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18	MAHMOOD DAWOOD, individually and on	Case No.
19	behalf of all others similarly situated,	Case IVO.
20	Plaintiff,	CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT
	V.	
21	SIKI EAGLE SARL,	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
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Plaintiff Mahmood Dawood ("Plaintiff") brings this action on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated against Siki Eagle Sarl ("Defendant" or "Colzer").

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1. Plaintiff and members of the putative Class bring this Action to redress a fraud by air purifier manufacturer, Colzer.

- 2. Colzer is engaged in the large-scale distribution, advertising, marketing and sale of air purifiers which are falsely, misleadingly, and damagingly represented, branded and advertised to sufficiently purify a recommended room size, but in reality can only purify a considerably smaller room per applicable industry standards.
- 3. However, to the detriment of consumers like Plaintiff and the members of the putative class (the "Class), the Colzer 142C Air Purifier (the "Product") is marketed for a room size that is much larger than what applicable industry standards specify as a recommended room size for sufficient air purification.
- As such, Plaintiff and the putative Class bring this Action on behalf of themselves 4. and all others similarly situated to recover damages, inclusive of statutory damages and a disgorgement of profits, and injunctive relief to rectify the harm caused to consumers by the Defendant through the sale of the Product.

PARTIES

5. Plaintiff Mahmood Dawood is domiciled in California, residing in Lodi, California. In October 2021, Plaintiff Dawood purchased a Colzer 142C Air Purifier for his personal use for approximately \$139.99 from Walmart in Lodi, CA. Prior to his purchase of his Product, Plaintiff Dawood reviewed the product's labeling and packaging and saw that his Product was labeled and marketed as an air purifier capable of purifying a 550 sq. ft. room. Plaintiff relied on that labeling and packaging to choose his Product over comparable products. Plaintiff saw these representations prior to, and at the time of purchase, and understood them as representations and warranties his Product was capable of purifying a 550 sq. ft. room. Plaintiff relied on these representations and warranties in deciding to purchase his Product. Accordingly, those representations and warranties were part of the basis of the bargain, in that he would not have purchased his Product on the same

terms had he known those representations were not true. However, Plaintiff did not receive the benefit of his bargain because his Product could only purify a 191 sq. ft. room. Plaintiff further understood that the purchase came with Defendant's representation and warranties that his Product would be capable of purifying a 550 sq. ft. room.

6. Defendant Siki Eagle Sarl ("Colzer") is a French corporation with its headquarters located at Siki Eagle Sarl in 1, Esplanade Miriam Makeba, 69100 Villeurbanne, France. Colzer manufactures, sells, and/or distributes Colzer-brand products, and is responsible for the advertising, marketing, trade dress, and packaging of the Product. Colzer manufactured, marketed, and sold the Product during the class period.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 7. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this Action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1332(d). Under the Class Action Fairness Act, the matter in controversy, exclusive of costs and interest, exceeds the sum of \$5 million, there are over 100 members of the putative Class, and this is a class action in which one Plaintiff is a citizen of a different state than is the Defendant. Namely, Plaintiff Dawood resident of California and purchased his Product in California.
- 8. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendant because the Defendant transacts business and directs sales and advertising to this jurisdiction.
- 9. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1391(b)(2) and (c) because a substantial part of the events, acts, or omissions giving rise to Plaintiff's claims occurred in this District. Namely, Plaintiff purchased the Product in this District.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

AHAM and CADR

10. The Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers ("AHAM"), in the early 1980s, developed an objective and repeatable performance test method for measuring the ability of portable household electric room air cleaners to reduce particulate matter from a specific size room. The standard, ANSI/AHAM AC-1-2006, Method for Measuring the Performance of Portable Household Electric Room Air Cleaners, is designed to evaluate portable household electric room air cleaners regardless of the particle removal technology utilized.

- 11. The resulting performance metric is called the Clean Air Delivery Rate ("CADR"). CADR is a measure of the appliance's ability to reduce smoke, dust, and pollen particles in the 0.10 to 11 micron (µm) size range from the air. In ANSI/AHAM AC-1-2006, CADR is defined as "the rate of contaminant reduction in the test chamber when the unit is turned on, minus the rate of natural decay when the unit is not running, multiplied by the volume of the test chamber as measured in cubic feet." The 1008 ft3 test chamber size is an integral part of the definition and is standardized in ANSI/AHAM AC-1-2006 to ensure that comparisons between units that have been evaluated using the standard are fairly made.
- 12. This standardized room size chamber limits the maximum CADR measurement (or value) to 450 (pollen and smoke) and 400 (dust). These maximum CADR values were determined through analysis of the acceptable minimum number of available particles, an average background natural decay rate (from statistical study), the size of the chamber, and the available minimum experiment time. CADR values outside the ranges listed will not have the necessary statistical data required by this method.
- 13. The term CADR is a general term used to make performance claims for many types of products other than portable room air cleaners. CADR values for other products may not have been calculated in accordance with the AC-1 definition of CADR. As such, to accurately compare air cleaner CADR performance claims, the measured values being compared must fall within the defined scope of ANSI/AHAM AC1-2006 and the CADR values for each unit must have been determined in accordance with ANSI/AHAM AC-1- 2006. Otherwise, the comparison is not accurate.
- 14. Since its original development in the early 1980s, the ANSI/AHAM AC-1 test method has increasingly become the credible industry standard for evaluating portable room air cleaner particle removal performance. In 1989, the FTC confirmed that ANSI/AHAM AC-1 was a reasonable basis for measuring the degrees of reduction of airborne solid particulate matter from household rooms.
- 15. The test method is utilized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in its Air Cleaner Energy Star Program. AHAM is recognized by the EPA as an Administrative Body and

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approved to administer verification testing for purposes of the Energy Star program. Products may be selected at any time for verification testing, ensuring the product's energy consumption rating is consistent with the measured energy consumption. Thus, the AHAM method is recognized and utilized by the EPA as an industry standard certification standard.

- 16. Additionally, the Consumers Union uses CADR to determine the air cleaner ratings and product comparison information that are published in Consumer Reports®.
- 17. Air Quality experts often refer to CADR in technical papers as well. In a recent research paper on the use of air cleaners to reduce fine particulate matter during prescribed burns and wildfires in Colorado, the authors utilized the CADR metric to select appropriate portable room air cleaners for the study, noting that CADR is a "useful parameter for characterizing effectiveness of an air cleaner."
- 18. On November 29, 2005, ANSI/AHAM AC-1-2006 was reaffirmed as an American National Standard by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). The changes reflected in the 2006 update are a result of an AHAM-initiated independent technical expert review of the standard and a subsequent ANSI consensus panel review during 2004 and 2005. AC-1-2013 has been approved by AHAM and is in process of approval by the ANSI Standards Committee.
- 19. There are two factors that influence the CADR ratings scale: filter efficiency and air flow through the filters. Taken together they indicate how much filtered air you will receive from an air purification system.
- 20. The CADR represents the amount of clean air coming out of the air purifier on the highest fan speed. It is only measured on the highest fan speed. If you run the air cleaner on a lower fan speed then the CADR will be lower since the fan airflow is less. CADR is measured in cubic feet per minute ("cfm") in the US.
- 21. For example, if the air purifier produces 100 cfm and the filter removes 90% of particles (efficiency) then the CADR for the air purifier will be 90 (100 times 90%).
- 22. To find the right CADR for a given room you would determine your room size and divide your room square footage by 1.55.

23. For example, to determine the CADR for a 250 sq. ft. room, 250 is divided by 1.55 to calculate a CADR of 161. This means you will want a room air cleaner with a CADR of 160 or higher.

24. Many companies have sought and received AHAM certifications for their air purifiers.



The Colzer 142C Air Purifier

25. Defendant promises the Product is a "550 Sq. ft. Air Purifier" that can purify a 550 sq. ft. room in "11 minutes."

Description Specifications Product Manuals Review

Prand: COLZER
Model: 142C
CARD: 23CFM
Coverage: 550 Sq Ft
Noise: 29db
Filter Type: HEPA
Filter Life: >6 months

- 26. The Product is currently sold for \$139.99 on its website.¹
- 27. The Product is not certified by AHAM. However, the 550 sq. ft recommended square footage coverage that is advertised by the Defendant is misleading and fraudulent based on the CADR of the Product when applying the AHAM standard, which is the industry standard for air purification coverage for appliances such as the Product.
- 28. First, the manufacturer reports the CADR as 123 CFM; however, when applying the AHAM standard, the CADR score for the Product renders a coverage area of 191 square feet. This is calculated by taking the 123 cfm and multiplying by 1.55 and getting 191 square feet.
- 29. Therefore, using the AHAM standard, the Product is only suitable to purify 191 square feet rather than 550 square feet.
- 30. Further, taking the 550 recommended room size and dividing it by 1.55, means per the AHAM, you would need a purifier with at least a cfm of 354 or greater to properly purify a room of that size. The Product does not have cfm of 354, but rather of 123 cfm.

¹ https://colzer.com/products/142c-air-purifier#images-1

31. Therefore, when applying the industry standard for a recommended room size coverage for the Product, the Product is falsely labeled and Plaintiff and Class Members paid a price premium as a result.

A. Defendant Has Committed Fraud Under F.R.C.P. Rule 9(b)

- 32. Rule 9(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides that, "[i]n alleging fraud or mistake, a party must state with particularity the circumstances constituting the fraud or mistake." And, while the Defendant is in the best position to know what content they placed in advertising and in other materials during the Class period, to the extent necessary, as detailed in the paragraphs above and below, Plaintiff has satisfied the requirements of Rule 9(b) by establishing the following elements with sufficient particularity:
- 33. **WHO**: Defendant, Colzer, made material misrepresentations and/or omissions of the fact that the Product had certain representations made about them namely, that they adequately provide air purification for a recommended room size, when they do not pursuant to industry accepted standards.
- 34. **WHAT**: Defendant promises the Product is a "550 Sq. ft. Air Purifier" that can purify a 550 sq. ft. room. Defendant's conduct here was, and continues to be, fraudulent because it omitted and concealed the fact that the representations about the Product were false.
- 35. WHEN: In October 2021, Plaintiff Dawood purchased a Colzer 142C Air Purifier for his personal use for approximately \$139.99 from Walmart in Lodi, CA. Further, upon information and belief, the Defendant's conduct here took place during the Class period with a record reaching as far back as 2016; however, it is possible that the Defendant was selling similar products into commerce even earlier than 2016. Plaintiff and members of the putative Class will have further clarity on the timing of sales based on the records that the Defendant ultimately provides in the discovery portion of this Action.
- 36. **WHERE**: Plaintiff Dawood purchased his Colzer 142C Air Purifier from Walmart in Lodi, CA. Additionally, the material "550 Sq. ft. Air Purifier" misrepresentations and omissions were made on the Defendant's product packaging, website, social media accounts, in advertising and

marketing, and in other places – like through customer service representatives. Defendant exerted control over these material misrepresentations and omissions.

- 37. WHY/HOW: All of the misrepresentations identified above, when viewed in the context of the labeling and the Product at issue, have the tendency or capacity to deceive or confuse reasonable consumers into believing that the Product will be capable of purifying a 550 sq. ft. room. However, the Product in fact is only capable of purifying a 191 sq. ft. room. The material misrepresentations and omissions were made on the Defendant's website, on their social media accounts, in advertising and marketing, and in other places like through customer service representatives. Defendant engaged in systematic misrepresentations and omissions because it propped up their sales and helped them succeed financially, to the detriment of consumers who unwittingly believed in the representations and omissions made by the Defendant.
- 38. **INJURY**: In making their purchases, Plaintiff and putative class members paid a substantial price premium due to the false and misleading claim that the Product can purify a 550 sq. ft. room, when it cannot.
- 39. As such, consumers, such as Plaintiff and members of the putative Class, were harmed and they would not have purchased or would have paid substantially less for the Product had they been advertised correctly which is to say that they would have been advertised as providing sufficient air purification for a room of up to 191 square feet; however, they were not advertised as such.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

40. Plaintiff brings this action individually and as representative of all those similarly situated, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, on behalf of the below-defined Classes:

<u>National Class</u>: During the fullest period allowed by law, all persons in the United States who purchased the Product for personal use and not for resale within the United States (the "National Class").

<u>California Class</u>: During the fullest period allowed by law, all persons in the State of California who purchased the Product for personal use and not for resale within the State of California (the "California Class").

- 41. Members of the classes described are referred to as "Class Members" or members of the "Classes."
- 42. The following are excluded from the Classes: (1) any Judge presiding over this action and members of his or her family; (2) Defendant, Defendant's subsidiaries, parents, successors, predecessors, and any entity in which Defendant or its parent has a controlling interest (as well as current or former employees, officers, and directors); (3) persons who properly execute and file a timely request for exclusion from the Class; (4) persons whose claims in this matter have been finally adjudicated on the merits or otherwise released; (5) Plaintiff's counsel and Defendant's counsel; and (6) the legal representatives, successors, and assigns of any such excluded persons.
- 43. Certification of Plaintiff's claims for class-wide treatment is appropriate because Plaintiff can prove the elements of her claims on a class-wide basis using the same evidence as would be used to prove those elements in individual actions alleging the same claims.
- 44. **Numerosity** Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a)(1). The members of the Classes are so numerous that individual joinder of all Class Members is impracticable. On information and belief, Class Members number in the thousands to millions. The precise number or identification of members of the Classes are presently unknown to Plaintiff but may be ascertained from Defendant's books and records. Class Members may be notified of the pendency of this action by recognized, Court-approved notice dissemination methods, which may include U.S. mail, electronic mail, Internet postings, and/or published notice.
- 45. Commonality and Predominance Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a)(2) and 23(b)(3). Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Classes, which predominate over any questions affecting individual members of the Classes. These common questions of law or fact include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Whether the Product's claims are misleading and/or false to a reasonable consumer;
 - Whether Defendant knowingly made misleading statements in connection with consumer transactions that reasonable consumers were likely to rely upon to their detriment;

- c. Whether Defendant knew or should have known that the representations and advertisements regarding the Product were false and misleading;
- d. Whether Defendant's conduct violates public policy;
- e. Whether Defendant's acts and omissions violate the state laws of California;
- f. Whether Plaintiff and the Class Members did not receive the benefit of their bargain when purchasing the Product;
- g. Whether the Plaintiff and the Class Members suffered monetary damages, and, if so, what is the measure of those damages;
- h. Whether Plaintiff and the Class Members are entitled to an injunction, damages, restitution, equitable relief, and other relief deemed appropriate, and, if so, the amount and nature of such relief.
- 46. Defendant engaged in a common course of conduct giving rise to the legal rights sought to be enforced by Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and the other Class Members. Similar or identical statutory and common law violations, business practices, and injuries are involved. Individual questions, if any, pale by comparison, in both quality and quantity, to the numerous common questions that dominate this action.
- 47. **Typicality Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a)(3)**. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the other Class Members, as each class member was subject to the same omission of material fact and misrepresentations regarding the Product's recommended room size coverage for air purification. Plaintiff shares the aforementioned facts and legal claims or questions with Class Members, and Plaintiff and all Class Members have been similarly affected by Defendant's common course of conduct alleged herein. Plaintiff and all Class Members sustained monetary and economic injuries.
- 48. Adequacy of Representation Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a)(4). Plaintiff is an adequate representative of the Classes because he is a member of the Classes and her interests do not conflict with the interests of the Class Members he seeks to represent. Plaintiff has also retained counsel competent and experienced in complex commercial and class action litigation. Plaintiff and his counsel intend to prosecute this action vigorously for the benefit of all Class

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Members. Accordingly, the interests of the Class Members will be fairly and adequately protected by Plaintiff and his counsel.

- 49. Insufficiency of Separate Actions Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(1). Absent a class action, Class Members will continue to suffer the harm described herein, for which they would have no remedy. Even if separate actions could be brought by individual consumers, the resulting multiplicity of lawsuits would cause undue burden and expense for both the Court and the litigants, as well as create a risk of inconsistent rulings and adjudications that might be dispositive of the interests of similarly situated consumers, substantially impeding their ability to protect their interests, while establishing incompatible standards of conduct for Defendant. Accordingly, the proposed Classes satisfy the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(b)(1).
- 50. Declaratory and Injunctive Relief Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(2). Defendant has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to Plaintiff and all Class Members, thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief and declaratory relief, as described below, with respect to the Classes as a whole.
- 51. Superiority Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(3). A class action is superior to any other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy, and no unusual difficulties are likely to be encountered in the management of this class action. The damages or other financial detriment suffered by Plaintiff and the Class Members are relatively small compared to the burden and expense that would be required to individually litigate their claims against Defendant, so it would be impracticable for Class Members to individually seek redress for Defendant's wrongful conduct. Even if Class Members could afford individual litigation, the court system could not. Individualized litigation creates a potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments and increases the delay and expense to all parties and the court system. By contrast, the class action device presents far fewer management difficulties, and provides the benefits of single adjudication, economy of scale, and comprehensive supervision by a single court.

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CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I

Violation Of Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act (15 U.S.C. § 2301, et seq.) (On Behalf of Plaintiff and the National Class)

- 52. Plaintiff repeats and re-allege all previous paragraphs, as if fully included herein.
- 53. As previously alleged, this Court has original jurisdiction over this matter based upon the requirements of CAFA; therefore, the Court has alternate jurisdiction over Plaintiff's Magnuson-Moss claim.
 - 54. The Product is a consumer product as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 2301(1).
- 55. Plaintiff and National Class members are consumers as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 2301(3) and utilized their products for personal and household use and not for resale or commercial purposes.
- 56. Plaintiff purchased a Product for more than \$5 and his individual claims are greater than \$25 as required by 15 U.S.C. §§ 2302(e) and 2310(d)(3)(A).
 - 57. Defendant is a supplier and warrantor as defined in 15 U.S.C. §§ 2301(4) and (5).
- 58. The federal Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act ("MMWA" or "Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 2301-2312, is a consumer protection regime designed to supplement state warranty law.
- 59. The MMWA provides a cause of action for breach of warranty, including the express warranty, or other violations of the Act. 15 U.S.C. § 2310(d)(1).
- 60. The Defendant has breached the express warranties for the Product and its qualities because Defendant's Product is warranted as being capable of purifying a "550 Sq. Ft." room when in actuality, the Product can only purify a 191 sq. ft. room.
- 61. In its capacity as warrantor, and by the conduct described herein, any attempt by Defendant to limit the warranties in a manner that it does is not permitted by law.
- 62. By Defendant's conduct as described herein, Defendant has failed to comply with its obligations under its implied promises, warranties, and representations.
- 63. Plaintiff and the National Class fulfilled their obligations under the express warranties for the Product.

- 64. On March 10, 2022, Plaintiff gave notice to Defendant regarding its violation of the MMWA.
- 65. As a result of Defendant's breach of warranties, Plaintiff and the Class Members are entitled to revoke their acceptance of the Product, obtain damages, punitive damages, equitable relief, and attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 2301.

COUNT II

California's Unfair Competition Law Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200 et seq. ("UCL") (On Behalf of Plaintiff and the California Class)

- 66. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 67. Plaintiff brings this claim individually and on behalf of all members of the California Class against Defendant.
- 68. The UCL prohibits any "unlawful, unfair or fraudulent business act or practice." Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200.
- 69. The acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices, and non-disclosures of Defendant as alleged herein constitute business acts and practices.
- 70. <u>Unlawful</u>: The acts alleged herein are "unlawful" under the UCL in that they violate at least the following laws:
 - a. The False Advertising Law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 17500 et seq.;
 - b. The Consumers Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1750 et seq.;
- 71. <u>Unfair</u>: Defendant's conduct with respect to the labeling, advertising, and sale of the Product was "unfair" because Defendant's conduct was immoral, unethical, unscrupulous, or substantially injurious to consumers and the utility of their conduct, if any, does not outweigh the gravity of the harm to their victims.
- 72. Defendant's conduct with respect to the labeling, advertising, and sale of the Product was and is also unfair because it violates public policy as declared by specific constitutional, statutory or regulatory provisions, including but not limited to the applicable sections of: the Consumers Legal Remedies Act, the False Advertising Law.

	73.	Defendant's conduct with respect to the labeling, advertising, and sale of the Product	
was	and is	unfair because the consumer injury was substantial, not outweighed by benefits to	
consumers or competition, and not one consumer themselves could reasonably have avoided.			

- 74. <u>Fraudulent</u>: A statement or practice is "fraudulent" under the UCL if it is likely to mislead or deceive the public, applying an objective reasonable consumer test.
- 75. As set forth in detail above, Defendant has fraudulently misbranded and mislabeled the Product; and has made false and misleading statements that are likely to mislead reasonable consumers to believe the Product could purify a room of a certain square footage when it cannot.
- 76. Defendant profited from its sale of the falsely, deceptively, and unlawfully advertised and packaged Product to unwary consumers.
- 77. Plaintiff and Class Members are likely to continue to be damaged by Defendant's deceptive trade practices, because Defendant continues to disseminate misleading information on the Product's packaging. Thus, injunctive relief enjoining Defendant's deceptive practices is proper.
- 78. Defendant's conduct caused and continues to cause substantial injury to Plaintiff and the other Class Members. Plaintiff has suffered injury in fact as a result of Defendant's unlawful conduct, by paying more for the Product than they otherwise would have, or not purchasing it altogether.
- 79. In accordance with Bus. & Prof. Code § 17203, Plaintiff seeks an order enjoining Defendant from continuing to conduct business through unlawful, unfair, and/or fraudulent acts and practices, and to commence a corrective advertising campaign.
- 80. Plaintiff and the Class also seek an order for and restitution of all monies from the sale of the Product, which were unjustly acquired through acts of unlawful competition.

COUNT III

California's False Advertising Law Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500 ("FAL") (On Behalf of Plaintiff and the California Class)

81. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

- 82. Plaintiff brings this claim individually and on behalf of the members of the California Class against Defendant.
- 83. The FAL provides that "[i]t is unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association, or any employee thereof with intent directly or indirectly to dispose of real or personal property or to perform services" to disseminate any statement "which is untrue or misleading, and which is known, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading." Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500.
- 84. It is also unlawful under the FAL to disseminate statements concerning property or services that are "untrue or misleading, and which is known, or which by the exercise of reasonable care should be known, to be untrue or misleading." *Id*.
- 85. As alleged in detail above, the advertisements, labeling, policies, acts, and practices of Defendant relating its advertising of the square footage of a room the Product can purify are false.
- 86. Plaintiff suffered injury in fact as a result of Defendant's actions as set forth herein because they purchased the Product in reliance on Defendant's labeling claims that are false and misleading.
- 87. Defendant's business practices as alleged herein constitute deceptive, untrue, and misleading advertising pursuant to the FAL because Defendant has advertised the Product in a manner that is untrue and misleading, which Defendant knew or reasonably should have known, and omitted material information from its advertising.
- 88. Defendant profited from its sale of the falsely and deceptively advertised Product to unwary consumers.
- 89. As a result, Plaintiff, the California Class, and the general public are entitled to injunctive and equitable relief, restitution, and an order for the disgorgement of the funds by which Defendant was unjustly enriched.
- 90. Pursuant to Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17535, Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and the California Class, seek an order enjoining Defendant from continuing to engage in deceptive business practices, false advertising, and any other act prohibited by law, including those set forth in this Complaint.

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COUNT IV

California's Consumer Legal Remedies Act Cal. Civ. Code § 1750 et seq. ("CLRA") (On Behalf of Plaintiff and the California Class)

- 91. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 92. Plaintiff brings this claim individually and on behalf of the members of the California Class against Defendant.
 - 93. Defendant is a "person" under the Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 1761(c).
- 94. Plaintiff and California Class members are "consumers" under the Legal Remedies Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 1761(d).
- 95. The CLRA prohibits deceptive practices in connection with the conduct of a business that provides goods, property, or services primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.
- 96. Defendant's false and misleading labeling and other policies, acts, and practices were designed to, and did, induce the purchase and use of the Product for personal, family, or household purposes by Plaintiff and California Class Members, and violated and continue to violate the following sections of the CLRA:
- 97. § 1770(a)(5): representing that goods have characteristics, uses, or benefits which they do not have;
- 98. § 1770(a)(7): representing that goods are of a particular standard, quality, or grade if they are of another;
 - 99. § 1770(a)(9): advertising goods with intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- 100. § 1770(a)(16): representing the subject of a transaction has been supplied in accordance with a previous representation when it has not.
- 101. Defendant profited from the sale of the falsely, deceptively, and unlawfully advertised Product to unwary consumers.
- 102. Defendant's wrongful business practices constituted, and constitute, a continuing course of conduct in violation of the CLRA.

- 103. Pursuant to the provisions of Cal. Civ. Code § 1782(a), on March 10, 2022, Plaintiff gave Defendant notice regarding its breach of the CLRA.
- 104. Therefore, Plaintiff seeks monetary relief, including restitution and actual damages under the Consumers Legal Remedies Act.

COUNT V

Breach of Express Warranty Under California Law (On Behalf Plaintiff and the California Class)

- 105. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges the allegations above as if set forth herein.
- 106. Plaintiff, and each member of the California Class, formed a contract with Defendant at the time Plaintiff and each member of the California Class purchased the Product.
- 107. The terms of the contract include the promises and affirmations of fact made by Defendant on the Product's packaging and through marketing and advertising, as described above.
- 108. This labeling, marketing, and advertising constitute express warranties and became part of the basis of the bargain and are part of the standardized contract between Plaintiff and the members of the California Class and Defendant.
- 109. Plaintiff and the members of the California Class performed all conditions precedent to Defendant's liability under this contract when they purchased the Product.
- 110. Defendant breached express warranties about the Product and their qualities because Defendant's Product's are warranted as being capable of purifying a "550 Sq. Ft." room when the Product can only purify a 191 sq. ft. room.
- 111. Plaintiff and each of the members of the California Class would not have purchased the Product had they known the Product can only purify an amount significantly less than 550 sq. ft.
- 112. Plaintiff relied upon the representations made by Defendant at the time of purchase, and were deprived of the benefit of the bargain as a result of Defendant's conduct.
- 113. On March 10, 2022, Plaintiff gave notice to Defendant of its breach of express warranties.
- 114. As a result of Defendant's breach of warranty, Plaintiff and each of the members of the Classes have been damaged in the amount of the purchase price of the Product and any consequential damages resulting from their purchases.

COUNT VI

Unjust Enrichment

(In The Alternative To Count V And On Behalf Plaintiff and California Class)

- 115. Plaintiff repeats and re-alleges the allegations above as if set forth herein.
- 116. Plaintiff and California Class members conferred tangible and material economic benefits upon Defendant by purchasing Defendant's Product. Plaintiff and California Class members would not have purchased the Product had they known they could not purify a 550 square foot room.
- 117. Defendant has been unjustly enriched in retaining the revenues derived from the purchase of the Product by Plaintiff and the other members of the California Class.
- 118. Retention of those monies under these circumstances is unjust and inequitable because Defendant's labeling of the Product was misleading to consumers, which caused injuries to Plaintiff and the other members of the California Class members because they would have not purchased the Product had they known they could not purify a 550 square foot room.
- 119. Because Defendant's retention of the non-gratuitous benefits conferred on them by Plaintiff and the other members of the California Class is unjust and inequitable, Defendant must pay restitution to Plaintiff and the other members of the California Class for their unjust enrichment, as ordered by the Court.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

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

- a) For an order certifying the Class and the California Subclass under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, naming Plaintiff as representative of the Class and California Subclass, and Plaintiff's attorneys as Class Counsel to represent the Class and California Subclass;
- b) For an order finding in favor of Plaintiff, the Class, and California Subclass on all counts asserted herein;
- c) For compensatory, statutory, and punitive damages in amounts to be determined by the Court and/or jury;

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1	d) For prejudgment interest on all amounts awarded;		
2	e) For an order of restitution and all other forms of equitable monetary relief;		
3	f) For injunctive relief as pleaded or as the Court may deem proper; and		
4	g) For an order awarding th	g) For an order awarding the Plaintiff, the Class, and California Subclass their	
5	reasonable attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs of suit.		
6	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED		
7	Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on all claims so triable.		
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9	Dated: May 25, 2022	BURSOR & FISHER, P.A.	
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CLRA Venue Declaration Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1780(d)

I, Brittany S. Scott, declare as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney at law licensed to practice in the State of California and a member of the bar of this Court. I am an Associate at Bursor & Fisher, P.A., counsel of record for Plaintiff in this action. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration and, if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify thereto under oath.
- 2. The Complaint filed in this action is filed in the proper place for trial under Civil Code Section 1780(d) in that a substantial portion of the events alleged in the Complaint occurred in the Eastern District of California.

I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Walnut Creek, California on May 25, 2022.

