfully restrained, suppressed, or eliminated.
<u>9</u>	174. Defendants and their co-conspirators' anticompetitive activities
<u>10</u>	have directly and proximately caused injury to Plaintiffs and members of the
<u>11</u>	Nationwide Sherman Act Class in the United States.
<u>12</u>	175. As a direct, foreseeable, and proximate result of Defendants'
<u>13</u>	anticompetitive conduct, Plaintiffs and the Nationwide Sherman Act Class have
<u>14</u>	been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury.
<u>15</u>	Accordingly, Plaintiffs and the Nationwide Sherman Act Class seek injunctive
<u>16</u>	<del>relief.</del>
<u>17</u>	SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF
<u>18</u>	Violation of Section 16720 of the
<u>19</u>	California Business and Professions Code ("The Cartwright Act")
<u>20</u>	(By All Plaintiffs On Behalf of The Nationwide Illinois Brick Repealer Cartwright Act Class)20
<u>21</u>	176.365. Plaintiffs repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained
<u>22</u>	in paragraphs 1 to $\frac{166363}{166363}$ as if fully set forth herein.
<u>23</u>	177.366. The violations of federal antitrust law set forth above also
<u>24</u>	constitute violations of section 16720 of California Business and Professions Code.
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<u>27</u>	<sup>20</sup> Plaintiffs reserve the right to seek amendment to apply the Cartwright Act to consumers in all US States and territories.
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367. The states and jurisdictions included in the Illinois Brick Repealer Cartwright Class (as defined in ¶ 94(a), supra) each allow indirect purchasers to recover on a similar theory applicable to the facts alleged in this Complaint, which overwhelmingly took place within the State of California.

368. Because the conspiratorial conduct overwhelmingly took place in California, and the massive economic harm visited on consumers throughout the United States emanated from California through the conduct of predominantly California actors acting in California, therefore California has a superior interest in having its laws applied to all injured consumers which exceeds the interests of those states which while allowing recovery by their consumers have chosen a different or more limited procedural mechanism with respect to cases brought in their respective jurisdictions under their respective laws.

<u>178.369.</u> During the Class Period, Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in a continuing contract, combination or conspiracy in unreasonable restraint of trade and commerce and other anticompetitive conduct alleged above in violation of California Business and Professions Code section 16700, *et seq.* 

179.370. Defendants' anticompetitive acts described above were knowing and willful and constitute violations or flagrant violations of California Business and Professions Code section 16700, *et seq*.

180.371. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the NationwideIllinois Brick Repealer Cartwright Act Class have been injured in their business and property in that they paid more for PSPsPackaged Tuna than they otherwise would have paid in the absence of Defendants' unlawful conduct. As a result of Defendants' violation of section 16720 of California Business and Professions Code, Plaintiffs and members of the NationwideIllinois Brick Repealer Cartwright Act Class seek treble damages and their cost of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees, pursuant to section 16750(a) of California Business and Professions Code.

## SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violations of California Business and Professions Code § 17200, et seq. (the "UCL")

### (By All Plaintiffs On Behalf of The Nationwide Cartwright Act Class)

- 181. Plaintiffs repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166 as if fully set forth herein.
- 182. The violations of federal antitrust law set forth above also constitute violations of section 17200, *et seq.* of California Business and Professions Code, also known as the Unfair Competition Law (the "UCL").
- 183. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, deceptive or fraudulent acts or practices in violation of the UCL by engaging in the acts and practices specified above.
- 184. This claim is instituted pursuant to sections 17203 and 17204 of California Business and Professions Code, to obtain restitution from these Defendants for acts, as alleged herein, that violated the UCL.
- 185. The Defendants' conduct as alleged herein violated the UCL. The acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices and non-disclosures of Defendants, as alleged herein, constituted a common, continuous, and continuing course of conduct of unfair competition by means of unfair, unlawful, and/or fraudulent business acts or practices within the meaning of the UCL, including, but not limited to, the following: (1) the violations of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, as set forth above; and (2) the violations of section 16720, et seq., of California Business and Professions Code, set forth above.
- 186. Defendants' acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices, and non-disclosures, as described above, whether or not in violation of section 16720, *et seq.*, of California Business and Professions Code, and whether or not concerted or independent acts, are otherwise unfair, unconscionable, unlawful or fraudulent.

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- 187. Plaintiffs and members of the Nationwide Cartwright Act Class are entitled to full restitution and/or disgorgement of all revenues, earnings, profits, compensation, and benefits that may have been obtained by Defendants as a result of such business acts or practices.
- 188. The effects of the illegal conduct alleged herein are continuing and while the conspiracy has ended, the effects of the conspiracy continue to harm Plaintiffs and members of The Nationwide Cartwright Act Class.
- 189. The unlawful and unfair business practices of Defendants, and each of them, as described above, have caused and continue to cause Plaintiffs and the members of the Nationwide Cartwright Act Class to pay supra-competitive and artificially inflated prices for PSPs sold in the United States. Plaintiffs and the members of the Nationwide Cartwright Act Class suffered injury in fact and lost money or property as a result of such unfair competition.
- 190. As alleged in this Complaint, Defendants and their co-conspirators have been unjustly enriched as a result of their wrongful conduct and by Defendants' unfair competition. Plaintiffs and the members of the Nationwide Cartwright Act Class are accordingly entitled to equitable relief including restitution and/or disgorgement of all revenues, earnings, profits, compensation, and benefits that may have been obtained by Defendants as a result of such business practices, pursuant to California Business and Professions Code sections 17203 and 17204.

#### **VIOLATIONS OF STATE ANTITRUST LAW**

## (Against All Defendants)

191. The following Fourth through Twenty-ninth Claims for Relief are pleaded under the antitrust laws of each State or jurisdiction identified below, on behalf of the indicated Class.

1 <u>2</u> FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF Violation of Arizona's Uniform State Antitrust Act, <u>3</u> Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 44-1401, et seq. <u>4</u> (By Plaintiffs Jonathan Rizzo and Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Tina Grant, <u>5</u> Tya Hughes, <u>6</u> John Pels, and Erica Rodriguez On Behalf of the Arizona Class) 7 192.372. Plaintiffs Jonathan Rizzo Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Tina 8 Grant, Tya Hughes, John Pels, and Tina GrantErica Rodriguez, on behalf of 9 themselves and the Arizona Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations 10 contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein. 11 193.373. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have 12 violated Arizona Rev. Stat. § 44-1401, et seq. 13 194.374. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy 14 between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce 15 in the PSPPackaged Tuna market, a substantial part of which occurred within 16 Arizona. <u>17</u> 195.375. Defendant established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or 18 attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Relevant Markets, 19 a substantial part of which occurred within Arizona, for the purpose of excluding 20 competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the PSPPackaged Tuna 21 Market. <u>22</u> 196.376. Defendants' violations of Arizona law were flagrant. 23 197.377. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Arizona's <u>24</u> trade and commerce. <u>25</u> 198.378. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful 26 conduct, the Plaintiffs and members of the Arizona Class have been injured in their <u>27</u> business or property and are threatened with further injury. 28 379. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise

to their unlawful conduct preventing Arizona plaintiffs from reasonably discovering the claim during the limitations period. This cause of action did not accrue until July 23, 2015 when the plaintiffs knew or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have known about the Defendants' unlawful conduct.

199.380. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and members of the Arizona Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief available under Arizona Revised Stat. § 44-1401, *et seq*.

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#### FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Arkansas Unfair Practices Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 4-75-201, et seq. and § 4-75-301, et seq. (By Plaintiff Joseph A. Langston On Behalf of the Arkansas Class)

- 200. Plaintiff Joseph A. Langston, on behalf of himself and the Arkansas Class, repeats and reasserts each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166 as if fully set forth herein.
- 201. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated Ark. Code Ann. § 4-75-201, et seq. and § 4-75-301, et seq.
- 202. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the PSP market, a substantial part of which occurred within Arkansas.
- 203. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Relevant Markets, a substantial part of which occurred within Arkansas, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the PSP Market.
  - 204. Defendants' violations of Arkansas law were flagrant.
  - 205. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Arkansas's trade

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206. Defendants' unlawful conduct caused injury, and as a result, Plaintiff and the members of the Arkansas Class have been damaged in their business or property and are threatened with further damages.

207. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff and members of the Arkansas Class is entitled to seek all forms of relief, including treble damages, reasonable attorney's fees and costs, and injunctive relief available under Ark. Code Ann. § 4-<del>75-211.</del>

## SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of California's Cartwright Act, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 16700, et seq.

(By Plaintiffs Mary Hudson, Marissa Jacobus Tya Hughes, Amy Jackson, Michael Juetten, Rick Musgrave, and David TonJohn Pels On Behalf of the California Class)

208.381. Plaintiffs Mary Hudson, Marissa Jacobus Tya Hughes, Amy Jackson, Michael Juetten, Rick Musgrave, and David TonJohn Pels, for themselves and on behalf of the California Class, repeat and reallege each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to <del>166</del>363 as if fully set forth herein.

209.382. The California Business & Professions Code generally governs conduct of corporate entities. The Cartwright Act, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 16700-16770, governs antitrust violations in California.

210.383. California policy is that "vigorous representation and protection of consumer interests are essential to the fair and efficient functioning of a free enterprise market economy," including by fostering competition in the marketplace. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 301.

211.384. Under the Cartwright Act, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 16750(a).

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212.385. A trust in California is any combination intended for various purposes, including but not limited to creating or carrying out restrictions in trade or commerce, limiting or reducing the production or increasing the price of merchandise, or preventing competition in the market for a commodity. Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 16720. Every trust in California is unlawful except as provided by the Code. *Id.* at § 16726.

213.386. Plaintiffs Mary Hudson, Marissa Jacobus, Michael Juetten, Rick Musgrave Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Tina Grant, Tya Hughes, John Pels, and David Ton Erica Rodriguez purchased PSPs Packaged Tuna within the State of California during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPs Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

214.387. Defendants enacted a combination of capital, skill or acts for the purpose of creating and carrying out restrictions in trade or commerce, in violation of Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 16700, *et seq*.

388. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct preventing California plaintiffs in the exercise of due diligence from uncovering the unlawful conduct. The applicable statute of limitations is tolled until July 23, 2015 until the plaintiffs by the exercise of reasonable diligence should have discovered it.

<u>215.389.</u> Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured in their business or property, with respect to purchases of <u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> in California and are entitled to all forms of relief, including recovery of treble <u>damagesdages</u>, interest, and injunctive relief, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

# FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

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## Violation of the District of Columbia Antitrust Act, D.C. Code § 28-4501, et seq.

## (By Plaintiff Paul Berger Plaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Kaitlyn Rooney,

### and Andrew Gorman On Behalf of the District of Columbia Class)

<u>Plaintiff Paul Berger, Plaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Kaitlyn Rooney, and Andrew Gorman</u> on behalf of <u>himselfthemselves</u> and on behalf of the District of Columbia Class, <u>repeatsrepeat</u> and <u>reallegesreallege</u> each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to <u>166</u>363 as if fully set forth herein.

217.391. The policy of District of Columbia Code, Title 28, Chapter 45 (Restraints of Trade) is to "promote the unhampered freedom of commerce and industry throughout the District of Columbia by prohibiting restraints of trade and monopolistic practices."

218.392. Plaintiff Paul BergerPlaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Kaitlyn Rooney, and Andrew Gorman purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the District of Columbia during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

219.393. Under District of Columbia law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action under the antitrust provisions of the D.C. Code based on the facts alleged in this Complaint, because "any indirect purchaser in the chain of manufacture, production or distribution of goods...shall be deemed to be injured within the meaning of this chapter." D.C. Code 28-4509(a).

<u>220.394.</u> Defendants contracted, combined or conspired to act in restraint of trade within the District of Columbia, and monopolized or attempted to monopolize the market for <u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> within the District of Columbia, in violation of D.C. Code § 28-4501, *et seq*.

395. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct by the affirmative actions described herein which were

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designed to prevent the discovery of such unlawful conduct and the Plaintiffs in the District of Columbia did not discover and could not discover the unlawful conduct prior to July 23, 2015.

<u>221.396.</u> Plaintiff and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of <u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> in the District of Columbia and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, and interest, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

#### EIGHTHFIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Guam Antitrust Law, Guam Code Ann. tit. 9 § 69.10, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Amy Jackson and Joelyna A. San Agustin On Behalf of the Guam Class)

222.397. Plaintiffs Amy Jackson and Joelyna San Agustin, on behalf of themselves and the Guam Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

<u>223.398.</u> <u>By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have</u> violated Guam Code Ann. tit. 9 § 69.10, *et seq.* 

224.399. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated Guam Code Ann. tit. 9 § 69.10, et seq.

<u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> within the Territory of Guam during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of <u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

<u>226.401.</u> Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the <u>PSPPackaged Tuna</u> market, a substantial part of which occurred within Guam.

<u>227.402.</u> Defendant established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Relevant Markets,

1	a substantial part of which occurred within Guam, for the purpose of excluding
<u>2</u>	competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the PSPPackaged Tuna
<u>3</u>	Market.
<u>4</u>	228.403. Defendants' conduct was an unfair method of competition, and
<u>5</u>	an unfair or deceptive act or practice within the conduct of commerce within the
<u>6</u>	State Territory of Guam.
<u>7</u>	229.404. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Guam's
<u>8</u>	trade and commerce.
<u>9</u>	230.405. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful
<u>10</u>	conduct, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Guam Class have been injured in
<u>11</u>	their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
<u>12</u>	406. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise
<u>13</u>	to the unlawful conduct. Having acted in secret, the statute of limitation for the
<u>14</u>	Guam Plaintiffs' claim did not begin running until July 23, 2015, when the
<u>15</u>	Plaintiffs acting reasonably could have discovered Defendants' unlawful conduct.
<u>16</u>	Plaintiffs could not and should not have suspected Defendants' wrongful conduct
<u>17</u>	<u>until July 23, 2015.</u>
<u>18</u>	231.407. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiffs and members of the
<u>19</u>	Guam Class is entitled to seek all forms of relief, including treble damages and
<u>20</u>	reasonable attorney's fees and costs under Guam.
<u>21</u>	<u>NINTHSIXTH</u> CLAIM FOR RELIEF
<u>22</u>	<u>Violation of the Hawaii Antitrust Statute,</u> <u>Haw. Rev. Stat. § 480-1, et seq.</u>
<u>23</u>	(By Plaintiff Gloria Emery on Behalf of the Hawaii Class)
<u>24</u>	408. Plaintiff Gloria Emery, for herself and on behalf of the Hawaii Class,
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the form of trust or otherwise, or conspiracy, in restraint of trade or commerce in

409. The Hawaii Antitrust Act prohibits "every contract, combination in

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the State," including acts to (i) "fix, control, or maintain, the price of any commodity;" (ii) "limit, control, or discontinue, the production, manufacture, or sale of any commodity for the purpose or with the result of fixing, controlling or maintaining its price"; and (iii) "fix, control, or maintain, any standard of quality of any commodity for the purpose or with the result of fixing, controlling, or maintaining its price." Haw. Rev. Stat. § 480-4(a) and 4(b).

- 410. Plaintiff Gloria Emery purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Hawaii during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 411. Defendants contracted, combined, or conspired to restrain the trade or commerce in the market for Packaged Tuna and their conduct substantially affected Hawaii commerce, in violation of Haw. Rev. Stat. §§ 480-1, et seq.
- 412. Plaintiff and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna in that at least thousands of sales of Defendants' Packaged Tuna took place in Hawaii, purchased by Hawaii consumers at supracompetitive prices caused by Defendants' conduct.
- 413. Under Hawaii law, an indirect purchaser may bring an action under the Hawaii Antitrust Act based on the facts alleged in this Complaint.<sup>21</sup>
- 414. Defendants' continued violations of the law comprise a repeated pattern and course of conduct that provide an exception to the applicable statute of limitations. Defendants also affirmatively misled Plaintiff and members of the Hawaii class by wrongfully concealing the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct. Plaintiff had neither actual nor constructive knowledge of the facts giving rise to her claims until July 23, 2015, and exercised due diligence in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> In compliance with Haw. Rev. Stat. § 480-13.3, Plaintiff has contemporaneously served a copy of this Complaint on the Hawaii Attorney General.

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attempting to discover such facts.

- 415. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff and members of the Hawaii Class are entitled to all forms of relief available under Haw. Rev. Stat. §§ 480, et seq., including treble damages, costs and disbursements, reasonable attorneys' fees, and injunctive relief necessary to prevent and restrain violations thereof.
- 416. Concurrent with the filing of this complaint, Plaintiff and her counsel have served required materials upon the Hawaii Attorney General pursuant to Haw. Rev. Stat. § 480-13.3.

#### SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Illinois Antitrust Act, 740 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 10/3(1), et seq.

(By Plaintiffs <del>Jessica Breitbach, Sally Crnkovich, Elizabeth Davis-Berg, Amy Joseph, Bredberg and Elizabeth Twitchell On Behalf of the Illinois Class <u>Davis-Berg</u>)</del>

232.417. Plaintiffs Jessica Breitbach, Sally Crnkovich, Elizabeth Davis-Berg, Amy Joseph, Bredberg and Elizabeth Twitchell, on behalf of themselves and the Illinois Class, Davis-Berg repeat and reassert each of the \_allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

233.418. The Illinois Antitrust Act, 740 ILCS 10/1, *et seq.*, aims "to promote the unhampered growth of commerce and industry throughout the State by prohibiting restraints of trade which are secured through monopolistic or oligarchic practices and which act or tend to act to decrease competition between and among persons engaged in commerce and trade . . . ." 740 ILCSIII. Comp. Stat. 10/2.

234.419. Plaintiffs Jessica Breitbach, Sally Crnkovich, Elizabeth Davis-Berg, Amy Joseph, Bredberg and Elizabeth Twitchell Davis-Berg purchased PSPs Packaged Tuna within the State of Illinois during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPs Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

235.420. Under the Illinois Antitrust Act, indirect purchasers have

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standing to maintain an action for damages based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. 740 III. Comp. Stat. ILCS 10/7(2).

236.421. Defendants made contracts or engaged in a combination or conspiracy with each other, though they would have been competitors but for their prior agreement, for the purpose of fixing, controlling or maintaining prices for PSPsPackaged Tuna sold, and/or for allocating customers or markets for PSPsPackaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of Illinois.

<u>237.422.</u> Defendants further unreasonably restrained trade or commerce and established, maintained or attempted to acquire monopoly power over the market for <u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> in Illinois for the purpose of excluding competition, in violation of 740 <u>HLCSIII. Comp. Stat.</u> 10/1, *et seq.* 

423. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct by the affirmative acts described herein with the intent to deceive the Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs did not know and members of the Classcould not have known about Defendants' unlawful conduct until July 23, 2015.

238.424. <u>Plaintiffs</u> were injured with respect to purchases of <u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> in Illinois and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

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### **EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

Violation of the Iowa Competition Law
Iowa Code § 553.1, et seq.
(By Plaintiffs Carla Lown and Jennifer A. Nelson
On Behalf of the Iowa Class)

239.425. Plaintiffs Carla Lown and Jennifer A. Nelson, on behalf of themselves and the Iowa Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

240.426. The Iowa Competition Law aims to "prohibit[] restraint of

1 economic activity and monopolistic practices." Iowa Code § 553.2. 2 241.427. Plaintiffs Carla Lown and Jennifer A. Nelson purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of Iowa during the Class Period. But for 3 4 Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna <u>5</u> would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial. 242.428. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired to restrain or <u>6</u> monopolize trade in the market for PSPsPackaged Tuna, and attempted to establish or did in fact establish a monopoly for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing or maintaining prices for PSPsPackaged Tuna, in violation of 9 10 Iowa Code § 553.1, et seq. 429. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise 11 to the unlawful conduct. Defendants' unlawful conduct was not reasonably 12 13 discovered until July 23, 2015. 243.430. Plaintiffs and members of the Iowa Class were injured with 14 respect to purchases of PSPsPackaged Tuna in Iowa, and are entitled to all forms 15 16 of relief, including actual damages, exemplary damages for willful conduct, reasonable attorneys' 17 fees and costs, and injunctive relief. <u>18</u> <u>19</u> <u>20</u> **ELEVENTHNINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF** <u>21</u> **Violation of the Kansas Restraint of Trade Act** <u>22</u> Kan. Stat. Ann. § 50-101, et seq. <u>23</u> (By Plaintiffs Brian Depperschmidt and Lisa Hall <u>24</u> On Behalf of the Kansas Class) <u>25</u> 244.431. Plaintiffs Brian Depperschmidt and Lisa Hall, on behalf of 26 themselves and the Kansas Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations 27 contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein. <u>28</u> 245.432. The Kansas Restraint of Trade Act aims to prohibit practices

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which, inter alia, "tend to prevent full and free competition in the importation, transportation or sale of articles imported into this state." Kan. Stat. Ann. § 50-112.

246.433. Plaintiffs Brian Depperschmidt and Lisa Hall purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of Kansas during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

247.434. Under the Kansas Restraint of Trade Act, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Kan. Stat. Ann § 50-161(b).

248.435. Defendants combined capital, skill or acts for the purposes of creating restrictions in trade or commerce of PSPsPackaged Tuna, increasing the price of PSPsPackaged Tuna, preventing competition in the sale of PSPsPackaged Tuna, or binding themselves not to sell PSPsPackaged Tuna, in a manner that established the price of PSPsPackaged Tuna and precluded free and unrestricted competition among themselves in the sale of PSPsPackaged Tuna, in violation of Kan. Stat. Ann. § 50-101, et seq.

<u>249.436.</u> Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of <u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> in Kansas and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, and injunctive relief.

## TWELFTHTENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Maine's Antitrust Statute,
Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 10 § 1101, et seq.
(By Plaintiffs Greg Stearns and Thomas E. Willoughby III
On Behalf of the Maine Class)

<u>250.437.</u> Plaintiffs Greg Stearns and Thomas E. Willoughby III, on behalf of themselves and the Maine Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to <u>166363</u> as if fully set forth herein.

<del>251.</del>438. Part 3 of Title 10 the Maine Revised Statutes generally governs 1 regulation of trade in Maine. Chapter 201 thereof governs monopolies and 3 profiteering, generally prohibiting contracts in restraint of trade and conspiracies to 4 monopolize trade. Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. Tit. 10, §§ 1101-02. <u>5</u> 252.439. Plaintiffs Greg Stearns and Thomas E. Willoughby III and Greg Stearns purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of Maine during the Class <u>6</u> Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at 8 trial. 9 10 <del>253.4</del>40. Under Maine law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. Tit. 10, 11 12 § 1104(1). 13 Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in restraint of trade or commerce of PSPsPackaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of 14 15 Maine, and monopolized or attempted to monopolize the trade or commerce of 16 PSPsPackaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of Maine, in violation of Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. Tit. 10, § 1101, et seq. 17 18 255.442. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to 19 purchases of PSPsPackaged Tuna in Maine and are entitled to all forms of relief, 20 including actual damages, treble damages, reasonable attorneys' and experts' fees 21 and costs. **THIRTEENTH** <u>22</u> <u>23</u> <u>24</u> <u>25</u> <u>26</u> <u>27</u> <u>28</u>

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#### **ELEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

Violation of the Michigan Antitrust Reform Act Mich. Comp. Laws § 445.771, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Louise Adams, Jessica Decker, and Barbara Olson On Behalf of the Michigan Class)

256.443. Plaintiffs Louise Adams, Jessica Decker, and Barbara Olson, on behalf of themselves and the Michigan Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

257.444. The Michigan Antitrust Reform Act aims "to prohibit contracts, combinations, and conspiracies in restraint of trade or commerce...to prohibit monopolies and attempts to monopolize trade or commerce...[and] to provide remedies, fines, and penalties for violations of this act." Mich. Act 274 of 1984.

258.445. Plaintiffs Louise Adams, Jessica Decker, and Barbara Olson purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of Michigan during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

259.446. Under the Michigan Antitrust Reform Act, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Mich. Comp. Laws. § 452.778(2).

260.447. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired to restrain or monopolize trade or commerce in the market for PSPsPackaged Tuna, in violation of Mich. Comp. Laws § 445.772, et seq.

448. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct and through their affirmative arrangements and contrivances preventing discovery of such unlawful conduct until July 23, 2015.

<del>261.</del>449. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of PSPsPackaged Tuna in Michigan and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages for flagrant violations, interest,

costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and injunctive or other appropriate equitable relief.

#### **FOURTEENTHTWELFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

Violation of the Minnesota Antitrust Law, Minn. Stat. § 325D.49, et seq.

(By Plaintiffs Laura Childs and Katherine Larson On Behalf of the Minnesota Class)

<u>PlaintiffPlaintiffs</u> Laura Childs<u>and Katherine Larson</u>, on behalf of <u>herselfthemselves</u> and the Minnesota Class, <u>repeatsrepeat</u> and <u>reassertsreassert</u> each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to <u>166363</u> as if fully set forth herein.

263.451. The Minnesota Antitrust Law of 1971 aims to prohibit any contract, combination or conspiracy when any part thereof was created, formed, or entered into in Minnesota; any contract, combination or conspiracy, wherever created, formed or entered into; any establishment, maintenance or use of monopoly power; and any attempt to establish, maintain or use monopoly power, whenever any of these affect Minnesota trade or commerce.

264.452. PlaintiffPlaintiffs Laura Childs and Katherine Larson purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of Minnesota during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

265.453. Under the Minnesota Antitrust Act of 1971, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Minn. Stat. § 325D.56.

<u>266.454.</u> Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in unreasonable restraint of trade or commerce in the market for <u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> within the intrastate commerce of and outside of Minnesota; established, maintained, used or attempted to establish, maintain or use monopoly power over the trade or

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commerce in the market for PSPsPackaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of and outside of Minnesota; and fixed prices and allocated markets for PSPsPackaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of and outside of Minnesota, in violation of Minn. Stat. § 325D.49, et seq.

455. PlaintiffDefendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct through the fraudulent and intentional acts described herein and Minnesota Plaintiffs could not have reasonable discovered the concealment of Defendants' unlawful conduct until July 23, 2015.

267.456. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of PSPsPackaged Tuna in Minnesota and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, costs and disbursements, reasonable attorneys' fees, and injunctive relief necessary to prevent and restrain violations hereof.

#### FIFTEENTHTHIRTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Mississippi Antitrust Statute, Miss. Code Ann. § 75-21-1, et seq.

## (By Plaintiff Christopher Todd On Behalf of the Mississippi Class)

268.457. Plaintiff Christopher Todd, on behalf of himself and the Mississippi Class, repeats and reasserts each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

269.458. Title 75 of the Mississippi Code regulates trade, commerce and investments. Chapter 21 thereof generally prohibits trusts and combines in restraint or hindrance of trade, with the aim that "trusts and combines may be suppressed, and the benefits arising from competition in business [are] preserved" to Mississippians. Miss. Code Ann. § 75-21-39.

270.459. Trusts are combinations, contracts, understandings or agreements, express or implied, when inimical to the public welfare and with the effect of, inter alia, restraining trade, increasing the price or output of a

purchases of PSPsPackaged Tuna in Mississippi and are entitled to all forms of 1 <u>2</u> relief, including actual damages and a penalty of \$500 per instance of injury. <u>3</u> <u>4</u> <u>5</u> <u>6</u> <u>7</u> <u>8</u> <u>9</u> <u>10</u> <u>11</u> <u>12</u> <u>13</u> <u>14</u> <u>15</u> <u>16</u> <u>17</u> <u>18</u> <u>19</u> <u>20</u> <u>21</u> 2223 <u>24</u> <u>25</u> <u>26</u> <u>27</u> <u>28</u>

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#### FOURTEENTHSIXTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act, Mo. Ann. Stat. § 407.010, et seq.

#### (By Plaintiff Rebecca Lee Simoens On Behalf of the Missouri Class)

- 277. Plaintiff Rebecca Lee Simoens on behalf of herself and the Missouri Class, repeats and reasserts each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166 as if fully set forth herein.
- 278. Chapter 407 of the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act (the "MMPA") generally governs unlawful business practices, including antitrust violations such as restraints of trade and monopolization.
- 279. Plaintiff purchased PSPs within the State of Missouri during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPs would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 280. Under Missouri law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action under the MMPA based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. *Gibbons v. J. Nuckolls, Inc.*, 216 S.W.3d 667, 669 (Mo. 2007).
- 281. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in restraint of trade or commerce of PSPs within the intrastate commerce of Missouri, and monopolized or attempted to monopolize the market for PSPs within the intrastate commerce of Missouri by possessing monopoly power in the market and willfully maintaining that power through agreements to fix prices, allocate markets and otherwise control trade, in violation of Mo. Ann. Stat. § 407.010, et seq.
- 282. Plaintiff and members of the Missouri Class were injured with respect to purchases of PSPs in Missouri and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages or liquidated damages in an amount which bears a reasonable relation to the actual damages which have been sustained, as well as reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive relief.

## **SEVENTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

Violation of the Nebraska Junkin Act,

## Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-801, et seq.,

## (By Plaintiffs Melissa Bowman and Barbara Buenning On Behalf of the Nebraska Class)

283.467. Plaintiff Melissa Bowman and Barbara Buenning, on behalf of themselves and the Nebraska Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

284.468. Chapter 59 of the Nebraska Revised Statute generally governs business and trade practices. Sections 801 through 831 thereof, known as the Junkin Act, prohibit antitrust violations such as restraints of trade and monopolization.

<u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> within the State of Nebraska during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of <u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

286.470. Under Nebraska law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action under the Junkin Act based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-821.

287.471. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in restraint of trade or commerce of PSPsPackaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of Nebraska, and monopolized or attempted to monopolize the market for PSPsPackaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of Nebraska by possessing monopoly power in the market and willfully maintaining that power through agreements to fix prices, allocate markets and otherwise control trade, in violation of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-801, et seq.

472. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. As alleged herein, the Defendants affirmatively concealed their unlawful conduct which prevented Nebraska Plaintiffs from reasonably discovering the claim before the statute of limitations expired. As a

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result, Defendants" unlawful conduct was neither obvious nor discoverable during the limitations period. This cause of action did not accrue until July 23, 2015 when the Plaintiffs knew, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have known about the Defendants' unlawful conduct.

288.473. Plaintiff and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of PSPsPackaged Tuna in Nebraska and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages or liquidated damages in an amount which bears a reasonable relation to the actual damages which have been sustained, as well as reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive relief.

#### FIFTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### **EIGHTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

Violation of the Nevada Unfair Trade Practices Act, Nev. Rev. Stat. § 598A.010, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Nay Alidad, Dwayne Kennedy, and Nancy Stiller On Behalf of the Nevada Class)

289.474. Plaintiffs Nay Alidad, Dwayne Kennedy, and Nancy Stiller, on behalf of themselves and the Nevada Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

290.475. The Nevada Unfair Trade Practice Act ("NUTPA") states that "free, open and competitive production and sale of commodities...is necessary to the economic well-being of the citizens of the State of Nevada." Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 598A.030(1).

291.476. The policy of NUTPA is to prohibit acts in restraint of trade or commerce, to preserve and protect the free, open and competitive market, and to penalize all persons engaged in anticompetitive practices. Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 598A.030(2). Such acts include, inter alia, price fixing, division of markets, allocation of customers, and monopolization of trade. Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 598A.060.

292.477. Plaintiffs Nay Alidad, Dwayne Kennedy, and Nancy Stiller 1 purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of Nevada during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged 3 4 Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial. <u>5</u> 293.478. Under Nevada law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action under NUTPA based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. 6 Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. §598A.210(2). 8 294.479. Defendants fixed prices by agreeing to establish prices for PSPsPackaged Tuna in Nevada, divided Nevada markets, allocated Nevada 9 10 customers, and monopolized or attempted monopolize trade or commerce of PSPsPackaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of Nevada, constituting a 11 contract, combination or conspiracy in restraint of trade in violation of Nev. Rev. 12 13 Stat. Ann. § 598A, et seq. 295.480. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect 14 to purchases of **PSPsPackaged Tuna** in Nevada in that at least thousands of sales of 15 16 Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna took place in Nevada, purchased by Nevada consumers at supra-competitive prices caused by Defendants' conduct. 17 Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein 18 <del>296.4</del>81. giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, the Nevada Plaintiffs 19 did not discover and could not have discovered by the exercise of reasonable 20 diligence Defendants' unlawful conduct. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of 21 the Nevada Class are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive relief. 23 <u>24</u> <u>297.482.</u> In accordance with the requirements of § 598A.210(3), simultaneous notice of this action was mailed to the Nevada Attorney General by 26 Plaintiffs Nay Alidad and Nancy Stiller. 27 <u>/ / /</u> 28

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#### SIXTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### **NINETEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

Violation of New Hampshire's Antitrust Statute, N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. XXXI, § 356, et seq.

(By Plaintiffs Jessica Bartling, Jody Cooper-, and Rob Skaff,
On Behalf of the New Hampshire Class)

298.483. PlaintiffPlaintiffs Jessica Bartling, Jody Cooper, and Rob Skaff, on behalf of herselfthemselves and the New Hampshire Class, repeats and reasserts each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein

299.484. Title XXXI of the New Hampshire Statutes generally governs trade and commerce. Chapter 356 thereof governs combinations and monopolies and prohibits restraints of trade. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 356:2, 3.

<u>PlaintiffPlaintiffs Jessica Bartling</u>, Jody Cooper, and Rob Skaff purchased <u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> within the State of New Hampshire during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of <u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

301.486. Under New Hampshire law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 356:11(II).

302.487. Defendants fixed, controlled or maintained prices for

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PSPsPackaged Tuna, allocated customers or markets for PSPsPackaged Tuna, and established, maintained or used monopoly power, or attempted to, constituting a contract, combination or conspiracy in restraint of trade in violation of N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 356:1, et seq.

488. Defendants fraudulently concealed the essential facts alleged here giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, New Hampshire Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have discovered in the exercise of reasonable diligence either Defendants' unlawful conduct or the facts giving rise to such conduct.

303.489. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of PSPsPackaged Tuna in New Hampshire and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages sustained, treble damages for willful or flagrant violations, reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive relief.

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#### SEVENTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### TWENTIETH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the New Mexico Antitrust Act, N.M. Stat. Ann. §§ 57-1-1, et seq.

(By Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid, Kathy Gore, and Laura Montoya On Behalf of the New Mexico Class)

Montoya, on behalf of himself and the New Mexico Class, repeats and reasserts each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

305.491. The New Mexico Antitrust Act aims to prohibit restraints of trade and monopolistic practices. N.M. Stat. Ann. 57-1-15.

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Montoya purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of New Mexico during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

307.493. Under New Mexico law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. N.M. Stat. Ann. § 57-1-3.

308.494. Defendants contracted, agreed, combined or conspired, and monopolized or attempted to monopolize trade for PSPsPackaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of New Mexico, in violation of N.M. Stat. Ann. § 57-1-1, *et seq.* 

495. Plaintiff Defendants knew that their conduct was unlawful and wrongfully concealed the facts alleged here giving rise to their unlawful conduct.

Until July 23, 2015, New Mexico Plaintiffs did not know and could not have known in the exercise of reasonable diligence either Defendants' unlawful conduct or the facts giving rise to such conduct.

309.496. <u>Plaintiffs</u> and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of <u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> in New Mexico and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and injunctive relief.

#### EIGHTEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### TWENTY-FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of Section 340 of the New York General Business Law (By Plaintiffs Michael Buff, Stephanie Gipson, Jennifer A. Nelson, and Nigel Warren On Behalf of the New York Class)

310.497. Plaintiffs Michael Buff, Stephanie Gipson, Jennifer A. Nelson, and Nigel Warren, on behalf of themselves and the New York Class, repeat and

reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein

311.498. Article 22 of the New York General Business Law general prohibits monopolies and contracts or agreements in restraint of trade, with the policy of encouraging competition or the free exercise of any activity in the conduct of any business, trade or commerce in New York. N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 340(1).

312.499. Plaintiffs Michael Buff, Stephanie Gipson, Jennifer A. Nelson, and Nigel Warren purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of New York during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

313.500. Under New York law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 340(6).

314.501. Defendants established or maintained a monopoly within the intrastate commerce of New York for the trade or commerce of PSPsPackaged Tuna and restrained competition in the free exercise of the conduct of the business of PSPsPackaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of New York, in violation of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 340, et seq.

502. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged here giving rise to their unlawful conduct and the New York Plaintiffs remained ignorant of such unlawful conduct until July 23, 2015. Until July 23, 2015, the New York Plaintiffs did not know, and could not have known, in the exercise of reasonable diligence about Defendants' wrongful conduct.

<u>315.503.</u> Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of <u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> in New York and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, costs not exceeding \$10,000, and

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reasonable attorneys' fees.

#### **NINETEENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### TWENTY-SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the North Carolina General Statutes, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-1, et seq.

(By Plaintiffs Corey Norris, Audra Rickman, and Elizabeth Twitchell Amber Sartori

#### **On Behalf of the North Carolina Class)**

316.504. Plaintiffs Corey Norris, Audra Rickman, and Elizabeth Twitchell Amber Sartori, on behalf of themselves and the North Carolina Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

317.505. Defendants entered into a contract or combination in the form of trust or otherwise, or conspiracy in restraint of trade or commerce in the PSPPackaged Tuna Market, a substantial part of which occurred within North Carolina.

318.506. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the PSPPackaged Tuna Market, for the purpose of affecting competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices, a substantial part of which occurred within North Carolina.

319.507. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected North Carolina's trade and commerce.

320.508. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and the members of the North Carolina Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.

509. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, the North Carolina Plaintiffs did not know and could not have learned or discovered by the exercise of due care about Defendants' unlawful conduct.

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321.510. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and members of the North Carolina Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief available, including treble damages, under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-1, *et seq*.

#### TWENTIETH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### TWENTY-THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the North Dakota Uniform State Antitrust Act, N.D. Cent. Code § 51-08.1, et seq.

## (By Plaintiffs Tya Hughes and Bonnie VanderLaan Vander Laan On Behalf of the North Dakota Class)

- 322.511. Plaintiffs Tya Hughes and Bonnie VanderLaan Vander Laan, on behalf of themselves and the North Dakota Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 323.512. The North Dakota Uniform State Antitrust Act generally prohibits restraints on or monopolization of trade. N.D. Cent. Code § 51-08.1, *et seq.*
- 324.513. Plaintiffs Tya Hughes and Bonnie VanderLaan Vander Laan purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of North Dakota during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 325.514. Under the North Dakota Uniform State Antitrust Act, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. N.D. Cent. Code § 51-08.1-08.
- 326.515. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in restraint of, or to monopolize trade or commerce in the market for PSPsPackaged Tuna, and established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to do so, for the purposes of excluding competition or controlling, fixing or maintaining prices for PSPsPackaged Tuna, in violation of N.D. Cent. Code §§ 51-08.1-02, 03.

516. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, North Dakota Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have discovered by exercise of reasonable diligence Defendants' unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, North Dakota Plaintiffs had neither actual nor constructive notice of the facts alleged herein giving rise to Defendants' unlawful conduct.

327.517. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases in North Dakota and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages for flagrant violations, costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and injunctive or other equitable relief.

#### TWENTY-FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### **TWENTY-FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

Violation of the Oregon Antitrust Law, Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.705, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Danielle Johnson and Beth and Liza Milliner

328.518. Plaintiffs Danielle Johnson and Beth and Liza Milliner, on behalf of themselves and the Oregon Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

**On Behalf of the Oregon Class)** 

329.519. Chapter 646 of the Oregon Revised Statutes generally governs business and trade practices within Oregon. Sections 705 through 899 thereof govern antitrust violations, with the policy to "encourage free and open competition in the interest of the general welfare and economy of the state." Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.715.

<u>330.520.</u> Plaintiffs Danielle Johnson and <u>Beth and Liza Milliner</u> purchased <u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> within the State of Oregon during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of <u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

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331.521. Under Oregon law, indirect purchasers have standing under the antitrust provisions of the Oregon Revised Statutes to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.780(1)(a).

332.522. Defendants contracted, combined, or conspired in restraint of trade or commerce of PSPsPackaged Tuna, and monopolized or attempted to monopolize the trade or commerce of PSPsPackaged Tuna, in violation of Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.705, et seq.

523. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Oregon Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have discovered with reasonable diligence either the facts alleged or Defendants' unlawful conduct.

Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of PSPsPackaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of Oregon, or alternatively to interstate commerce involving actual or threatened injury to persons located in Oregon, and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, reasonable attorneys' fees, expert witness fees and investigative costs, and injunctive relief.

#### TWENTY-FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### TWENTY-SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Rhode Island Antitrust Act R.I. Gen. Laws § 6-36-1, et seq.

# (By Plaintiff Katherine McMahon <u>and Elizabeth Perron</u> On Behalf of the Rhode Island Class)

334.525. PlaintiffPlaintiffs Katherine McMahon and Elizabeth Perron, on behalf of herselfthemselves and the Rhode Island Class, repeatsrepeat and reassertsreassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

335.526. The Rhode Island Antitrust Act aims to promote the unhampered growth of commerce and industry throughout Rhode Island by

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prohibiting unreasonable restraints of trade and monopolistic practices that hamper, prevent or decrease competition. R.I. Gen. Laws § 6-36-2(a)(2).

purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of Rhode Island during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

337.528. Under the Rhode Island Antitrust Act, as of July 15, 2013, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. R.I. Gen. Laws § 6-36-11(a). In Rhode Island, the claims of the Plaintiff and the Class alleged herein run from July 15, 2013, through the date that the effects of Defendants' anticompetitive conduct cease.

338.529. Defendants contracted, combined and conspired in restraint of trade of PSPsPackaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of Rhode Island, and established, maintained or used, or attempted to establish, maintain or use, a monopoly in the trade of PSPsPackaged Tuna for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing or maintaining prices within the intrastate commerce of Rhode Island, in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 6-36-1, *et seq*.

530. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Rhode Island Plaintiffs could not, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, have discovered the alleged facts or Defendants' wrongful conduct.

<u>339.531.</u> Plaintiff and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of <u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> in Rhode Island and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, reasonable costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and injunctive relief.

#### TWENTY-SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### TWENTY-THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

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# Violation of the South Dakota Antitrust Statute, S.D. Codified Laws § 37-1-3.1, et seq. (By Plaintiff Casey Christensen and Bonnie VanderLaan On Behalf of the South Dakota Class)

<u>340.532.</u> <u>PlaintiffsPlaintiff</u> Casey Christensen and Bonnie VanderLaan, on behalf of themselvesherself and the South Dakota Class, repeatrepeats and reassertreasserts each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to <u>166363</u> as if fully set forth herein.

341.533. Chapter 37-1 of the South Dakota Codified Laws prohibits restraint of trade, monopolies and discriminatory trade practices. S.D. Codified Laws §§ 37-1-3.1, 3.2.

purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of South Dakota during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

343.535. Under South Dakota law, indirect purchasers have standing under the antitrust provisions of the South Dakota Codified Laws to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. S.D. Codified Laws § 37-1-33.

344.536. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in restraint of trade or commerce of PSPsPackaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of South Dakota, and monopolized or attempted to monopolize trade or commerce of PSPsPackaged Tuna within the intrastate commerce of South Dakota, in violation of S.D. Codified Laws § 37-1, et seq.

537. Defendants acted affirmatively to wrongfully conceal facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, South Dakota Plaintiffs had no actual or constructive notice of these concealed facts and did not discover and could not have discovered with reasonable diligence Defendants' unlawful conduct.

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28 28 345.538. Plaintiff and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of PSPsPackaged Tuna in South Dakota and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, taxable costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and injunctive or other equitable relief.

#### TWENTY-SEVENTHTWENTY-FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Tennessee Trade Practices Act,

<u>Tenn. Code Ann.</u> § 47-25-101, et seq.

(By Plaintiffs Kirsten Peck, John Peychal, and John Trent
On Behalf of the Tennessee Class)

- 539. Plaintiffs Kirsten Peck, John Peychal, and John Trent, for themselves and on behalf of the Tennessee Class, repeat and realleged each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 540. The Tennessee Trade Practices Act ("TTPA") prohibits all arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts, or combinations that tend to advance, reduce, or control the price or the cost of products to producers or consumers. The TTPA prohibits arrangements that decrease competition or affect the prices of goods even if those goods arrived in Tennessee through interstate commerce.
- 541. Plaintiffs Kirsten Peck, John Peychal, and John Trent purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Tennessee during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 542. Defendants contracted, combined, or conspired to retrain the trade or commerce in the market for Packaged Tuna and their conduct substantially affected commerce within the State of Tennessee, in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 47-25-101, et seq.
- 543. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of Packaged Tuna in that at least thousands of sales of Defendants' Packaged Tuna took place in Tennessee, purchased by Tennessee consumers at supra-competitive prices caused by Defendants' conduct.

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544. Under Tennessee law, indirect purchaser may bring an action under the TTPA based on the facts alleged in this Complaint.

545. Defendants wrongfully and affirmatively concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Despite exercising due diligence, Plaintiffs did not have information sufficient to alert a reasonable person of the need to investigate the injury, and were not able to discover evidence of their claims of Defendants' unlawful conduct until July 23, 2015.

546. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and members of the Class are entitled to all forms of relief available under Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 47-25-101, et seq, including the full consideration or sum paid for the Packaged Tuna, costs and disbursements, reasonable attorneys' fees, and injunctive relief necessary to prevent and restrain violations thereof.

#### TWENTY-FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Utah Antitrust Act, Utah Code Ann. §§ 76-10-911, et seq.

#### (By Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid and Tina Grant On Behalf of the Utah Class)

346.547. Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid and Tina Grant, on behalf of themselves and the Utah Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

347.548. The Utah Antitrust Act aims to "encourage free and open competition in the interest of the general welfare and economy of this state by prohibiting monopolistic and unfair trade practices, combinations and conspiracies in restraint of trade or commerce . . . ." Utah Code Ann. § 76-10-3102.

<u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> within the State of Utah during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of <u>PSPsPackaged Tuna</u> would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

349.550. Under the Utah Antitrust Act, indirect purchasers who are either

Utah residents or Utah citizens have standing to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Utah Code Ann. § 76-10-3109(1)(a).

350.551. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in restraint of trade or commerce of PSPsPackaged Tuna, and monopolized or attempted to monopolize trade or commerce of PSPsPackaged Tuna, in violation of Utah Code Ann. § 76-10-3101, *et seq*.

552. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Utah Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have reasonably discovered their claim.

Plaintiffs and members of the Class who are either Utah residents or Utah citizens were injured with respect to purchases of PSPsPackaged Tuna in Utah and are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, costs of suit, reasonable attorneys' fees, and injunctive relief.

#### TWENTY-EIGHTHSIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the West Virginia Antitrust Act, W. Va. Code § 47-18-1, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Diana Mey and Jade Canterbury On Behalf of the West Virginia Class)

352.554. Plaintiffs Diana Mey and Jade Canterbury, on behalf of themselves and the West Virginia Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

353.555. The violations of federal antitrust law set forth above also constitute violations of section 47-18-1 of the West Virginia Code.

354.556. During the Class Period, Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in a continuing contract, combination or conspiracy in unreasonable restraint of trade and commerce and other anticompetitive conduct alleged above in violation of -W. Va. Code § 47-18-1, *et seq*.

355.557. Defendants' anticompetitive acts described above were

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knowing, willful and constitute violations or flagrant violations of the West Virginia Antitrust Act.

558. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, West Virginia Plaintiffs did not discover and could not in the exercise of reasonable diligence have discovered the alleged concealed facts or Defendants' wrongful conduct.

356.559. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the West Virginia Class have been injured in their business and property in that they paid more for PSPsPackaged Tuna than they otherwise would have paid in the absence of Defendants' unlawful conduct. As a result of Defendants' violation of Section 47-18-3 of the West Virginia Antitrust Act, Plaintiff and members of the West Virginia Class seek treble damages and their cost of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees, pursuant to section 47-18-9 of the West Virginia Code.

#### TWENTY-SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### TWENTY-NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Wisconsin Antitrust Act, Wis. Stat. Ann. § 133.01(1), et seq.

(By Plaintiffs Jessica Breitbach Michael Juetten, Kathy Lingnofski, Julie Wiese,

#### and Kenneth Dunlap

#### **<u>Daniel Zwirlein</u>** On Behalf of the Wisconsin Class)

<u>Julie Wiese</u>, and <u>Kenneth Dunlap Daniel Zwirlein</u>, on behalf of themselves and the Wisconsin Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to <u>166363</u> as if fully set forth herein.

358.561. Chapter 133 of the Wisconsin Statutes governs trust and monopolies, with the intent "to safeguard the public against the creation or perpetuation of monopolies and to foster and encourage competition by prohibiting

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unfair and discriminatory business practices which destroy or hamper competition." Wis. Stat. § 133.01.

359.562. Plaintiffs Kenneth Dunlap Michael Juetten, Kathy Lingnofski, Julie Wiese, and Jessica Breitbach Daniel Zwirlein purchased PSPs Packaged Tuna within the State of Wisconsin during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPs Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

360.563. Under Wisconsin law, indirect purchasers have standing under the antitrust provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes to maintain an action based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Wis. Stat. 133.18(a).

361.564. Defendants contracted, combined or conspired in restraint of trade or commerce of PSPsPackaged Tuna, and monopolized or attempted to monopolize the trade or commerce of PSPsPackaged Tuna, with the intention of injuring or destroying competition therein, in violation of Wis. Stat. § 133.01, et seq.

362.565. Plaintiffs and members of the Class were injured with respect to purchases of PSPsPackaged Tuna in Wisconsin in that the actions alleged herein substantially affected the people of Wisconsin, with at least thousands of consumers in Wisconsin paying substantially higher prices for Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in Wisconsin.

566. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Wisconsin Plaintiffs did not discover and could not in the exercise of reasonable diligence have discovered their injury or that Defendants' unlawful conduct likely caused such injury.

363.567. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Class are entitled to all forms of relief, including actual damages, treble damages, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, and injunctive relief.

364.568. Defendants' and their co-conspirators' anticompetitive

activities have directly, foreseeably and proximately caused injury to Plaintiffs and members of the Classes in the United States. Their injuries consist of: (1) being denied the opportunity to purchase lower-priced <a href="PSPsPackaged Tuna">PSPsPackaged Tuna</a> from Defendants, and (2) paying higher prices for Defendants' <a href="PSPsPackaged Tuna">PSPsPackaged Tuna</a> than they would have in the absence of Defendants' conduct. These injuries are of the type of the laws of the above States were designed to prevent, and flow from that which makes Defendants' conduct unlawful.

365,569. Defendants are jointly and severally liable for all damages suffered by Plaintiffs and Class members.

VIOLATIONS OF STATE CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW
(Against All Defendants)

366.570. The following ThirtiethTwenty-eight through Fifty-second Claims for Relief are pleaded under the consumer protection or similar laws of each State or jurisdiction identified below, on behalf of the indicated Class.

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California Business and Professions Code, to obtain restitution from these

380.585. This claim is instituted pursuant to sections 17203 and 17204 of

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<del>381.</del>586. The Defendants' conduct as alleged herein violated the UCL.

Business and Professions Code, set forth above.

Defendants for acts, as alleged herein, that violated the UCL.

The acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices and non-disclosures of Defendants, as alleged herein, constituted a common, continuous, and continuing course of conduct of unfair competition by means of unfair, unlawful, and/or fraudulent business acts or practices within the meaning of the UCL, including, but not limited to, the following: (1) the violations of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, as set forth above; and (2) the violations of section 16720, et seq., of California

382.587. Defendants' acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices, and non-disclosures, as described above, whether or not in violation of section 16720, et seg., of California Business and Professions Code, and whether or not concerted or independent acts, are otherwise unfair, unconscionable, unlawful or fraudulent.

588. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct preventing California Plaintiffs in the exercise of due diligence from uncovering the unlawful conduct. The applicable statute of limitations is tolled until July 23, 2015 until the Plaintiffs, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have discovered it.

383.589. Plaintiffs and members of the California Class are entitled to full restitution and/or disgorgement of all revenues, earnings, compensation, and benefits that may have been obtained by Defendants as a result of such business acts or practices.

The illegal conduct alleged herein is continuing and there is no <del>384.</del>590. indication that Defendants will not continue such activity into the future.

385.591. The unlawful and unfair business practices of Defendants, and each of them, as described above, have caused and continue to cause Plaintiffs and the members of the California Class to pay supra-competitive and artificiallyinflated prices for PSPsPackaged Tuna sold in the State of California. Plaintiffs

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and the members of the California Class suffered injury in fact and lost money or property as a result of such unfair competition.

386.592. As alleged in this Complaint, Defendants and their coconspirators have been unjustly enriched as a result of their wrongful conduct and by Defendants' unfair competition. Plaintiffs and the members of the California Class are accordingly entitled to equitable relief including restitution and/or disgorgement of all revenues, earnings, profits, compensation, and benefits that may have been obtained by Defendants as a result of such business practices, pursuant to California Business and Professions Code sections 17203 and 17204.

### THIRTIETH CLAIM FOR RELIEF THIRTY-SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the District of Columbia Consumer Protection Procedures Act, D.C. Code § 28-3901, et seq.

(By Plaintiff Paul Berger Plaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Kaitlyn Rooney,

#### and Andrew Gorman On Behalf of the District of Columbia Class)

387.593. Plaintiff Paul BergerPlaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Kaitlyn Rooney, and Andrew Gorman, on behalf of himselfthemselves and the District of Columbia Class, repeatsrepeat and reassertsreassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

388.594. Plaintiff Paul BergerPlaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Kaitlyn Rooney, and Andrew Gorman and members of the District of Columbia Class purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna for personal, family, or household purposes.

389.595. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated D.C. Code § 28-3901, *et seq*.

390.596. Defendants are "merchants" within the meaning of D.C. Code § 28-3901(a)(3).

391.597. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce

in the PSPPackaged Tuna market, a substantial part of which occurred within the District of Columbia. 3 392.598. Defendants established, maintained, or used a 4 monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Relevant Markets, a substantial part of which occurred within the District of 5 Columbia, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or 6 maintaining prices in the **PSP**Packaged Tuna Market. 393.599. Defendants' conduct was an unfair method of competition, and 8 an unfair or deceptive act or practice within the conduct of commerce within the 9 District of Columbia. 10 11 394.600. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected the District 12 of Columbia's trade and commerce. 13 395.601. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the PlaintiffPlaintiffs and members of the District of Columbia Class have 14 been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury. 15 16 602. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct by the affirmative actions described herein which were 17 designed to prevent the discovery of such unlawful conduct and the Plaintiffs in the 18 District of Columbia did not discover and could not discover the unlawful conduct 19 20 prior to July 23, 2015. 396.603. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiff and members 21 of the District of Columbia Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief, including treble damages or \$1500 per violation (whichever is greater) plus punitive 23 damages, reasonable attorney's fees and costs under D.C. Code § 28-3901, et seq. 25 26 ## <u>27</u> <u>28</u> **THIRTY-FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF** 

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#### THIRTY-THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act, Fla. Stat. § 501.201(2), et seq.

(By Plaintiffs Barbara Blumstein-and John Trent, Edgardo Gutierrez, Zenda Johnston, and Valerie Peters On Behalf of the Florida Class)

On Behalf of the Florida Class)

<u>Johnston</u>, and <u>John TrentValerie Peters</u>, for themselves and on behalf of the Florida Class, repeat and reallege each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to <u>166</u>363 as if fully set forth herein.

398.605. The Florida Deceptive & Unfair Trade Practices Act, Florida Stat. §§ 501.201, *et seq.* (the "FDUTPA"), generally prohibits "unfair methods of competition, unconscionable acts or practices, and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce," including practices in restraint of trade. Florida Stat. § 501.204(1).

399.606. The primary policy of the FDUTPA is "[t]o protect the consuming public and legitimate business enterprises from those who engage in unfair methods of competition, or unconscionable, deceptive, or unfair acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce." Florida Stat. § 501.202(2).

400.607. A claim for damages under the FDUTPA has three elements: (1) a prohibited practice; (2) causation; and (3) actual damages.

401.608. Under Florida law, indirect purchasers have standing to maintain an action under the FDUTPA based on the facts alleged in this Complaint. Fla. Stat. § 501.211(a) ("...anyone aggrieved by a violation of this [statute] may bring an action...").

402.609. Plaintiffs Barbara Blumstein, Edgardo Gutierrez, Zenda Johnston, and John TrentValerie Peters purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of Florida during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an

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amount to be determined at trial.

403.610. Defendants entered into a contract, combination or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the PSPPackaged Tuna market, a substantial part of which occurred within Florida.

404.611. Defendants established, maintained or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the market for PSPsPackaged Tuna, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing or maintaining prices in Florida at a level higher than the competitive market level, beginning at least as early as 2000 and continuing through the date of this filing.

405.612. Accordingly, Defendants' conduct was an unfair method of competition, and an unfair or deceptive act or practice within the conduct of commerce within the State of Florida.

406.613. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Florida's trade and commerce.

407.614. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and the members of the Florida Class have been injured in their business or property by virtue of overcharges for <a href="PSPsPackaged Tuna">PSPsPackaged Tuna</a> and are threatened with further injury.

615. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. As alleged herein, until July 23, 2015, Defendants were both successful in the concealment of their unlawful conduct and used fraudulent means to achieve such concealment such that the Florida Plaintiffs could not reasonably discover the claim under the circumstances to protect their interests during the limitations period. As a result, this cause of action did not accrue until July 23, 2015.

408.616. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and the members of the

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Florida Class <u>isare</u> entitled to seek all forms of relief, including injunctive relief pursuant to Florida Stat. §501.208 and declaratory judgment, actual damages, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to Florida Stat. § 501.211.

#### THIRTY-SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# Violation of Hawaii Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act Haw. Rev. Stat. § 480-2 (By Plaintiff Gloria Emery On Behalf of the Hawaii Class)

- 617. Plaintiff Gloria Emery, for herself and on behalf of the Hawaii Class, repeats and realleges each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 618. Plaintiff Gloria Emery and members of the Hawaii Class purchased Packaged Tuna for personal, family, or household purposes.
- 619. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated in violation of Haw. Rev. Stat. § 480-2.
- 620. Defendants have engaged in "unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices" within the meaning of Haw. Rev. Stat. § 480-2, with the intent to injure competitors and consumers through supra-competitive profits.
- 621. During the Class Period, Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Hawaii commerce and consumers.
- 622. Defendants fraudulently concealed their price-fixing conspiracy and withheld material facts regarding the true cause of price increases. Defendants' conduct had the capacity to deceive consumers and misled consumers into believing that increased prices were caused by non-conspiratorial circumstances.
- <u>623. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Hawaii's trade</u> <u>and commerce.</u>
- 624. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiff and members of the Hawaii Class have been injured and are threatened

625. Defendants' continued violations of the law comprise a repeated pattern and course of conduct that provide an exception to the applicable statute of limitations. Defendants also affirmatively misled Plaintiff by wrongfully

concealing the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct. Plaintiff had neither actual nor constructive knowledge of the facts giving rise to her claims

until July 23, 2015, and exercised due diligence in attempting to discover such

626. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff and members of the Hawaii Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief available under Haw. Rev. Stat. §§ 480, et seq.

627. Concurrent with the filing of this complaint, Plaintiff and her counsel have served required materials upon the Hawaii Attorney General pursuant to H.R.S. § 480-13.3.

#### THIRTY-THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### THIRTY-FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 505/10a, et seq.

(By Plaintiffs Jessica Breitbach, Sally Crnkovich Bredberg, Elizabeth Davis-Berg, and Amy Joseph, and Elizabeth Twitchell On Behalf of the Illinois Class)

409.628. Plaintiffs Jessica Breitbach, Sally CrnkovichBredberg, Elizabeth Davis-Berg, and Amy Joseph, and Elizabeth Twitchell, on behalf of themselves and the Illinois Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein

410.629. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated 740 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 10/3(1), et seq.

411.630. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy

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<u>2</u>	in the PSPPackaged Tuna market, a substantial part of which occurred within
<u>3</u>	Illinois.
<u>4</u>	412.631. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or
<u>5</u>	attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Relevant Markets,
<u>6</u>	a substantial part of which occurred within Illinois, for the purpose of excluding
<u>7</u>	competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the PSPPackaged Tuna
<u>8</u>	Market.
<u>9</u>	413.632. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive
<u>10</u>	within the conduct of commerce within the State of Illinois.
<u>11</u>	414.633. Defendants' conduct misled consumers, withheld material facts,
<u>12</u>	and resulted in material misrepresentations to Plaintiff and members of the
<u>13</u>	ClassPlaintiffs.
<u>14</u>	415.634. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Illinois's
<u>15</u>	trade and commerce.
<u>16</u>	416.635. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful
<u>17</u>	conduct, the Plaintiffs and members of the Illinois Class have been injured in their
<u>18</u>	business or property and are threatened with further injury.
<u>19</u>	636. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise
<u>20</u>	to the unlawful conduct by the affirmative acts described herein with the intent to
<u>21</u>	deceive the Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs did not know and could not have known about
<u>22</u>	Defendants' unlawful conduct until July 23, 2015.
<u>23</u>	417.637. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and members of the
<u>24</u>	Illinois Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief, including actual damages or
<u>25</u>	any other relief the Court deems proper under 815 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 505/10a, et
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26 27	THIRTY-FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
28	Violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act,

# Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 5 § 205-A, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Greg Stearns and Thomas E. Willoughby III On Behalf of the Maine Class)

- 418. Plaintiffs Greg Stearns and Thomas E. Willoughby III, on behalf of themselves and the Maine Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166 as if fully set forth herein.
- 419. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 5 § 205-A, et seq.
- 420. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the PSP market, a substantial part of which occurred within Maine.
- 421. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Relevant Markets, a substantial part of which occurred within Maine, for the purpose of unfairly excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the PSP Market.
  - 422. Defendants' violations of Maine law were flagrant.
- 423. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Maine's trade and commerce.
- 424. Plaintiffs and members of the Maine class purchased goods, namely PSPs, primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.
- 425. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Maine Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
- 426. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Maine Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief, including treble damages, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, and injunctive relief available under Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 5 § 213.

attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the market for

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PSPsPackaged Tuna, a substantial part of which occurred within Massachusetts, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the PSPPackaged Tuna market.

434.643. Defendants' conduct was an unfair method of competition, and an unfair or deceptive act or practice within the conduct of commerce within the State of Massachusetts.

435.644. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Massachusetts' trade and commerce.

436.645. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Massachusetts Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.

437.646. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiffs and the Massachusetts Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief, including up to treble damages and reasonable attorney's fees and costs under Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 93A § 9.

438.647. Pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 93A § 9, Plaintiff Caldwell mailed to all Defendants on August 31, 2015, via certified mail, return receipt requested, Demand for Payment Letters which explained the unfair acts, the injury suffered, and requested relief from the Defendants. Plaintiff Caldwell has received a response to these letters from Defendant StarKist, but was unable to come to any agreement with StarKist. Plaintiff Caldwell has received no response from the other Defendants.

648. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Defendants concealed the existence of their unlawful conduct through the affirmative actions alleged herein with an intent to deceive the Massachusetts Plaintiffs and Class as to the nature of their actions. Plaintiffs did not know and reasonably could not have known the facts alleged giving rise to Defendants' unlawful conduct. As a result, this cause of action did not accrue until July 23, 2015.

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439.649. Pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 93A § 9, Plaintiff Daniels mailed to all Defendants on September 3, 2015, and again on October 2, 2015, via certified mail, return receipt requested, Demand for Payment Letters which explained the unfair acts, the injury suffered, and requested relief from the Defendants. Plaintiff Daniels has received a response to these letters from Defendant StarKist, but was unable to come to any agreement with StarKist. Plaintiff Daniels has received no response from the other Defendants.

#### THIRTY-SEVENTHFIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Michigan Consumer Protection Act Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 445.901, et seq.

#### (By Plaintiffs Louise Adams, Jessica Decker, and Barbara Olson On Behalf of the Michigan Class)

440.650. Plaintiffs Louise Adams, Jessica Decker, and Barbara Olson, on behalf of themselves and the Michigan Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

441.651. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 445.901, *et seq*.

442.652. Defendants have entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the PSPPackaged Tuna Market, a substantial part of which occurred within Michigan.

443.653. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the <u>PSPPackaged</u> Market, for the purpose of excluding or limiting competition or controlling or maintaining prices, a substantial part of which occurred within Michigan.

444.654. Defendants' conduct was conducted with the intent to deceive Michigan consumers regarding the nature of Defendants' actions within the stream of Michigan commerce.

445.655. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive

1	within the conduct of commerce within the State of Michigan.
<u>2</u>	446.656. Defendants' conduct misled consumers, withheld material facts,
<u>3</u>	and took advantage of Plaintiffs and Class members' inability to protect
<u>4</u>	themselves.
<u>5</u>	447.657. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Michigan's
<u>6</u>	trade and commerce.
<u>7</u>	448.658. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful
<u>8</u>	conduct, the Plaintiffs and members of the Michigan Class have been injured in
<u>9</u>	their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
<u>10</u>	659. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise
<u>11</u>	to the unlawful conduct and through their affirmative arrangements and
<u>12</u>	contrivances preventing discovery of such unlawful conduct until July 23, 2015.
<u>13</u>	449.660. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiffs and the Michigan
<u>14</u>	Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief available under Mich. Comp. Laws
<u>15</u>	Ann. § 445.911.
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<u>19</u>	THIRTY-SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF THIRTY-EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
<u>20</u>	Violation of the Minnesota Consumer Fraud Act,
<u>21</u>	Minn. Stat. § 325F.68, et seq.
<u>22</u>	(By Plaintiffs Laura Childs and Katherine Larson
<u>23</u>	On Behalf of the Minnesota Class)
<u>24</u>	450.661. PlaintiffPlaintiffs Laura Childs and Katherine Larson, on behalf
<u>25</u>	of herselfthemselves and the Minnesota Class, repeatsrepeat and reassertsreassert
<u>26</u>	each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth
<u>27</u>	herein.  A51 662 Program of the conduct alleged herein Defendents have
28	451.662. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have

<u>1</u>	violated Minn. Stat. § 325F.68, et seq.
<u>2</u>	452.663. Defendants engaged in a deceptive trade practice with the intent
<u>3</u>	to injure competitors and consumers through supra-competitive profits.
<u>4</u>	453.664. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or
<u>5</u>	attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the PSP Packaged Tuna
<u>6</u>	Market, a substantial part of which occurred within Minnesota, for the purpose of
<u>7</u>	controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the PSPPackaged Seafood Market.
<u>8</u>	454.665. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive
<u>9</u>	within the conduct of commerce within the State of Minnesota.
<u>10</u>	455.666. Defendants' conduct, specifically in the form of fraudulent
<u>11</u>	concealment of their horizontal agreement, created a fraudulent or deceptive act or
<u>12</u>	practice committed by a supplier in connection with a consumer transaction.
<u>13</u>	456.667. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected
<u>14</u>	Minnesota's trade and commerce.
<u>15</u>	457.668. Defendants' conduct was willful.
<u>16</u>	458.669. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful
<u>17</u>	conduct, the PlaintiffPlaintiffs and the members of the Minnesota Class have been
<u>18</u>	injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
<u>19</u>	670. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise
<u>20</u>	to the unlawful conduct through the fraudulent and intentional acts described
<u>21</u>	herein and Minnesota Plaintiffs could not have reasonable discovered the
<u>22</u>	concealment of Defendants' unlawful conduct until July 23, 2015.
<u>23</u>	671. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiffs and the members of the
<u>24</u>	Minnesota Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief, including damages.
<u>25</u>	reasonable attorneys' fees and costs under Minn. Stat. § 325F.68, et seq. and
<u>26</u>	applicable case law.
<u>27</u>	THIRTY-SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
<u>28</u>	Violation of the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act,

#### Mo. Ann. Stat. § 407.010, et seq.

# (By Plaintiffs John Frick, Steven Kratky, Amber Sartori, and Rebecca Lee Simoens On Behalf of the Missouri Class)

- 672. Plaintiffs John Frick, Steven Kratky, Amber Sartori, and Rebecca Lee Simoens on behalf of themselves and the Missouri Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 673. Plaintiffs and members of the Missouri Class purchased Packaged Tuna during the Class Period for personal, family, or household purposes.
- 674. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated Missouri's Merchandising Practices Act (the "MMPA"), specifically Mo. Rev. Stat. § 407.020, which prohibits "the act, use or employment by any person of any deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, unfair practice or the concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact in connection with the sale or advertisement of any merchandise in trade or commerce . . . ."
- 675. Defendants have entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna Market, a part of which occurred within Missouri.
- 676. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna Market, for the purpose of excluding or limiting competition or controlling or maintaining prices, a part of which occurred within Missouri.
- 677. Defendants engaged in a deceptive trade practice with the intent to injure competitors and consumers through supra-competitive profits.
- 678. Defendants concealed, suppressed, and omitted to disclose material facts to Plaintiff and the members of the Missouri Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities. The concealed, suppressed, and omitted facts would have been important to Plaintiffs and the members of the Missouri Class as they relate to the cost of Packaged Tuna they purchased.

Violation of the Nebraska Consumer Protection Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-1602, et seq.

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### (By Plaintiffs Melissa Bowman and Barbara Buenning On Behalf of the Nebraska Class)

460.685. Plaintiffs Melissa Bowman and Barbara Buenning, on behalf of themselves and the Nebraska Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

461.686. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-1602, *et seq*.

462.687. Defendants have entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the PSPPackaged Tuna Market, a substantial part of which occurred within Nebraska.

463.688. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the PSPPackaged Tuna Market, for the purpose of excluding or limiting competition or controlling or maintaining prices, a substantial part of which occurred within Nebraska.

464.689. Defendants' conduct was conducted with the intent to deceive Nebraska consumers regarding the nature of Defendants' actions within the stream of Nebraska commerce.

465.690. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of Nebraska.

466.691. Defendants' conduct misled consumers, withheld material facts, and had a direct or indirect impact upon PlaintiffPlaintiffs and Class members' ability to protect themselves.

467.692. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Nebraska's trade and commerce.

468.693. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiff and the members of the Nebraska Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.

1	694. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise
<u>2</u>	to their unlawful conduct. As alleged herein, the Defendants affirmatively
<u>3</u>	concealed their unlawful conduct which prevented Nebraska Plaintiffs from
<u>4</u>	reasonably discovering the claim before the statute of limitations expired. As a
<u>5</u>	result, Defendants" unlawful conduct was neither obvious nor discoverable during
<u>6</u>	the limitations period. This cause of action did not accrue until July 23, 2015 when
<u>7</u>	the Plaintiffs knew, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have known
<u>8</u>	about the Defendants' unlawful conduct.
<u>9</u>	469.695. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff and members of the
<u>10</u>	Nebraska Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief available under Neb. Rev.
<u>11</u>	Stat. § 59-1614.
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<u>14</u>	THIRTY-NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
<u>15</u>	FORTIETH CLAIM FOR RELIEF Violation of the Newada Deporting Trade Proceedings Act
<u>16</u>	Violation of the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Nev. Rev. Stat. § 598.0903, <i>et seq</i> .
<u>17</u>	(By Plaintiffs Nay Alidad <del>, Dwayne Kennedy,</del> and Nancy Stiller
<u>18</u>	On Behalf of the Nevada Class)
<u>19</u>	470.696. Plaintiffs Nay Alidad <del>, Dwayne Kennedy,</del> and Nancy Stiller, on
<u>20</u>	behalf of themselves and the Nevada Class, repeat and reassert each of the
<u>21</u>	allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.
<u>22</u>	471.697. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have
<u>23</u>	violated Nev. Rev. Stat. § 598.0903, et seq.
0.4	Totaled Nev. Rev. Stati. § 550.0505, et seq.
<u>24</u>	472.698. Defendants engaged in a deceptive trade practice with the intent
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<ul><li>25</li><li>26</li></ul>	472.698. Defendants engaged in a deceptive trade practice with the intent
<u>25</u>	472.698. Defendants engaged in a deceptive trade practice with the intent to injure competitors and to substantially lessen competition.
<ul><li>25</li><li>26</li></ul>	472.698. Defendants engaged in a deceptive trade practice with the intent to injure competitors and to substantially lessen competition.  473.699. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or

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<u>2</u>	PSPPackaged Tuna Market.
<u>3</u>	474.700. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive
<u>4</u>	within the conduct of commerce within the State of Nevada.
<u>5</u>	475.701. Defendants' conduct amounted to a fraudulent act or practice
<u>6</u>	committed by a supplier in connection with a consumer transaction.
<u>7</u>	476.702. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Nevada's
<u>8</u>	trade and commerce.
<u>9</u>	477.703. Defendants' conduct was willful.
<u>10</u>	478.704. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful
<u>11</u>	conduct, the members of the Nevada Class have been injured in their business or
<u>12</u>	property and are threatened with further injury.
<u>13</u>	705. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise
<u>14</u>	to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, the Nevada Plaintiffs did no
<u>15</u>	discover and could not have discovered by the exercise of reasonable diligence
<u>16</u>	Defendants' unlawful conduct.
<u>17</u>	479.706. By reason of the foregoing, the Nevada Class is entitled to seek
<u>18</u>	all forms of relief, including damages, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, and a
<u>19</u>	civil penalty of up to \$5,000 per violation under Nev. Rev. Stat. § 598.0993.
<u>20</u>	FORTIETH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
<u>21</u>	FORTY-FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF Violation of the New Hampshire Consumer Protection Act,
<u>22</u>	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. XXXI, § 358-A, et seq.,
<u>23</u>	(By Plaintiff Plaintiffs Jessica Bartling, Jody Cooper, and Rob Skaff
<u>24</u>	On Behalf of the New Hampshire Class)
<u>25</u>	480.707. PlaintiffPlaintiffs Jessica Bartling, Jody Cooper, and Rob Skaff
<u>26</u>	on behalf of herselfthemselves and the New Hampshire Class, repeats repeat and
<u>27</u>	reassertsreassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as it
<u>28</u>	fully set forth herein.

within the conduct of commerce within the State of New Mexico.

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and resulted in material misrepresentations to Plaintiff and members of the Class.

Defendants' conduct misled consumers, withheld material facts,

1	497.725. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected New
<u>2</u>	Mexico's trade and commerce.
<u>3</u>	498.726. Defendants' conduct constituted "unconscionable trade
<u>4</u>	practices" in that such conduct, inter alia, resulted in a gross disparity between the
<u>5</u>	value received by the New Mexico class members and the price paid by them for
<u>6</u>	PSPsPackaged Tuna as set forth in N.M. Stat. Ann. § 57-12-2E.
<u>7</u>	499.727. Defendants' conduct was willful.
<u>8</u>	500.728. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful
<u>9</u>	conduct, the Plaintiffs and the members of the New Mexico Class have
<u>10</u>	been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
<u>11</u>	729. Defendants knew that their conduct was unlawful and wrongfully
<u>12</u>	concealed the facts alleged here giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July
<u>13</u>	23, 2015, New Mexico Plaintiffs did not know and could not have known in the
<u>14</u>	exercise of reasonable diligence either Defendants' unlawful conduct or the facts
<u>15</u>	giving rise to such conduct.
<u>16</u>	501.730. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff and members of
<u>17</u>	the New Mexico Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief, including actual
<u>18</u>	damages or up to \$300 per violation, whichever is greater, plus reasonable
<u>19</u>	attorney's fees under N.M. Stat. Ann. §§ 57-12-10.
<u>20</u>	FORTY-SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF
<u>21</u>	FORTY-THIRD-CLAIM FOR RELIEF
<u>22</u>	Violation of the North Carolina Unfair Trade and Business Practices Act,
<ul><li>22</li><li>23</li><li>24</li></ul>	N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-1.1, et seq.  (By Plaintiffs Corey Norris, Audra Rickman, and Elizabeth Twitchell Amber
<u>24</u>	Sartori
<u>25</u>	On Behalf of the North Carolina Class)
<u>26</u>	502.731. Plaintiffs Corey Norris, Audra Rickman, and Elizabeth
<u>27</u>	Twitchell Amber Sartori, on behalf of themselves and the North Carolina Class,
<u>28</u>	repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as

damages under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-16.

#### **FORTY-THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### **FORTY-FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

Violation of the North Dakota Unfair Trade Practices Law, N.D. Cent. Code § 51-10, et seq.

# (By Plaintiffs Tya Hughes and Bonnie VanderLaan Vander Laan On Behalf of the North Dakota Class)

- 512.742. Plaintiffs Tya Hughes and Bonnie VanderLaan Vander Laan, on behalf of themselves and the North Dakota Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.
- 513.743. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated N.D. Cent. Code § 51-10-01, *et seq*.
- 514.744. Defendants engaged in a deceptive trade practice with the intent to injure competitors and consumers through supra-competitive profits.
- 515.745. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the PSPPackaged Tuna Market, a substantial part of which occurred within North Dakota, for the purpose of controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the PSPPackaged Tuna Market.
- 516.746. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of North Dakota.
- 517.747. Defendants' conduct amounted to a fraudulent or deceptive act or practice committed by a supplier in connection with a consumer transaction.
- 518.748. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected North Dakota's trade and commerce.
  - 519.749. Defendants' conduct was willful.
- 750. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, North Dakota Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have discovered by exercise of reasonable diligence Defendants' unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, North Dakota Plaintiffs had

neither actual nor constructive notice of the facts alleged herein giving rise to Defendants' unlawful conduct.

520.751. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiff and the members of the North Dakota Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.

521.752. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiffs and the members of the North Dakota Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief, including damages and injunctive relief under N.D. Cent. Code § 51-10-06.

# FORTY-FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF FORTY-FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Oregon Unlawful Trade Practices Act, Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.605, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Danielle Johnson and Beth and Liza Milliner On Behalf of the Oregon Class)

522.753. Plaintiffs Danielle Johnson and Beth and Liza Milliner, on behalf of themselves and the Oregon Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

523.754. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.608, *et seq*.

524.755. Defendants have entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the PSPPackaged Tuna Market, a substantial part of which occurred within Oregon.

525.756. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the PSPPackaged Tuna Market, for the purpose of excluding or limiting competition or controlling or maintaining prices, a substantial part of which occurred within Oregon.

526.757. Defendants' conduct was conducted with the intent to deceive Oregon consumers regarding the nature of Defendants' actions within the stream of

Oregon commerce. 1 2 \_Defendants' conduct was unfair or deceptive within the conduct <del>527.</del>758. of commerce within the State of Oregon. 3 Defendants' conduct misled consumers, withheld material facts, 4 <del>528.</del>759. <u>5</u> and had a direct or indirect impact upon Plaintiff and class members' ability to protect themselves. 6 7 529.760. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Oregon's 8 trade and commerce. 9 530.761. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful 10 conduct, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Oregon Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury. 11 <u>12</u> 531.762. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Oregon Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief available under Or. Rev. 13 Stat. § 646.638. 14 763. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise <u>15</u> to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Oregon Plaintiffs did not discover 16 and could not have discovered with reasonable diligence either the facts alleged or 17 Defendants' unlawful conduct. 18 19 532.764. Pursuant to section 646.638 of the Oregon Unlawful Trade 20 Practices Act, contemporaneously with the filing of this action, a copy of this 21 Complaint is being served upon the Attorney General of Oregon. <u>22</u> /// <u>23</u> <u>24</u> <u>25</u> <u>26</u> <u>27</u> <u>28</u>

# FORTY-FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF FORTY-SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of Rhode Island Deceptive Trade Practices Act, R.I. Gen Laws § 6-13.1-1, et seq.

(By Plaintiffs Katherine McMahon and Elizabeth Perron
On Behalf of the Rhode Island Class)

<u>533.765.</u> <u>PlaintiffPlaintiffs</u> Katherine McMahon and Elizabeth Perron, on behalf of <u>herselfthemselves</u> and the Rhode Island Class, <u>repeatsrepeat</u> and <u>reassertsreassert</u> each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to <u>166363</u> as if fully set forth herein.

534.766. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated R.I. Gen Laws § 6-13.1-1, et seq.

535.767. Defendants engaged in an unfair or deceptive act or practice with the intent to injure competitors and consumers through supra-competitive profits.

536.768. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the PSPPackaged Tuna Market, a substantial part of which occurred within Rhode Island, for the purpose of controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the PSPPackaged Tuna Market.

537.769. Defendants' conduct was unfair or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of Rhode Island.

538.770. Defendants' conduct amounted to an unfair or deceptive act or practice committed by a supplier in connection with a consumer transaction.

539.771. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Rhode Island's trade and commerce.

540.772. Defendants' conduct was willful.

541.773. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to PlaintiffPlaintiffs and members of the Rhode Island Class concerning Defendants'

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unlawful activities, including the horizontal conspiracy and artificially-inflated prices for **PSPsPackaged Tuna**.

affirmative 542.774. Defendants' deception, including its misrepresentations and/or omissions concerning the price of PSPsPackaged Tuna, constitutes information necessary to PlaintiffPlaintiffs and members of the Rhode Island Class relating to the cost of **PSPsPackaged Tuna** purchased.

543.775. PlaintiffPlaintiffs and members of the Rhode Island class purchased goods, namely PSPsPackaged Tuna, primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

544.776. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Rhode Island Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.

777. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Rhode Island Plaintiffs could not, in the exercise of reasonable diligence, have discovered the alleged facts or Defendants' wrongful conduct.

By reason of the foregoing, PlaintiffPlaintiffs and the members of the Rhode Island Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief, including actual damages or \$200 per violation, whichever is greater, and injunctive relief and punitive damages under R.I. Gen Laws § 6-13.1-5.2.

# **FORTY-SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

Violation of the South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 39-5-10 et seq.

# (By Plaintiff Gay Birnbaum on Behalf of the South Carolina Class)

779. Plaintiff Gay Birnbaum, on behalf of herself and the South Carolina Class, repeats and reasserts each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 363 as if fully set forth herein.

780. Section 39-5-10 of the South Caroline Code prohibits "unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade

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or commerce."

- 781. Plaintiff Gay Birnbaum purchased Packaged Tuna from Defendants within the State of South Carolina during the Class Period.
- 782. Defendants engaged in an unfair or deceptive act or practice with the intent to injure competitors and consumers through supra-competitive profits.
- 783. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Packaged Tuna Market, a substantial part of which occurred within South Carolina, for the purpose of controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the Packaged Tuna Market.
- 784. Defendants' conduct was unfair or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of South Carolina.
- 785. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected South Carolina's trade and commerce.
  - 786. Defendants' conduct was willful.
- 787. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiff and members of the South Carolina Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities, including the horizontal conspiracy and artificially-inflated prices for Packaged Tuna. Defendants' wrongful concealment of the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct meant that such facts were not and could not have been reasonably discovered by the diligence of Plaintiffs until July 23, 2015.
- 788. Defendants' deception, including its affirmative misrepresentations and/or omissions concerning the price of Packaged Tuna, constitutes information necessary to Plaintiff and members of the South Carolina Class relating to the cost of Packaged Tuna purchased.
- 789. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs and the members of the South Carolina Class have been ascertainably injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
  - 790. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff and the members of the South

Carolina Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief, including treble damages or 1 <u>2</u> and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs under S.C. Code Ann. § 39-5-140 <u>3</u> 791. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 39-5-140(b), a copy of this complaint is being mailed to the South Carolina Attorney General in conjunction with its filing. <u>4</u> <u>5</u> <u>6</u> <u>7</u> <u>8</u> <u>9</u> <u>10</u> <u>11</u> <u>12</u> <u>13</u> <u>14</u> <u>15</u> <u>16</u> <u>17</u> <u>18</u> <u>19</u> <u>20</u> <u>21</u> <u>22</u> <u>23</u> <u>24</u> <u>25</u> <u>26</u> <u>27</u> <u>28</u>

#### FORTY-SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the South Dakota Deceptive Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, S.D. Codified Laws § 37-24, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Plaintiff Casey Christensen and Bonnie Vander Laan On Behalf of the South Dakota Class)

546.792. Plaintiffs Casey Christensen and Bonnie VanderLaan, on behalf of themselves herself and the South Dakota Class, repeatrepeats and reassertreasserts each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

547.793. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated S.D. Codified Laws § 37-24-6.

548.794. Defendants engaged in a deceptive trade practice with the intent to injure competitors and consumers through supra-competitive profits.

549.795. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the PSPPackaged Tuna Market, a substantial part of which occurred within South Dakota, for the purpose of controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the PSPPackaged Tuna Market.

550.796. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of South Dakota.

551.797. Defendants' conduct amounted to a fraudulent or deceptive act or practice committed by a supplier in connection with a consumer transaction.

552.798. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected South Dakota's trade and commerce.

553.799. Defendants' conduct was willful.

554.800. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs Plaintiff and the members of the South Dakota Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.

801. Defendants acted affirmatively to wrongfully conceal facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, South Dakota

Plaintiffs had no actual or constructive notice of these concealed facts and did not discover and could not have discovered with reasonable diligence Defendants' unlawful conduct.

555.802. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiffs and the members of the South Dakota Class are entitled to seek all forms of relief, including actual damages and injunctive relief under S.D. Codified Laws § 37-24-31.

#### FORTY-EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Utah Consumer Sales Practices Act, Utah Code Ann. §§ 13-11-1, et seq.

#### (By Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid and Tina Grant On Behalf of the Utah Class)

556.803. Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid and Tina Grant, on behalf of themselves and the Utah Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

557.804. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have violated Utah Code Ann. §§ 13-11-1, et seq.

<u>558.805.</u> Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce in the <u>PSPPackaged Tuna</u> market, a substantial part of which occurred within Utah.

559.806. Defendants are suppliers within the meaning of Utah Code Ann. §§ 13-11-3.

560.807. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Relevant Markets, a substantial part of which occurred within Utah, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the <a href="PSPPackaged Tuna">PSPPackaged Tuna</a> Market.

561.808. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive within the conduct of commerce within the State of Utah.

562.809. Defendants' conduct and/or practices were unconscionable and

1	were undertaken in connection with consumer transactions.
<u>2</u>	563.810. Defendants knew or had reason to know that their conduct was
<u>3</u>	unconscionable.
<u>4</u>	564.811. Defendants' conduct misled consumers, withheld material facts
<u>5</u>	and resulted in material misrepresentations to Plaintiff and members of the Class.
<u>6</u>	565.812. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Utah's
7	trade and commerce.
<u>8</u>	566.813. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful
<u>9</u>	conduct, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Utah Class have been injured in
<u>10</u>	their business or property and are threatened with further injury.
<u>11</u>	814. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise
<u>12</u>	to the their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Utah Plaintiffs did not discover
<u>13</u>	and could not have reasonably discovered their claim.
<u>14</u>	567.815. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiffs and the members of
<u>15</u>	the Utah Class is entitled to seek all forms of relief, including declaratory
<u>16</u>	judgment, injunctive relief, and ancillary relief, pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 13-
<u>17</u>	11-19(5) and 13-11-20.
<u>18</u>	FORTY-NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF Violation of the Utah Unfair Practices Act,
<u>19</u>	Utah Code All. §§ 13-5-1, et seq.
<u>20</u>	(By Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid and Tina Grant On Behalf of the Utah Class)
<u>21</u>	568.816. Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid and Tina Grant, on behalf of
<u>22</u>	themselves and the Utah Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations
<u>23</u>	contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.
<u>24</u>	569.817. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have
<u>25</u>	violated Utah Code Ann. §§ 13-5-1, et seq.
<u>26</u>	570.818. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy
27	between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce
<u>28</u>	in the PSPPackaged Tuna market, a substantial part of which occurred within Utah.

571.819. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the Relevant Markets, a substantial part of which occurred within Utah, for the purpose of excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the <a href="PSPPackaged Tuna">PSPPackaged Tuna</a> Market.

572.820. Defendants' conduct caused or was intended to cause unfair methods of competition within the State of Utah.

573.821. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Utah's trade and commerce.

574.822. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Utah Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.

823. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Utah Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have reasonably discovered their claim.

575.824. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiffs and the members of the Utah Class is entitled to seek all forms of relief, including actual damages or \$2000 per Utah Class member, whichever is greater, plus reasonable attorney's fees under Utah Code Ann. §§ 13-5-14, *et seq*.

## FIFTIETH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the Vermont Consumer Fraud Act, Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 9, §§ 2453, et seq. (By Plaintiffs Stephanie Gipson and Jennifer A. Nelson On Behalf of the Vermont Class)

576.825. Plaintiffs Stephanie Gipson and Jennifer A. Nelson, on behalf of themselves and the Vermont Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

577.826. Title 9 of the Vermont Statutes generally governs commerce and trade in Vermont. Chapter 63 thereof governs consumer protection and

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<u>1</u>	FIFTY-FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF
<u>2</u>	Violation of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act,
<u>3</u>	Va. Code Ann. § 59.1-196, et seq. (By <del>Plaintiff Plaintiffs Andrew Gorman, Marissa Jacobus, and</del> Elizabeth
<u>4</u>	Twitchell
<u>5</u>	On Behalf of the Virginia Class)
<u>6</u>	583.833. Plaintiff Andrew Gorman, Marissa Jacobus, and Elizabeth
<u>7</u>	Twitchell, on behalf of herselfthemselves and the Virginia Class, repeatsrepeat and
<u>8</u>	reassertsreassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if
<u>9</u>	fully set forth herein.
<u>10</u>	584.834. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants have
<u>11</u>	violated Va. Code Ann. § 59.1-196, et seq.
<u>12</u>	585.835. Defendants entered into a contract, combination, or conspiracy
<u>13</u>	between two or more persons in restraint of, or to monopolize, trade or commerce
<u>14</u>	in the PSPPackaged Tuna market, a substantial part of which occurred within
<u>15</u>	Virginia.
<u>16</u>	586.836. Defendants established, maintained, or used a monopoly, or
<u>17</u>	attempted to establish a monopoly, of trade or commerce in the PSPPackaged Tuna
<u>18</u>	Market, a substantial part of which occurred within Virginia, for the purpose of
<u>19</u>	excluding competition or controlling, fixing, or maintaining prices in the
<u>20</u>	PSPPackaged Tuna Market.
<u>21</u>	587.837. Defendants' conduct was unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive
<u>22</u>	within the conduct of commerce within the State of Virginia.
<u>23</u>	588.838. Defendants' conduct amounted to a fraudulent act or practice
<u>24</u>	committed by a supplier in connection with a consumer transaction.
<u>25</u>	589.839. Defendants' unlawful conduct substantially affected Virginia's
<u>26</u>	trade and commerce.
<u>27</u>	590.840. Defendants' conduct was willful.
<u>28</u>	591.841. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' unlawful

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conduct, the <u>PlaintiffPlaintiffs</u> and the members of the Virginia Class have been injured in their business or property and are threatened with further injury.

842. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Defendants concealed the existence of their unlawful conduct through their affirmative acts of misrepresentation with the intent to debar and deter the Virginia Plaintiffs and Class from discovering the facts alleged giving rise to Defendants' unlawful conduct. The unlawful nature of Defendants' conduct is of character which involved moral turpitude. As a result, the time of Defendants' obstruction should not be counted as any part of the period within which the action must brought.

592.843. By reason of the foregoing, the Plaintiff and the members of the Virginia Class is entitled to seek all forms of relief, including treble damages or \$1000 per violation, whichever is greater, plus reasonable attorneys' fees and costs under Va. Code Ann. § 59.1-204(A), *et seq*.

### FIFTY-SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

Violation of the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act,
W. Va. Code § 46A-6-101, et seq.
(By Plaintiffs Diana Mey and Jade Canterbury
On Behalf of the West Virginia Class)

593.844. Plaintiffs Diana Mey and Jade Canterbury, on behalf of themselves and the West Virginia Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

594.845. The violations of federal antitrust law set forth above also constitute violations of Sections 46A-6-101, *et seq.* of the West Virginia Code.

595.846. During the Class Period, Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in a continuing contract, combination or conspiracy in unreasonable restraint of trade and commerce and other anticompetitive conduct alleged above in violation of W. Va. Code § 46A-6-101, *et seq*.

596.847. Defendants' anticompetitive acts described above were

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knowing, willful and constitute violations or flagrant violations of the West Virginia Antitrust Act and the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act.

597.848. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiff and members of the West Virginia Class have been injured in their business and property in that they paid more for PSPsPackaged Tuna than they otherwise would have paid in the absence of Defendants' unlawful conduct. As a result of Defendants' violation of Sections 46A-6-104 of the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act, Plaintiffs and members of the West Virginia Class seek actual damages or \$200 per violation, whichever is greater, pursuant to Section 46A-6-106 of the West Virginia Code.

598.849. Pursuant to Section 46A-6-106(c) of the West Virginia Code, Plaintiff Jade Canterbury provided notice to Defendants in the manner specified under the Code on September 25, 2015, which was twenty (20) days or more prior to the addition of this claim. Plaintiff has not received an offer to cure as of the date of this filing.

850. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, West Virginia Plaintiffs did not discover and could not in the exercise of reasonable diligence have discovered the alleged concealed facts or Defendants' wrongful conduct.

## <u>UNJUST ENRICHMENT</u>

599.851. The following Fifty-third through Seventy-eighth Claims for Relief are pleaded in the alternative to each of the other claims in this Complaint save the Sherman Act claim and the Cartwright Act claim.

# FIFTY-THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(By Plaintiffs Jonathan Rizzo and Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Tina Grant, Tya Hughes,

**John Pels, and Erica Rodriguez** On Behalf of the Arizona Class)

600.852. Plaintiffs Jonathan Rizzo and Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Tina

Grant, Tya Hughes, John Pels, and Erica Rodriguez, on behalf of themselves and the Arizona Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

Grant, Tya Hughes, John Pels, and Erica Rodriguez purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of Arizona during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

602.854. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in Arizona at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

603.855. Defendants have been enriched by revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna.

604.856. Plaintiffs and Class members have been impoverished by the overcharges for Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna resulting from Defendants' unlawful conduct.

857. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct preventing Arizona plaintiffs from reasonably discovering the claim during the limitations period. This cause of action did not accrue until July 23, 2015 when the plaintiffs knew or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have known about the Defendants' unlawful conduct.

605.858. Defendants' enrichment and Plaintiffs' impoverishment are connected. Defendants have paid no consideration to any other person for any benefits they received from Plaintiffs and Class Members.

606.859. There is no justification for Defendants' receipt of the benefits causing their enrichment and Plaintiffs' and Class members' impoverishment, because Plaintiffs and Class members paid anticompetitive prices that inured to Defendants' benefit, and it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain any

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revenue gained from their unlawful overcharges.

607.860. Plaintiffs and Class members have no remedy at law.

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#### FIFTY-FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(<u>In the Alternative</u>, By Plaintiffs Mary Hudson, <u>Marissa Jacobus Tya Hughes</u>, <u>Amy Jackson</u>, Michael Juetten, Rick Musgrave, and <u>David Ton John Pels</u>
On Behalf of the California Class)

<u>Jackson</u>, Michael Juetten, Rick Musgrave, and <u>David Ton, John Pels</u> for themselves and on behalf of the California Class, repeat and reallege each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to <u>166</u>363 as if fully set forth herein.

Jackson, Michael Juetten, Rick Musgrave, and David TonJohn Pels purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of California during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

610.863. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in California at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

864. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct preventing California Plaintiffs in the exercise of due diligence from uncovering the unlawful conduct. The applicable statute of limitations is tolled until July 23, 2015 until the Plaintiffs, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have discovered it.

611.865. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.

### **FIFTY-FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

(By Plaintiff Paul Berger Plaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Kaitlyn Rooney, and Andrew Gorman On Behalf of the District of Columbia Class)

612.866. Plaintiff Paul BergerPlaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia, Kaitlyn Rooney, and Andrew Gorman for himselfthemselves and on behalf of the

2 allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

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<u>3</u>	613.867. Plaintiff Paul BergerPlaintiffs Ana Gabriela Felix Garcia,
<u>4</u>	Kaitlyn Rooney, and Andrew Gorman purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the
<u>5</u>	District of Columbia during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth
<u>6</u>	herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an
<u>7</u>	amount to be determined at trial.
<u>8</u>	614.868. Defendants retained the benefits bestowed upon them under
9	inequitable and unjust circumstances at the expense of Plaintiffs and Class
10	Members.
<u>11</u>	615.869. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made
12	purchases of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in the District of Columbia at prices
13	that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.
14	616.870. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic
<u>15</u>	benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful
<u>16</u>	overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.
<u>17</u>	617.871. Defendants accepted and retained the benefit bestowed upon
<u>18</u>	them under inequitable and unjust circumstances arising from unlawful
<u>19</u>	overcharges to Plaintiffs and Class Members.
<u>20</u>	872. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise
<u>21</u>	to the unlawful conduct by the affirmative actions described herein which were
<u>22</u>	designed to prevent the discovery of such unlawful conduct and the Plaintiffs in the
<u>23</u>	District of Columbia did not discover and could not discover the unlawful conduct
<u>24</u>	prior to July 23, 2015.
<u>25</u>	618.873. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable and unjust for
<u> 26</u>	Defendants to retain such benefits.
<u>27</u>	FIFTY-SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
28	( <u>In the Alternative,</u> By <del>Plaintiffs Barbara Blumstein and John Trent</del>

#### -On-Plaintiff Gloria Emery on Behalf of the Florida Hawaii Class) 1 619.874. Plaintiffs Barbara Blumstein and John Trent, Plaintiff Gloria Emery for themselvesherself and on behalf of the Florida Hawaii Class, 3 4 repeatrepeats and reallegerealleges each of the allegations contained in paragraphs <u>5</u> 1 to <del>166</del>363 as if fully set forth herein. 620.875. Plaintiffs Barbara Blumstein and John TrentPlaintiff Gloria <u>6</u> Emery purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of Florida Hawaii during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at 9 10 trial. 876. Defendants retained the benefits bestowed upon them under 11 inequitable and unjust circumstances at the expense of Plaintiff and Class 12 13 Members. 621.877. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made 14 purchases of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in Floridathe State of Hawaii at 15 prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. 16 17 622.878. Plaintiffs Plaintiff and the Class members have conferred a directan economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from 18 unlawful overcharges paid by Plaintiffs and the Class members and accepted and 19 20 retained by Defendants, to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Class 21 members. 623.879. Defendants appreciated the benefits bestowed upon them by 22 23 Plaintiffs and accepted and retained the benefit bestowed upon them under inequitable and unjust circumstances arising from unlawful overcharges to Plaintiff 24 25 and Class Members. 880. It is Defendants wrongfully and continually concealed the facts alleged 26 27 herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct with the intent to deceive Plaintiff. Plaintiff did not know and could not have known about Defendants' unlawful 28

conduct until July 23, 2015. 1 <u>2</u> 881. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable and unjust for 3 Defendants to accept and retain the such benefits received without compensating Plaintiffs. <u>4</u> <u>5</u> In the absence of other applicable claims for relief, Plaintiff <del>624.</del>882. Gloria Emery and the Hawaii Class members. have no adequate remedy at law <u>6</u> <u>7</u> against Defendants. <u>8</u> ## <u>9</u> <u>10</u> <u>11</u> <u>12</u> <u>13</u> <u>14</u> <u>15</u> <u>16</u> <u>17</u> <u>18</u> <u>19</u> <u>20</u> <u>21</u> <u>22</u> <u>23</u> <u>24</u> <u>25</u> <u>26</u> <u>27</u> <u>28</u>

FIFTY-SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF (By Plaintiffs Jessica Breitbach, Sally Crnkovich Bredberg, Elizabeth Davis-Berg, and Amy Joseph, and Elizabeth Twitchell On Behalf of the Illinois <u>3</u> 4 Class) <u>5</u> 625.883. Plaintiffs Jessica Breitbach, Sally Crnkovich Bredberg, Elizabeth Davis-Berg, and Amy Joseph, and Elizabeth Twitchell, on behalf of 6 7 themselves and the Illinois Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations 8 contained in paragraphs 1 to <del>166</del>363 as if fully set forth herein. 9 626.884. Plaintiffs Jessica Breitbach, Sally CrnkovichBredberg, 10 Elizabeth Davis-Berg, and Amy Joseph, and Elizabeth Twitchell purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of Illinois during the Class Period. But for 11 Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna 12 13 would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial. 627.885. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made 14 purchases of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in Illinois at prices that were more 15 16 than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. <u>17</u> 628.886. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic 18 benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful 19 overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members. 20 629.887. Defendants retained the benefits bestowed upon them under 21 unjust circumstances arising from unlawful overcharges to Plaintiffs and Class 22 members. 23 888. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct by the affirmative acts described herein with the intent to 24 deceive the Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs did not know and could not have known about 25 Defendants' unlawful conduct until July 23, 2015. 26 27 <del>630.</del>889. It is unjust and inequitable for Defendants to retain the benefits

received without compensating Plaintiffs and Class members.

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### **FIFTY-EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

# (By Plaintiffs Carla Lown and Jennifer A. Nelson On Behalf of the Iowa Class)

- 631.890. Plaintiffs Carla Lown and Jennifer A. Nelson, on behalf of themselves and the Iowa Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.
- PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of Iowa during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
- 633.892. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in Iowa at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.
- 634.893. Defendants have been enriched by revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna, which revenue resulted from anticompetitive prices paid by Plaintiffs, which inured to Defendants' benefit.
- 635.894. Defendants' enrichment has occurred at the expense of Plaintiffs and Class members.
- 895. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct. Defendants' unlawful conduct was not reasonably discovered until July 23, 2015.
- 636.896. It is against equity and good conscience for Defendants to be permitted to retain the revenue resulting from their unlawful overcharges.

### FIFTY-NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# (By Plaintiffs Brian Depperschmidt and Lisa Hall On Behalf of the Kansas Class)

637.897. Plaintiffs Brian Depperschmidt and Lisa Hall, on behalf of themselves and the Kansas Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

638.898. Plaintiffs Brian Depperschmidt and Lisa Hall purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of Kansas during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

639.899. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in Kansas at prices that were more than they

640.900. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.

641.901. Defendants retained the benefits bestowed upon them under unjust circumstances arising from unlawful overcharges to Plaintiffs and Class

642.902. Defendants were unjustly enriched at the expense of Plaintiffs

# SIXTIETH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(By Plaintiffs Greg Stearns Scott Caldwell, Sundé Daniels, and Thomas E. Willoughby IIIElizabeth Perron

On Behalf of the Massachusetts Class)

On Behalf of the Maine Class)

643.903. Plaintiffs Greg StearnsScott Caldwell, Sundé Daniels, and Thomas E. Willoughby IIIElizabeth Perron, on behalf of themselves and the Maine Massachusetts Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to <del>166</del>363 as if fully set forth herein.

644.904. Plaintiffs Greg StearnsScott Caldwell, Sundé Daniels, and Thomas E. Willoughby IIIElizabeth Perron purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of Maine Massachusetts during the Class Period... But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been

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645.905. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in Massachusetts at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

646.906. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.

647.907. Defendants were aware of or appreciated the benefit conferred upon them by Plaintiffs and Class members.

908. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Defendants concealed the existence of their unlawful conduct through the affirmative actions alleged herein with an intent to deceive the Massachusetts Plaintiffs and Class as to the nature of their actions. Plaintiffs did not know and reasonably could not have known the facts alleged giving rise to Defendants' unlawful conduct. As a result, this cause of action did not accrue until July 23, 2015.

648.909. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and Class members. Fairness and good conscience require that Defendants not be permitted to retain the revenue resulting from their unlawful overcharges at the expense of Plaintiffs and Class members.

# SIXTY-FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# (By Plaintiffs Louise Adams, Jessica Decker, and Barbara Olson On Behalf of the Michigan Class)

910. Plaintiffs Louise Adams, Jessica Decker, and Barbara Olson, on behalf of themselves and the Michigan Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to PSPs in Maine 363 as if fully set forth herein.

911. Plaintiffs Louise Adams, Jessica Decker, and Barbara Olson

purchased Packaged Tuna within the State of Michigan during the Class Period.

But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

- 649.912. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' Packaged Tuna in Michigan at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.
- 650.913. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred a direct economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges paid by Plaintiffs and the Class members and accepted and retained by Defendants, to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.
- 651.914. Defendants retained the benefits bestowed upon them under unjust circumstances arising from unlawful overcharges to Plaintiffs and Class members.
- 652. Defendants were aware of and appreciated wrongfully concealed the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and Class members.
- 653. Defendants were unjustly enriched at the expense of Plaintiffs and Class members.

# SIXTY-FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# (By Plaintiffs Scott Caldwell and Sundé Daniels On Behalf of the Massachusetts Class)

- 654. Plaintiffs Scott Caldwell and Sundé Daniels, on behalf of themselves and the Massachusetts Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166 as if fully set forthfacts alleged herein.
- 655. Plaintiffs Scott Caldwell and Sundé Daniels purchased PSPs within the State of Massachusetts during the Class Period.. But for Defendants' giving rise to the unlawful conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPs would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.
  - 656.915. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made

purchases of Defendants' PSPs in Massachusetts at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

657.916. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.

658.917. Defendants were aware of or appreciated the benefit conferred upon them by Plaintiffs and Class members.

Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and Class members. Fairness and good conscience require that Defendants not be permitted to retain the revenue resulting from their unlawful overcharges at the expense of Plaintiffs and Class members.

#### SIXTY-SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

# (By Plaintiffs Louise Adams, Jessica Decker, and Barbara Olson On Behalf of the Michigan Class)

660. Plaintiffs Louise Adams, Jessica Decker, and Barbara Olson, on behalf of themselves and the Michigan Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166 as if fully set forth herein.

661. Plaintiffs Louise Adams, Jessica Decker, and Barbara Olson purchased PSPs within the State of Michigan during the Class Period. But for Defendants' and through their affirmative arrangements and contrivances preventing discovery of such unlawful conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPs would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

662. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' PSPs in Michigan at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

663. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred a direct economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful

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overcharges paid by Plaintiffs and the Class members and accepted and retained by Defendants, to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.

<u>664.919.</u> Defendants retained the benefits bestowed upon them under unjust circumstances arising from unlawful overcharges to Plaintiffs and Class members until July 23, 2015.

665.920. Defendants were unjustly enriched at the expense of Plaintiffs and Class members.

#### SIXTY-SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### **SIXTY-THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

(By Plaintiffs Laura Childs and Katherine Larson
On Behalf of the Minnesota Class)

of herselfthemselves and the Minnesota Class, repeats repeat and reasserts reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of Minnesota during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

668.923. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in Minnesota at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

669.924. Defendants appreciated and knowingly accepted the benefits bestowed upon them by Plaintiff and Class members. Defendants have paid no consideration to any other person for any of the benefits they have received from PlaintiffPlaintiffs and Class members.

925. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct through the fraudulent and intentional acts described

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herein and Minnesota Plaintiffs could not have reasonable discovered the concealment of Defendants' unlawful conduct until July 23, 2015.

670.926. It is inequitable for Defendants to accept and retain the benefits received without compensating Plaintiff and Class members.

### **SIXTY-THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

### SIXTY-FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(By Plaintiff Christopher Todd On Behalf of the Mississippi Class)

671.927. Plaintiff Christopher Todd, on behalf of himself and the Mississippi Class, repeats and reasserts each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

672.928. Plaintiff Christopher Todd purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of Mississippi during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

673.929. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in Mississippi at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

930. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. As alleged herein, the Defendants actively concealed their unlawful conduct which prevented Mississippi plaintiffs from reasonably discovering the claim during the limitations period. This cause of action did not accrue until July 23, 2015 when the Plaintiffs knew, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have known about the Defendants' unlawful conduct.

674.931. Defendants retained the benefit of overcharges received on the sales of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna, which in equity and good conscience belong to Plaintiffs and Class members on account of Defendants' anticompetitive conduct.

# **SIXTY-FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

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#### SIXTY-FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(By Plaintiff Plaintiffs John Frick, Steven Kratky, Amber Sartori, and Rebecca Lee Simoens On Behalf of the Missouri Class)

<u>And Rebecca Lee Simoens, on behalf of herselfthemselves</u> and the Missouri Class, repeatsrepeat and reassertsreassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

676.933. PlaintiffPlaintiffs John Frick, Steven Kratky, Amber Sartori, and Rebecca Lee Simoens purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of Missouri during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

677.934. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in Missouri at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

678.935. PlaintiffPlaintiffs and Missouri Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of PlaintiffPlaintiffs and Missouri Class Members.

679.936. Defendants appreciated the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiff and Missouri Class members.

937. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. As alleged herein, until July 23, 2015, Defendants affirmatively and successfully concealed their unlawful conduct which prevented the Missouri Plaintiffs and the Class from discovering Defendants' unlawful conduct. As a result of this fraudulent concealment, this cause of action did not accrue until July 23, 2015.

680.938. Defendants accepted and retained the benefit bestowed upon them under inequitable and unjust circumstances arising from unlawful

overcharges to PlaintiffPlaintiffs and Missouri Class members.

#### **SIXTY-FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### SIXTY-SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### (By Plaintiffs Melissa Bowman and Barbara Buenning On Behalf of the Nebraska Class)

681.939. Plaintiffs Melissa Bowman and Barbara Buenning, on behalf of themselves and the Nebraska Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

Plaintiff Melissa Bowman and Barbara Buenning purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of Nebraska during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

683.941. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in Nebraska at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

684.942. Defendants received money from Plaintiffs and Class members as a direct result of the unlawful overcharges, and have retained this money. Defendants have paid no consideration to any other person in exchange for this money.

943. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. As alleged herein, the Defendants affirmatively concealed their unlawful conduct which prevented Nebraska Plaintiffs from reasonably discovering the claim before the statute of limitations expired. As a result, Defendants" unlawful conduct was neither obvious nor discoverable during the limitations period. This cause of action did not accrue until July 23, 2015 when the Plaintiffs knew, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have known about the Defendants' unlawful conduct.

685.944. In justice and fairness, Defendants should disgorge such money

and remit the overcharged payments back to Plaintiffs and Class members.

#### **SIXTY-SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### SIXTY-SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(By Plaintiffs Nay Alidad<del>, Dwayne Kennedy,</del> and Nancy Stiller On Behalf of the Nevada Class)

686.945. Plaintiffs Nay Alidad, Dwayne Kennedy, and Nancy Stiller, on behalf of themselves and the Nevada Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

687.946. Plaintiffs Nay Alidad, Dwayne Kennedy, and Nancy Stiller purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of Nevada during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

688.947. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in Nevada at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

689.948. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna.

690.949. Defendants appreciated the benefits bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and Class members, for which they have paid no consideration to any other person.

691.950. Defendants have knowingly accepted and retained the benefits bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and Class members.

951. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, the Nevada Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have discovered by the exercise of reasonable diligence Defendants' unlawful conduct.

692.952. The circumstances under which Defendants have accepted and

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retained the benefits bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and Class members are inequitable in that they result from Defendants' unlawful overcharges for Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna.

#### SIXTY-SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### SIXTY-EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### (By Plaintiff Plaintiffs Jessica Bartling, Jody Cooper-, and Rob Skaff On Behalf of the New Hampshire Class)

693.953. Plaintiff Plaintiffs Jessica Bartling, Jody Cooper, and Rob Skaff, on behalf of herselfthemselves and the New Hampshire Class, repeatsrepeat and reassertsreassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein

694.954. PlaintiffPlaintiffs Jessica Bartling, Jody Cooper, and Rob Skaff purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of New Hampshire during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

695.955. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in New Hampshire at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

696.956. Defendants have received a benefit from Plaintiff and Class members in the nature of revenue resulting from the unlawful overcharges, which revenue resulted from anticompetitive prices that inured to the benefit of Defendants.

957. Defendants fraudulently concealed the essential facts alleged here giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, New Hampshire Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have discovered in the exercise of

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reasonable diligence either Defendants' unlawful conduct or the facts giving rise to such conduct.

697.958. Under the circumstances, it would be unconscionable for Defendants to retain such benefits.

#### **SIXTY-EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### **SIXTY-NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

### (By Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid, Kathy Gore, and Laura Montoya On Behalf of the New Mexico Class)

Montoya, on behalf of himselfthemselves and the New Mexico Class, repeatsrepeat and reassertsreassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

Montoya purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of New Mexico during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

700.961. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in New Mexico at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

701.962. Defendants have knowingly benefitted at the expense of PlaintiffPlaintiffs and Class members from revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna.

963. Defendants knew that their conduct was unlawful and wrongfully concealed the facts alleged here giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, New Mexico Plaintiffs did not know and could not have known in the exercise of reasonable diligence either Defendants' unlawful conduct or the facts giving rise to such conduct.

702.964. To allow Defendants to retain the benefits would be unjust because the benefits resulted from anticompetitive pricing that inured to Defendants' benefit and because Defendants have paid no consideration to any other person for any of the benefits they received.

#### SIXTY-NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### **SEVENTIETH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

(By Plaintiffs Corey Norris<u>, Audra Rickman</u>, and Elizabeth Twitchell Amber Sartori

#### On Behalf of the North Carolina Class)

703.965. Plaintiffs Corey Norris, Audra Rickman, and Elizabeth Twitchell Amber Sartori, on behalf of themselves and the North Carolina Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

704.966. Plaintiffs Corey Norris, Audra Rickman, and Elizabeth Twitchell Amber Sartori purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of North Carolina during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

705.967. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in North Carolina at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

706.968. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.

707.969. Plaintiffs and Class members did not interfere with Defendants' affairs in any manner that conferred these benefits upon Defendants.

970. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, the North Carolina Plaintiffs did

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not know and could not have learned or discovered by the exercise of due care about Defendants' unlawful conduct.

708.971. The benefits conferred upon Defendants were not gratuitous, in that they comprised revenue created by unlawful overcharges arising from Defendants' actions to fix, maintain and stabilize artificially high prices for PSPsPackaged Tuna on the market.

709.972. The benefits conferred upon Defendants are measurable, in that the revenue Defendants have earned due to unlawful overcharges are ascertainable by review of sales and other business records.

710.973. Defendants consciously accepted the benefits and continue to do so as of the date of this filing.

#### **SEVENTIETH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### **SEVENTY-FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

## (By Plaintiffs Tya Hughes and Bonnie VanderLaan Vander Laan On Behalf of the North Dakota Class)

711.974. Plaintiffs Tya Hughes and Bonnie VanderLaanVander Laan, on behalf of themselves and the North Dakota Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

712.975. Plaintiffs Tya Hughes and Bonnie VanderLaanVander Laan purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of North Dakota during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

713.976. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in North Dakota at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

714.977. Defendants, without justification, have been enriched at the direct impoverishment of Plaintiffs and Class members, in that Defendants have

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been enriched by revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna.

715.978. Plaintiffs and Class members have been impoverished by the overcharges for Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna resulting from Defendants' unlawful conduct, and they have no legal means of retrieving the value of their impoverishment.

716.979. Defendants' enrichment and Plaintiffs' and Class members' impoverishment are connected. Defendants have paid no consideration to any other person for any benefits they received directly or indirectly from Plaintiffs and Class Members.

717.980. There is no justification for Defendants' receipt of the benefits causing their enrichment, because Plaintiffs and Class members paid anticompetitive prices that inured to Defendants' benefit, and it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain any revenue gained from their unlawful overcharges.

981. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, North Dakota Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have discovered by exercise of reasonable diligence Defendants' unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, North Dakota Plaintiffs had neither actual nor constructive notice of the facts alleged herein giving rise to Defendants' unlawful conduct.

718.982. Plaintiffs and Class members have no remedy at law.

#### **SEVENTY-FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### SEVENTY-SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(By Plaintiffs Danielle Johnson and Beth and Liza Milliner On Behalf of the Oregon Class)

719.983. Plaintiffs Danielle Johnson and Beth and Liza Milliner, on behalf of themselves and the Oregon Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

720.984. Plaintiffs Danielle Johnson and Beth and Liza Milliner purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of Oregon during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

721.985. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in Oregon at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

722.986. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.

723.987. Defendants were aware of the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and Class members.

988. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Oregon Plaintiffs did not discover and could not discovered with reasonable diligence either the facts alleged or Defendants' unlawful conduct.

724.989. It would be inequitable and unjust for Defendants to retain any of the overcharges for PSPsPackaged Tuna derived from Defendants' unfair conduct without compensating Plaintiffs and Class members.

#### SEVENTY-SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(By Plaintiffs Katherine McMahon and Elizabeth Perron On Behalf of the Rhode Island Class)

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726.998. Plaintiff Katherine McMahonGay Birnbaum purchased PSPs withinPackaged Tuna with the State of Rhode IslandSouth Carolina during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

727.999. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in Rhode Islandthe State of South Carolina at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

728.1000. Plaintiff and Class members have conferred ana non-gratuitous, economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiff and Class members.

<u>1001.</u> Defendants were aware of and/or recognized appreciated the benefit benefits bestowed upon them by Plaintiff and the Class Members, for which they have paid no consideration to any other person.

729. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiff and members.

1002. Under of the South Carolina Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities, including the circumstances, it would behorizontal conspiracy and artificially-inflated prices for Packaged Tuna. Defendants' wrongful concealment of the facts alleged herein giving rise to the unlawful conduct meant that such facts were not and could not have been reasonably discovered by the diligence of Plaintiffs until July 23, 2015.

730.1003. <u>It is</u> inequitable for Defendants to <u>accept and retain</u> such benefits without compensating Plaintiff and Class <u>members.Members.</u>

#### **SEVENTY-FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

(By Plaintiff Casey Christensen and Bonnie VanderLaan
On Behalf of the South Dakota Class)

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731.1004. Plaintiffs Plaintiff Casey Christensen and Bonnie VanderLaan, on behalf of themselves herself and the South Dakota Class, repeatrepeats and reassertreasserts each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

732.1005. Plaintiffs Casey Christensen and Bonnie VanderLaan purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of South Dakota during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

733.1006. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in South Dakota at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

734.1007. Plaintiffs Plaintiff and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class Members.

735.1008. Defendants were aware of the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs Plaintiff and Class members.

1009. Defendants acted affirmatively to wrongfully conceal facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, South Dakota Plaintiffs had no actual or constructive notice of these concealed facts and did not discover and could not have discovered with reasonable diligence Defendants' unlawful conduct.

736.1010. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable and unjust for Defendants to retain such benefits without reimbursing Plaintiffs and Class members.

#### **SEVENTY-FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

(By Plaintiffs Kirsten Peck, John Peychal, and John Trent On Behalf of the Tennessee Class)

#### On Behalf of the Utah Class)

737.1019. Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid and Tina Grant, on behalf of themselves and the Utah Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

738.1020. Plaintiffs Vivek Dravid and Tina Grant purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of Utah during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

739.1021. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in Utah at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

740.1022. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred a direct economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges paid by Plaintiffs and the Class members and accepted and retained by Defendants, to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.

741.1023. Defendants were aware of or appreciated the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and Class members.

1024. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to the their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Utah Plaintiffs did not discover and could not have reasonably discovered their claim.

742.1025. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and Class Members.

#### SEVENTY-SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### SEVENTY-SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(By Plaintiffs Stephanie Gipson and Jennifer A. Nelson On Behalf of the Vermont Class)

743.1026. Plaintiffs Stephanie Gipson and Jennifer A. Nelson, on behalf

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of themselves and the Vermont Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

744.1027. Plaintiffs Stephanie Gipson and Jennifer A. Nelson purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of Vermont during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

745.1028. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in Vermont at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

746.1029. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class Members.

747.1030. Defendants accepted the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and Class members.

1031. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. As a result, the objective facts necessary to put the Vermont Plaintiffs and the Class on notice of such facts was not available until July 23, 2015. As a result, the period prior to the discovery of this unlawful conduct should be excluded in determining the time limited for the commencement of this action.

748.1032. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and Class members.

#### SEVENTY-EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

749. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and Class members.

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#### SEVENTY-SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

#### (By Plaintiffs Diana Mey and Jade Canterbury On Behalf of the West Virginia Class)

750.1033. Plaintiffs Diana Mey and Jade Canterbury, on behalf of themselves and the West Virginia Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

751.1034. Plaintiffs Diana Mey and Jade Canterbury purchased PSPsPackaged Tuna within the State of West Virginia during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPsPackaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

752.1035. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in West Virginia at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

753.1036. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.

754.1037. Defendants were aware of or appreciated the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and Class members.

755.1038. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and Class members.

#### SEVENTY-EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

1039. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, West Virginia Plaintiffs did not discover and could not in the exercise of reasonable diligence have discovered the alleged concealed facts or Defendants' wrongful conduct.

1040. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and Class members.

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#### **SEVENTY-NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

## (By Plaintiffs Jessica Breitbach and Kenneth Dunlap Michael Juetten, Kathy Lingnofski, Julie Wiese,

#### and Daniel Zwirlein On Behalf of the Wisconsin Class)

756.1041. Plaintiffs Jessica Breitbach Michael Juetten, Kathy Lingnofski, Julie Wiese, and Kenneth Dunlap Daniel Zwirlein, on behalf of themselves and the Wisconsin Class, repeat and reassert each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 to 166363 as if fully set forth herein.

757.1042. Plaintiffs Jessica Breitbach Michael Juetten, Kathy Lingnofski, Julie Wiese, and Kenneth Dunlap Daniel Zwirlein purchased PSPs Packaged Tuna within the State of Wisconsin during the Class Period. But for Defendants' conduct set forth herein, the price per unit of PSPs Packaged Tuna would have been lower, in an amount to be determined at trial.

758.1043. Defendants unlawfully overcharged end payers, who made purchases of Defendants' PSPsPackaged Tuna in Wisconsin at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions.

759.1044. Plaintiffs and Class members have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and Class members.

760.1045. Defendants appreciated the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and Class Members.

1046. Defendants wrongfully concealed the facts alleged herein giving rise to their unlawful conduct. Until July 23, 2015, Wisconsin Plaintiffs did not discover and could not in the exercise of reasonable diligence have discovered their injury or that Defendants' unlawful conduct likely caused such injury.

761.1047. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and Class members.

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#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Accordingly, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the Classes of all others so similarly situated, respectfully requests that:

- a) The Court determine that each of the claims alleged in this Complaint may be maintained as a class action claims under Rule 23(a), (b)(2), and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and direct that reasonable notice of this action, as provided by Rule 23(c)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, be given to each and every member of the Classes once certified;
- b) The unlawful conduct alleged herein be adjudged and decreed in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, Section 3 of the Clayton Act, the listed state antitrust laws, state consumer protection laws, and common law;
- c) Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes recover damages, to the maximum extent allowed under applicable state law, and that a joint and several judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and the members of such Classes be entered against Defendants in an amount to be trebled to the extent such laws permit;
- d) Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes recover damages, to the maximum extent allowed by applicable state law, in the form of restitution and/or disgorgement of profits unlawfully gained from them;
- e) Defendants, their affiliates, successors, transferees, assignees and other officers, directors, partners, agents and employees thereof, and all other persons acting or claiming to act on their behalf or in concert with them, be permanently enjoined and restrained from in any manner continuing, maintaining or renewing the conduct, contract, conspiracy, or combination alleged herein, or from entering into any other contract, conspiracy, or combination having a similar purpose or effect, and from adopting or following any practice, plan, program, or device having a similar purpose or effect;

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- f) Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes be awarded pre- and postjudgment interest as provided by law, and that such interest be awarded at the highest legal rate from and after the date of service of this Complaint;
- g) Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes recover their costs of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees, as provided by law;
- h) Plaintiffs and members of the Classes have such other and further relief as the case may require and the Court may deem just and proper.

#### JURY DEMAND

Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the Classes of all others similarly situated, hereby demand a trial by jury on all issues so triable pursuant to Rule 38 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

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I, Windy Loritsch, the undersigned, declare:

- 1. That declarant is and was, at all times herein mentioned, a resident of the County of San Diego, over the age of 18 years, and not a party to or interested in the within action; that declarant's business address is 750 B Street, Suite 2770, San Diego, California 92101.
- 2. That on May 8, 2017, I filed the following documents with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California by using the Court's CM/ECF system, which will send notifications of such filings to all counsel of record:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 8th day of May, 2017.

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