

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

SHANA GUDGEL and CRAIG WOOLARD,
on behalf of themselves and all others similarly
situated,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

REYNOLDS CONSUMER PRODUCTS,
INC. and REYNOLDS CONSUMER
PRODUCTS, LLC,

Defendant.

Case No. 23LA00000486

**DECLARATION OF CAMERON R. AZARI, ESQ REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION
AND ADEQUACY OF NOTICE PLAN**

I, Cameron R. Azari, Esq., hereby declare and state as follows:

1. My name is Cameron R. Azari, Esq. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein, and I believe them to be true and correct.
2. I am a nationally recognized expert in the field of legal notice and have served as an expert in hundreds of federal and state cases involving class action notice plans.
3. I am a Senior Vice President of Epiq Class Action and Claims Solutions, Inc. (“Epiq”) and the Director of Legal Notice for Hilsoft Notifications, a firm that specializes in designing, developing, analyzing, and implementing large-scale, un-biased, legal notification plans. Hilsoft Notifications is a business unit of Epiq.
4. The facts in this declaration are based on my personal knowledge, as well as information provided to me by my colleagues in the ordinary course of my business at Epiq.

OVERVIEW

5. This declaration describes the implementation of the Notice Plan (“Notice Plan”) and notices (“Notices”) for *Gudgel et al. v. Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. et al.*, Case No.

23LA00000486, in the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, Lake County, Illinois. I previously executed my *Declaration of Cameron R. Azari, Esq. Regarding Notice Plan*, on August 10, 2023, which described the Notice Plan, detailed Hilsoft’s class action notice experience, and attached Hilsoft’s curriculum vitae. I also provided my educational and professional experience relating to class actions and my ability to render opinions on overall adequacy of notice programs.

NOTICE PLANNING METHODOLOGY

6. Illinois Code of Civil Procedure Sec. 2-803 states, “Upon a determination that an action may be maintained as a class action, or at any time during the conduct of the action, the court in its discretion may order such notice that it deems necessary to protect the interests of the class and the parties.”¹ The Notice Plan satisfied this requirement by providing the best notice practicable with a digital/internet notice program (digital notice and social media).

7. Implementation of the Notice Plan is ongoing with digital and social media notices and sponsored search listings still running. Once complete, the Notice Plan will reach the greatest practicable number of Settlement Class Members, reaching approximately 70% of the class with a digital/internet notice program (digital notice and social media). The reach is enhanced further by internet sponsored search listings, an informational release, and a Settlement Website, which were not included in the reach calculation. In my experience, the reach of the Notice Plan is consistent with other court-approved notice plans, is the best notice practicable under the circumstances of this case, and was designed to satisfy the requirements of due process, including its “desire to actually inform” requirement.²

¹ 735 ILCS 5/2-803.

² *Mullane v. Cent. Hanover Bank & Trust Co.*, 339 U.S. 306, 315 (1950) (“But when notice is a person’s due, process which is a mere gesture is not due process. The means employed must be such as one desirous of actually informing the absentee might reasonably adopt to accomplish it. The reasonableness and hence the constitutional validity of any chosen method may be defended on the ground that it is in itself reasonably certain to inform those affected . . .”).

NOTICE PLAN DETAIL

8. On August 30, 2023, the Court approved the Notice Plan and appointed Epiq as the Claims Administrator in the *Preliminary Approval Order*. In the Preliminary Approval Order, the Court defined the Settlement Class as:

All persons in the United States who purchased Hefty Recycling Bags or Great Value Recycling Bags during the Class period within the United States (the “Class”).

Excluded from the Classes are persons who made such purchases for purpose of resale, all Court personnel involved in the handling of this case, Defendants, their respective officers, directors and employees, and any entity that has a controlling interest in Defendants.

9. After the Court’s Preliminary Approval Order was entered, Epiq began to implement the Notice Plan.

Media Plan Summary

10. The Media Plan includes various forms of notice including a digital/internet notice program (digital notice and social media), internet sponsored search listings, and an informational release. The combined measurable reach of the overall Notice Plan, including a comprehensive Media Plan (accounting for digital notice and social media only) is approximately 70% of Adults, Aged 18+ in the United States who recycle, and an average of 2.9 times each. This encompasses both Hefty branded and Great Value branded recycling bags and anyone who may have used the recycling bags at some point but is no longer using them. “Reach” refers to the estimated percentage of the unduplicated audience exposed to the notice. “Frequency,” in contrast, refers to how many times, on average, each member of the target audience had the opportunity to view the notice. The reach is enhanced further by internet sponsored search listings, an informational release, and a Settlement Website.

Internet Digital Notice Campaign

11. Internet advertising has become a standard component in legal notice programs. The internet has proven to be an efficient and cost-effective method to target class members as

part of providing notice of a class action case. According to MRI-Simmons data,³ 98% of all adults in the United States who recycle are online and 85% of all adults in the United States who recycle use social media.⁴

12. The Notice Plan includes targeted Digital Notice advertising on the selected advertising networks *Google Display Network* and the *Yahoo Audience Network*, which together represent thousands of digital properties across all major content categories. Digital Notices are targeted to selected target audiences and are designed to encourage participation by Settlement Class Members—which link directly to the Settlement Website, allowing visitors easy access to relevant information and documents. Consistent with best practices, the Digital Notices use language from the notice headline, which allow users to identify themselves as potential members of the Settlement Class. The Digital Notices are also placed on the social media sites *Facebook* and *Instagram*.

13. The Digital Notices are distributed to a variety of target audiences, including those relevant to individuals’ demonstrated interests and/or likes. All Digital Notices appear on desktop, mobile, and tablet devices. Digital Notices on *Google Display Network* and the *Yahoo Audience Network*, *Facebook*, and *Instagram* are targeted nationwide to reach Settlement Class Members. Digital Notices are also targeted (remarketed) to people who click on a Digital Notice.

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⁴ MRI-Simmons 2022 Survey of the American Consumer®.

14. The digital notice and social media program still ongoing. details regarding the target audiences, distribution, and specific ad size of the Digital Notices and the number of planned impressions are included in the following table.

<i>Network/Property</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Ad Size</i>	<i>Planned Impressions</i>
<i>Google Display Network</i>	Adults 18+	728x90, 300x250, 300x600 & 970x250	43,822,000
<i>Google Display Network</i>	Adults 18+ and Custom Affinity ⁵ for Hefty recycling bags, Great Value recycling bags, recycling and/or Walmart	728x90, 300x250, 300x600 & 970x250	75,000,000
<i>Google Display Network</i>	Adults 18+ and Custom Intent ⁶ for Hefty recycling bags and/or Great Value recycling bags	728x90, 300x250, 300x600 & 970x250	34,279,000
<i>Yahoo Audience Network</i>	Adults 18+ with a focus on household products and Walmart shoppers	728x90, 300x250, 300x600 & 970x250	37,439,000
<i>Facebook</i>	Adults 18+	Newsfeed & Right Hand Column	50,000,000
<i>Facebook</i>	Adults 18+ with interest in Hefty, recycling and/or Walmart	Newsfeed & Right Hand Column	71,894,000
<i>Instagram</i>	Adults 18+	Newsfeed	20,000,000
<i>Instagram</i>	Adults 18+ with interest in Hefty, recycling and/or Walmart	Newsfeed	36,235,000
TOTAL			368,669,000

15. Combined, more than 368.6 million impressions will be generated by the Digital Notices.⁷ The internet advertising campaign is running from September 14, 2023, through October 25, 2023. Clicking on the Digital Notices links the readers to the Settlement Website, where the

⁵ Custom Affinity Audiences allow Digital Notices to be targeted to specific websites, keywords, and/or content that our target may be viewing.

⁶ Custom Intent Audiences allow Digital Notices to be targeted to specific individuals who have searched and/or researched Hefty or Great Value recycling bags.

⁷ The third-party ad management platform, ClickCease, is being used to audit digital Banner Notice ad placements. This type of platform tracks all Banner Notice ad clicks to provide real-time ad monitoring, fraud traffic analysis, blocks clicks from fraudulent sources, and quarantines dangerous IP addresses. This helps reduce wasted, fraudulent or otherwise invalid traffic (e.g., ads being seen by ‘bots’ or non-humans, ads not being viewable, etc.).

readers can easily obtain detailed information about the case. Examples of the Digital Notices are included as **Attachment 1**.

Sponsored Search Listings

16. Sponsored search listings are being acquired on the three most highly visited internet search engines: *Google, Yahoo!* and *Bing*. When search engine visitors search on selected common keyword combinations related to the case, the sponsored search listing created for this case is displayed at the top of the visitor's website page prior to the search results or in the upper right-hand column of the web-browser screen. The sponsored search listings are available nationwide. All sponsored search listings link directly to the Settlement Website.

17. The sponsored search listings began on September 14, 2023, and will run through December 13, 2023. As of October 10, 2023, the sponsored listings have been displayed 13,246 times, which resulted in 634 clicks that displayed the Settlement Website. A complete list of the sponsored search keyword combinations is included as **Attachment 2**. Examples of the sponsored search listing as displayed on each search engine are included as **Attachment 3**.

Informational Release

18. To build additional reach and extend exposures, on September 14, 2023, a party-neutral Informational Release (in both English and Spanish) was issued nationwide over *PR Newswire* to approximately 5,000 general media (print and broadcast) outlets, including local and national newspapers, magazines, national wire services, television and radio broadcast media across the United States as well as approximately 4,500 websites, online databases, internet networks, and social networking media.

19. The Informational Release included the address of the Settlement Website and the toll-free telephone number. The Informational Release served a valuable role by providing additional notice exposures beyond that which was provided by the paid media. The Informational Release (in English and Spanish) is included as **Attachment 4**.

Settlement Website

20. On September 14, 2023, Epiq established a dedicated website for the Settlement with an easy to remember domain name (www.RecyclingBagSettlement.com). Relevant documents are posted on the Settlement Website, including the Long Form Notice (English and Spanish), the Settlement Agreement, Preliminary Approval Order, Complaint, Claim Form (English and Spanish), Exclusion Form (English and Spanish), and the Product List. The Settlement Website also provides the ability for Settlement Class Members to file an online Claim Form. In addition, the Settlement Website includes relevant dates, such as the Final Approval Hearing, claim filing deadline, and exclusion request deadline, and answers to frequently asked questions (“FAQs”), instructions for how Settlement Class Members may opt-out (request exclusion) from or object to the Settlement, contact information for the Claim Administrator, and how to obtain other case-related information. The Settlement Website address was prominently displayed in all notice documents. As of October 10, 2023, there have been 566,099 unique visitor sessions to the case website, and 1,819,884 web pages have been presented.

Toll-Free Telephone Number

21. On September 14, 2023, a toll-free telephone number (1-877-272-3437) was established for the Settlement. Callers are able to hear an introductory message and also have the option to learn more about the Settlement in the form of recorded answers to FAQs, and to request that a Claim Package (Long Form Notice and Claim Form) in English or Spanish be mailed to them. The automated telephone system is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The toll-free telephone number was prominently displayed in all notice documents. As of October 10, 2023, there have been 112 calls to the toll-free telephone number, representing 200 minutes of use.

22. Additionally, a Claim Package (Long Form Notice and Claim Form) in English or Spanish were mailed to all persons who request one via the toll-free telephone number or other means. As of October 10, 2023, Epiq has mailed 42 Claim Packages as a result of such requests. The Long Form Notice in English is included as **Attachment 5**. The Long Form Notice in Spanish

is included as **Attachment 6**. The Claim Form in English is included as **Attachment 7**. The Claim Form in Spanish is included as **Attachment 8**.

23. A postal mailing address was established, allowing Settlement Class Members the opportunity to request additional information or ask questions.

Requests for Exclusion

24. The deadline to request exclusions from the Settlement or to object to the Settlement is October 25, 2023. As of October 10, 2023, Epiq has received no requests for exclusion. As of October 9, 2023, I am aware of no objections to the Settlement.

Claim Submission

25. The Notices contained a detailed summary of the relevant information about the Settlement, including the Settlement Website address where Settlement Class Members can file a Claim Form online or by mail prior to the claim filing deadline.

26. The deadline for Settlement Class Members to file a Claim Form is December 13, 2023. As of October 10, 2023, Epiq has received 434,056 Claim Forms (433,964 online and 92 paper). Since the claim filing deadline has not yet passed, these numbers are preliminary. As standard practice, Epiq is in the process of conducting a complete review and audit of all Claim Forms received. There is a likelihood that after detailed review, the total number of Claim Forms received will change due to duplicate and denied Claim Forms.

COSTS OF NOTICE AND ADMINISTRATION

27. To date, Epiq has invoiced \$234,894.83 to provide notice and settlement administration services (this amount includes \$164,256.00 for implementing the media notice efforts and \$70,638.83 for activities related to settlement administration, claims processing, etc.). Additional costs will be incurred as Epiq continues to complete the settlement administration. All costs are subject to the Service Contract under which Epiq is retained as the Claims Administrator, and the terms and conditions of that agreement.

CONCLUSION

28. In class action notice planning, execution, and analysis, we are guided by due process considerations under the United States Constitution, by state and local rules and statutes, and further by case law pertaining to notice. This framework directs that the notice plan be optimized to reach the greatest practicable number of potential class members and, that the notice or notice plan provide class members with easy access to the details of how the class action may impact their rights. All of these requirements were met in this case.

29. Once completed, the Notice Plan will have reach approximately 70% of the Settlement Class Members with a digital/internet notice program (digital notice and social media). The reach is further enhanced by internet sponsored search listings, an informational release, and a Settlement Website, which were not included in the reach calculation. The Notice Plan was nationwide. The Federal Judicial Center's ("FJC's") Judges' Class Action Notice and Claims Process Checklist and Plain Language Guide, which is relied upon for federal cases, states that, "the lynchpin in an objective determination of the adequacy of a proposed notice effort is whether all the notice efforts together will reach a high percentage of the class. It is reasonable to reach between 70–95%."⁸ Here, we have developed and implemented a Notice Plan that is readily achieving a reach within that standard.

30. In my opinion, the Notice Plan followed the guidance for how to satisfy due process obligations that a notice expert gleans from the United States Supreme Court's seminal decisions, which are: a) to endeavor to actually inform the class, and b) to demonstrate that notice is reasonably calculated to do so.

- a. "But when notice is a person's due, process which is a mere gesture is not due process. The means employed must be such as one desirous of actually informing the absentee might reasonably adopt to accomplish it," *Mullane v. Central Hanover Trust*, 339 U.S. 306, 315 (1950).

⁸ FED. JUDICIAL CTR, JUDGES' CLASS ACTION NOTICE AND CLAIMS PROCESS CHECKLIST AND PLAIN LANGUAGE GUIDE 3 (2010), available at <https://www.fjc.gov/content/judges-class-action-notice-and-claims-process-checklist-and-plain-language-guide-0>.

- b. “[N]otice must be reasonably calculated, under all the circumstances, to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the action and afford them an opportunity to present their objections,” *Eisen v. Carlisle & Jacquelin*, 417 U.S. 156 (1974) citing *Mullane* at 314.

31. The Notice Plan provided the best notice practicable under the circumstances of this case, conformed to all aspects of Illinois Code of Civil Procedure Sec. 2-803, comported with the guidance for effective notice articulated in the Manual for Complex Litigation 4th Ed and FJC guidance, and met the requirements of due process, including its “desire to actually inform” requirement.

32. The Notice Plan schedule affords enough time to provide full and proper notice to the Settlement Class Members before any opt-out deadline.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on October 10, 2023.



Cameron R. Azari, Esq.

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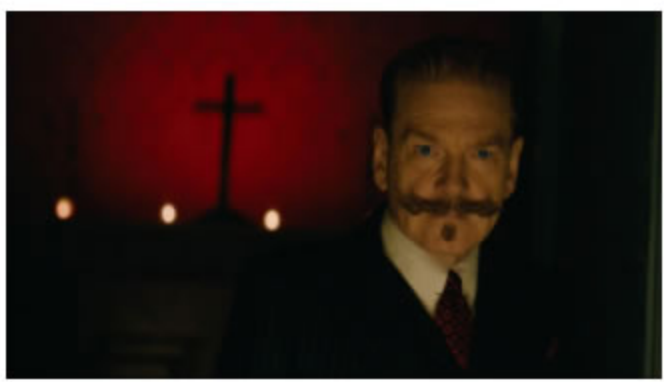
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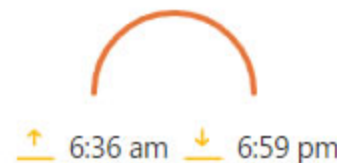
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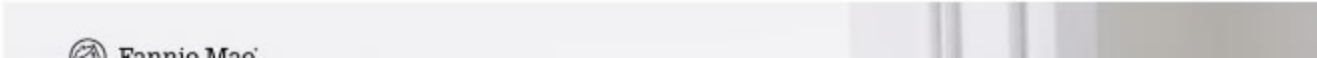
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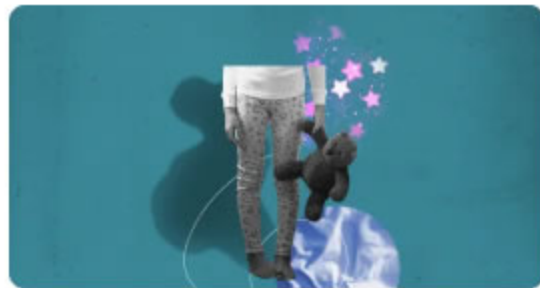
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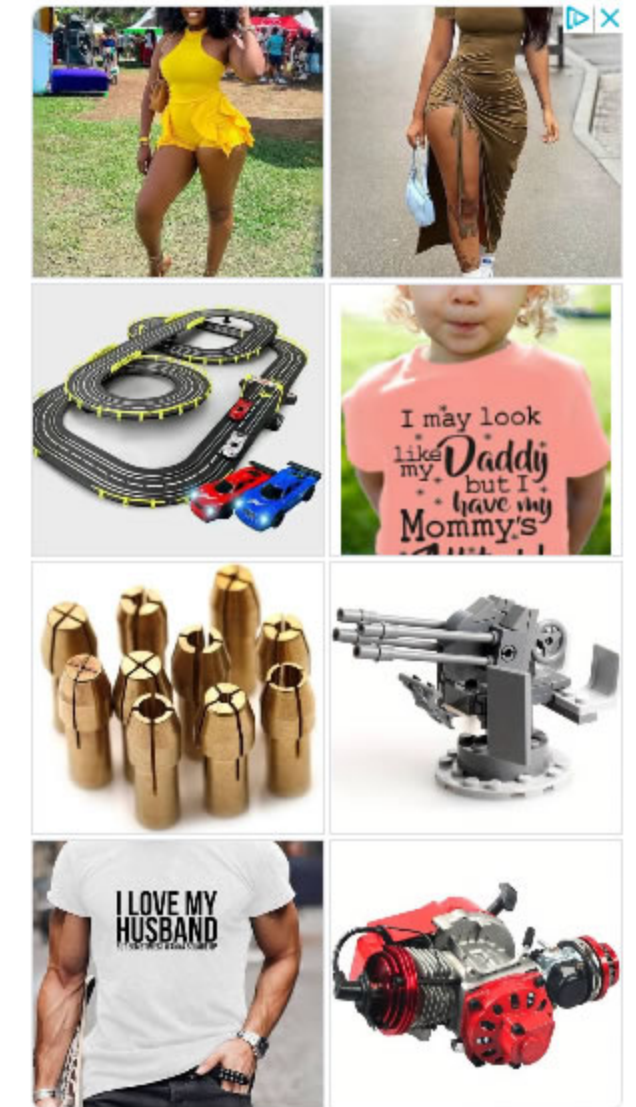
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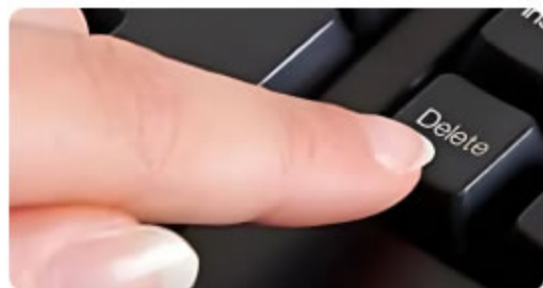
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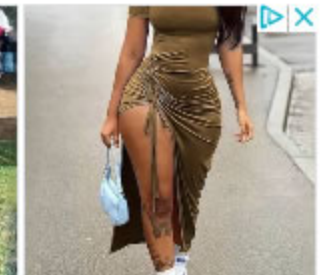
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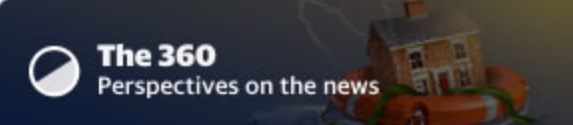
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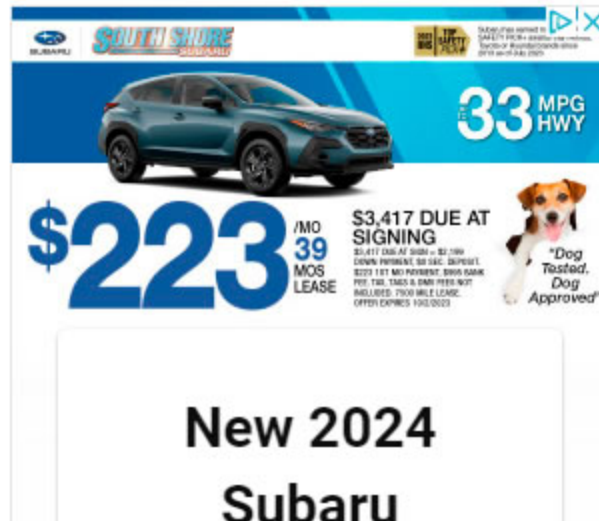
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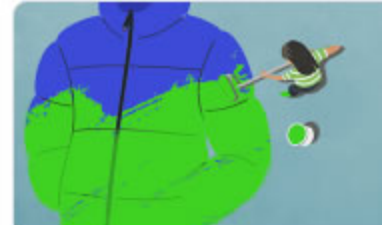
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WAUKEGAN, Ill., Sept. 14, 2023 /PRNewswire/ -- A settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit against Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. and Reynolds Consumer Products, LLC ("Reynolds" or the "Defendant").

Plaintiffs allege that Reynolds's use of the claim "Recycling" on the packaging of its Recycling trash bags under the Hefty and Great Value brands was misleading because "Recycling" trash bags are not recyclable at many solid waste disposal facilities and are not suitable for the disposal of recyclable products at solid waste disposal facilities. Reynolds denies all of the allegations made by Plaintiffs. The Court has not made any determination about who is right.

Am I a Settlement Class Member? You are a member of the Settlement Class if you are a consumer in the United States who purchased Hefty or Great Value brand Recycling bags between July 20, 2018 and August 30, 2023. A full list of the Hefty and Great Value brand Recycling bags included in the Settlement can be found at www.recyclingbagsettlement.com. If you are still not sure whether you are a member of the Settlement Class, you may go to the Settlement Website at www.recyclingbagsettlement.com, call the Claim Administrator toll-free at 1-877-272-3437 or send an email to info@recyclingbagsettlement.com.

What does the Settlement Provide? Members of the Settlement Class are eligible to receive a cash payment. To be eligible for a cash payment, you must submit a timely, valid Claim Form by the claim filing deadline.

A Settlement Class Member who submits a Valid Claim shall receive a cash payment of \$2.00 for each Product (listed in Exhibit A to the Settlement Agreement available at www.recyclingbagsettlement.com) purchased by the Settlement Class Member. A Settlement Class Member does not have to provide Proof of Purchase for the first six (6) Products claimed for a total of twelve dollars (\$12). Proof of Purchase is required for every Product claimed over six (6) Products. A Settlement Class Member can make a claim of up to twenty-five (25) Products for a total of fifty dollars (\$50). The total cash payment due to the Settlement Class Member will be provided via a single check payable to the Settlement Class Member. Each Household is limited to and may only submit a single Claim Form and will receive no more than one cash payment.

Your Options. Your Claim Form must be postmarked or submitted online on or before **December 13, 2023**. Claim Forms may be submitted online at www.recyclingbagsettlement.com or printed from the website and mailed to the Claim Administrator at the address on the form. Claim Forms are also available by calling 1-877-272-3437 or by writing to: *Gudgel et al. v. Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc.*, Claim Administrator, P.O. Box 2197, Portland, OR 97208-2197. You can also exclude yourself from, or object to the Settlement on or before **October 25, 2023**. If you do not exclude yourself from the Settlement, you will remain in the Class and will give up the right to sue the Defendants and Released Persons about the legal claims in this case that are released by the Settlement Agreement. **A summary of your rights under the Settlement and instructions regarding how to submit a claim, exclude yourself, or object are available at www.recyclingbagsettlement.com.**

The Court will hold a Final Approval Hearing on **November 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.** The Court could change the day, time or location of the Hearing, so you should check www.recyclingbagsettlement.com to confirm. At this hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and decide whether to approve the Settlement, Class Counsel's application for attorneys' fees, expenses, and the Service Awards

to class representatives. If there are objections, the Court will consider them. The Court will also listen to people who have asked to speak at the hearing. You may attend the Hearing at your own expense, or you may also pay your own lawyer to attend, but it is not necessary.

This Notice summarizes the Settlement. For the precise terms of the Settlement, please see the Settlement Agreement available at www.recyclingbagsettlement.com or by calling 1-877-272-3437.

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Si usted compró bolsas de reciclaje de marca Hefty o Great Value, puede ser elegible para recibir un pago en efectivo de una conciliación de demanda colectiva.

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WAUKEGAN, Illinois, 14 de septiembre de 2023 /PRNewswire-HISPANIC PR WIRE/ -- Se ha llegado a una conciliación en una demanda colectiva contra Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. y Reynolds Consumer Products, LLC ("Reynolds" o el "Demandado").

Los demandantes alegan que el uso de Reynolds de la afirmación "Reciclaje" en el embalaje de sus bolsas de basura de reciclaje bajo las marcas Hefty y Great Value fue engañoso porque las bolsas de basura de "Reciclaje" no son reciclables en muchas instalaciones de eliminación de residuos sólidos y no son adecuadas para la eliminación de productos reciclables en instalaciones de eliminación de residuos sólidos. Reynolds niega todas las acusaciones realizadas por los Demandantes. El Tribunal no ha determinado quién tiene razón.

¿Soy un Miembro del Grupo de Demandantes de la Conciliación? Usted es miembro del Grupo de Demandantes de la Conciliación si es un consumidor en los Estados Unidos que compró bolsas de reciclaje de la marca Hefty o Great Value entre el 20 de julio de 2018 y el 30 de agosto de 2023. Puede encontrar una lista completa de las bolsas de reciclaje de las marcas Hefty y Great Value incluidas en la Conciliación en www.recyclingbagsettlement.com. Si aún no está seguro de si es Miembro del Grupo de Demandantes de la Conciliación, puede

visitar el sitio web de la Conciliación en www.recyclingbagsettlement.com, llamar al Administrador de Reclamaciones al número gratuito 1-877-272-3437 o enviar un correo electrónico a info@recyclingbagsettlement.com.

¿Qué establece la Conciliación? Todos los miembros del Grupo de Demandantes de la Conciliación son elegibles para recibir un pago en efectivo. Para ser elegible para un pago en efectivo, debe presentar un Formulario de Reclamación válido y oportuno antes de la fecha límite para presentar la reclamación.

Un Miembro del Grupo de Demandantes de la Conciliación que presente una Reclamación Válida recibirá un pago en efectivo de \$2.00 por cada Producto (enumerado en el Anexo A del Acuerdo de Conciliación disponible en www.recyclingbagsettlement.com) comprado por el Miembro del Grupo de Demandantes de la Conciliación. Un Miembro del Grupo de Demandantes de la Conciliación no tiene que proporcionar un Comprobante de compra para los primeros seis (6) Productos reclamados por un total de doce dólares (\$12). Se requiere un Comprobante de Compra para cada Producto reclamado de más de seis (6) Productos. Un Miembro del Grupo de Demandantes de la Conciliación puede presentar una reclamación de hasta veinticinco (25) Productos por un total de cincuenta dólares (\$50). El pago total en efectivo adeudado al Miembro del Grupo de Demandantes de la Conciliación se proporcionará mediante un solo cheque pagadero al Miembro del Grupo de Demandantes de la Conciliación. Cada Hogar está limitado a y solo puede presentar un único Formulario de Reclamación y no recibirá más de un pago en efectivo.

Sus opciones. Su Formulario de Reclamación debe tener una fecha de franqueo postal o de envío por internet a más tardar del **13 de diciembre de 2023**. Los Formularios de Reclamación podrán presentarse por internet en www.recyclingbagsettlement.com o imprimirse desde el sitio web y enviarse por correo postal al Administrador de Reclamaciones a la dirección indicada en el formulario. Los Formularios de Reclamación también están disponibles si llama al 1-877-272-3437 o escribe a la siguiente dirección: *Gudgel et al. v. Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc.*, Claim Administrator, P.O. Box 2197, Portland, OR 97208-2197. También puede excluirse u oponerse a la Conciliación a más tardar el **25 de octubre de 2023**. Si usted no se excluye de la Conciliación, permanecerá en el Grupo y renunciará al derecho de demandar a los Demandados y las Personas Exoneradas por las reclamaciones legales en este caso que

sean exoneradas por el Acuerdo de Conciliación. **Puede encontrar un resumen de sus derechos en virtud de la Conciliación y las instrucciones sobre cómo presentar una reclamación, excluirse u oponerse en www.recyclingbagsettlement.com.**

El Tribunal celebrará una Audiencia de Imparcialidad Definitiva el **15 de noviembre de 2023 a las 9:00 a. m.** El Tribunal podría cambiar el día, la hora o la ubicación de la Audiencia, por lo que debe consultar en www.recyclingbagsettlement.com para confirmar. En esta audiencia, el Tribunal evaluará si la Conciliación es justa, razonable y adecuada, y decidirá si aprobar la Conciliación, la solicitud de los Abogados del Grupo de Demandantes para los honorarios de abogados, gastos judiciales; y las Adjudicaciones de servicios a los Representantes del Grupo de Demandantes. Si existen objeciones, el Tribunal las evaluará. El tribunal también escuchará a las personas que hayan solicitado hablar en la audiencia. Usted puede asistir a la Audiencia por su cuenta, o también puede pagar a su propio abogado para que asista, pero no es necesario.

Este Aviso resume la Conciliación. Para conocer los términos precisos de la Conciliación, consulte el Acuerdo de Conciliación disponible en www.recyclingbagsettlement.com o llamando al 1-877-272-3437.

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IF YOU PURCHASED HEFTY AND GREAT VALUE BRAND RECYCLING BAGS FROM JULY 20, 2018 THROUGH AUGUST 30, 2023, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A CASH PAYMENT FROM A CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT.

This is a court-authorized Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

THIS NOTICE MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

- A settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit against Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. and Reynolds Consumer Products, LLC (“Reynolds” or the “Defendant”).
- Plaintiffs allege that Reynolds’s use of the claim “Recycling” on the packaging of its Recycling trash bags under the Hefty and Great Value brands was misleading because “Recycling” trash bags are not recyclable at many solid waste disposal facilities and are not suitable for the disposal of recyclable products at solid waste disposal facilities. Reynolds denies all of the allegations made by Plaintiffs. The Court has not made any determination about who is right.
- You are a member of the Settlement Class if you purchased Hefty and Great Value brand Recycling bags from July 20, 2018 through August 30, 2023. A full list of the Hefty and Great Value brand Recycling bags included in the Settlement can be found at www.recyclingbagsettlement.com.
- The Settlement will provide cash payments from a Settlement Fund to members of the Settlement Class who submit a timely, valid, and approved Claim Form. If you are a member of the Settlement Class, you will need to file a Claim Form by the deadline to receive a cash payment.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS		DEADLINE
SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM	The only way to get a cash payment is to submit a valid Claim Form.	December 13, 2023
EXCLUDE YOURSELF	Get no cash payment and keep any right to file your own lawsuit against the Defendant and Released Persons about the legal claims in this case that are released by the Settlement Agreement.	October 25, 2023
OBJECT	Tell the Court why you do not like the Settlement. You will still be bound by the Settlement if the Court approves it, and you may still file a Claim Form for a cash payment.	October 25, 2023
DO NOTHING	Get no cash payment. Give up your legal rights.	

- These rights and options—**and the deadlines to exercise them**—are explained in this Notice.
- The Court in charge of this case must still decide whether to approve the Settlement and the requested attorneys’ fees and expenses. No cash payments will be provided to members of the Settlement Class unless the Court approves the Settlement, and it becomes final.

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BASIC INFORMATION

1. Why is this Notice being provided?

An Illinois state court authorized this Notice because you have the right to know about the Settlement of this class action lawsuit, and about all of your rights and options, before the Court decides whether to grant final approval to the Settlement. This Notice explains the lawsuit, the Settlement, your legal rights, what benefits are available, who is eligible for them, and how to get them.

This class action is pending in the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial District, Lake County, Illinois. The case is known as *Gudgel et al. v. Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. et al.* Case No. 23LA00000486. The people who filed this lawsuit are called Plaintiffs, and the companies they sued are Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. and Reynolds Consumer Products, LLC.

2. What is this lawsuit about?

Plaintiffs allege that Reynolds violated certain laws by mislabeling the recycling bags listed in Exhibit A of the Settlement Agreement (the “Products”), which are also listed in detail at www.recyclingbagsettlement.com (the “Settlement Website”). Plaintiffs allege that the labeling of these Products is misleading because “Recycling” bags are not recyclable at many solid waste disposal facilities and are not suitable for the disposal of recyclable products at solid waste disposal facilities. Plaintiffs allege claims for violations of Illinois’s consumer protection laws and for common-law fraud.

Reynolds denies all of the allegations made by Plaintiffs, and all charges of wrongdoing or liability against it arising out of any of the conduct, statements, acts or omissions alleged, or that could have been alleged against it by Plaintiffs either on an individual basis, or on behalf of a class.

3. Why is the lawsuit a class action?

In a class action lawsuit, one or more person(s) called the named plaintiff sues on behalf of other persons and entities that have similar claims. The people and entities together are a “Settlement Class.” One court resolves the issues for everyone in the Settlement Class, except for those people who choose to exclude themselves (opt out) from the Settlement Class.

4. Why is there a Settlement?

The Court did not decide in favor of Plaintiffs or the Defendant. Instead, both sides have agreed to a settlement. That way, they avoid the delay, risk, and cost of further litigation and a trial. Plaintiffs and the attorneys for the Settlement Class (“Class Counsel”) believe the Settlement is best for all members of the Settlement Class because of the benefits from the Settlement compared to the risks and uncertainty associated with continued litigation.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT

5. How do I know if I am part of the Settlement?

You are a member of the “Settlement Class” if you are a consumer in the United States who purchased the Products listed in Exhibit A of the Settlement Agreement between July 20, 2018 and August 30, 2023. Generally, the Products include blue or clear plastic recycling bags sold under the Hefty and/or Great Value brands. They do not include opaque black and/or white-colored trash bags sold under the Hefty and/or Great Value brands (including but not limited to those sold under the Hefty Strong, Hefty Ultra Strong, Hefty Small Trash, Hefty Medium Trash, Hefty Contractor, Hefty Ultra Strong Renew, Great Value Strong Flex, Great Value Medium Trash, Great Value Small Trash, Great Value Kitchen, Great Value Multi-Purpose, Great Value Lawn & Leaf, Great Value Outdoor, and Great Value Sustainable Strong Flex product lines). Hefty Composting bags and Hefty EnergyBags are excluded from this Settlement. A full list of the Products can be found at the Settlement Website, www.recyclingbagsettlement.com.

Specifically excluded from the Settlement Class are the following: (1) all manufacturers, distributors, retailers, sellers, and resellers of the Products listed in Exhibit A, including Reynolds and Walmart Inc., together with each and all of their respective present or former parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, predecessors, successors and assigns,

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and each and all of its respective present or former members, officers, directors, managers, employees, employers, attorneys, accountants, financial advisors, commercial bank lenders, insurers, investment bankers, representatives, general and limited partners and partnerships, co-manufacturers, distributors, any trust of which they are a settlor, trustee, or beneficiary, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, affiliates, and assigns of each of them, (2) any government entities, (3) persons who purchased the Products for the purpose of resale, (4) persons who purchased the Products for business or commercial use, (5) persons who made a valid, timely request for exclusion, and (6) the judge presiding over the Action and the Hon. Wayne Andersen (Ret.), and any members of their immediate families.

6. What if I am still not sure whether I am part of the Settlement?

If you are still not sure whether you are a member of the Settlement Class, you may go to the Settlement Website at www.recyclingbagsettlement.com, call the Claim Administrator toll-free at 1-877-272-3437 or send an email to info@recyclingbagsettlement.com.

THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS—WHAT YOU GET IF YOU QUALIFY

7. What does the Settlement provide?

As a result of the Settlement, Reynolds has agreed to create a Settlement Fund of \$3,000,000. Cash payments from the Settlement Fund will be paid to members of the Settlement Class who submit timely, valid, and approved claims as described below.

This amount does not include the costs of the Claim Administrator, Attorneys' Fees and Costs, and the Service Awards, which shall be paid separately by Defendant.

8. What can I get from the Settlement?

Members of the Settlement Class are eligible to receive a cash payment. To be eligible for a cash payment, you must submit a timely, valid Claim Form by the claim filing deadline.

A Settlement Class Member who submits a Valid Claim shall receive a cash payment of \$2.00 for each Product (listed in Exhibit A of the Settlement Agreement and shown at www.recyclingbagsettlement.com) purchased by the Settlement Class Member. A Settlement Class Member does not have to provide Proof of Purchase for the first six (6) Products claimed for a total of twelve dollars (\$12). Proof of Purchase is required for every Product claimed over six (6) Products. A Settlement Class Member can make a claim of up to twenty-five (25) Products for a total of fifty dollars (\$50). The total cash payment due to the Settlement Class Member will be provided via a single check payable to the Settlement Class Member.

Each Household is limited to and may only submit a single Claim Form and will receive no more than one cash payment.

9. What am I giving up to receive a cash payment or stay in the Settlement Class?

Unless you exclude yourself, you will remain in the Settlement Class. If the Settlement is approved and becomes final, all the Court's orders will apply to you and legally bind you. You will not be able to sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendants and Released Persons about the legal claims in this case that are released by the Settlement Agreement. The rights you are giving up are discussed in the Settlement Agreement.

10. Where can I find out about the rights that I give up if I stay in the Settlement Class?

The rights that you give up if you stay in the Settlement Class are discussed in the Settlement Agreement in section VII (titled "Releases"), section II (2.31) (titled "Released Claims"), and section II (2.32) (titled "Released Parties"). These sections describe the settlements' releases, the Released Claims, and the Released Parties in necessary legal terminology. Please read these sections carefully.

The Settlement Agreement is available at www.recyclingbagsettlement.com. For questions regarding the Releases or what they mean, you can also contact the lawyers listed in Question 14 for free, or you can talk to your own lawyer at your own expense.

Questions? Go to www.recyclingbagsettlement.com or call 1-877-272-3437.

HOW TO GET BENEFITS FROM THE SETTLEMENT

11. How do I file a Claim Form for a cash payment?

To file a claim for a cash payment, you must submit a timely, valid Claim Form. Your Claim Form must be postmarked or submitted online on or before **December 13, 2023**.

Claim Forms may be submitted online at www.recyclingbagsettlement.com or printed from the website and mailed to the Claim Administrator at the address on the form. Claim Forms are also available by calling 1-877-272-3437 or by writing to:

Gudgel et al. v. Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc.
Claim Administrator
P.O. Box 2197
Portland, OR 97208-2197

The quickest way to file a Claim Form is online.

12. What happens if my contact information changes after I submit a claim?

If you change your mailing address or email address after you submit a Claim Form, it is your responsibility to inform the Claim Administrator of your updated information. You may notify the Claim Administrator of any changes at:

Gudgel et al. v. Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc.
Claim Administrator
P.O. Box 2197
Portland, OR 97208-2197
info@recyclingbagsettlement.com
1-877-272-3437

13. When will I receive my cash payment?

If you file a timely, valid Claim Form, a cash payment will be provided to you by the Claim Administrator after the Settlement is approved by the Court and becomes final.

It may take time for the Settlement to be approved and become final. Please be patient and check www.recyclingbagsettlement.com for updates.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

14. Do I have lawyers in this case?

The Court has appointed attorneys from the law firms of Reese LLP and The Wright Law Office, P.A. to represent you and the other Settlement Class Members. The lawyers are called Class Counsel or Plaintiffs' Counsel. They are experienced in handling similar class action cases. You will not be charged for these lawyers. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

You may contact Class Counsel if you have any questions about this Notice or the Settlement. ***Please do not contact the Court.***

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Questions? Go to www.recyclingbagsettlement.com or call 1-877-272-3437.

15. How will Class Counsel be paid?

Class Counsel will file a motion asking the Court for an award from Defendant of its attorneys' fees and costs in a total amount of no more than \$975,000. Class Counsel will also ask the Court to approve Service Awards not to exceed \$5,000 each (for a total of \$10,000) to the named class representatives for participating in this litigation and for their efforts in achieving the Settlement. If awarded by the Court, these attorneys' fees, expenses, and the Service Awards will be paid by Defendant. The Court may award less than these amounts for attorneys' fees, costs, and Service Awards.

Class Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees, expenses, and Service Awards will be made available on the Settlement Website at www.recyclingbagsettlement.com before the deadline for you to object to the Settlement.

EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT

If you do not want a cash payment from this Settlement, but you instead want to keep the right to sue or continue to sue the Defendant, on your own, about the legal issues in this case, then you must take steps to get out of the Settlement. This is called excluding yourself from – or “opting out” of – the Settlement.

16. How do I get out of the Settlement?

To exclude yourself from the Settlement, you must complete the exclusion form at the Settlement Website (www.recyclingbagsettlement.com) or download and submit the completed exclusion form by mail to the Claim Administrator. You can also submit a written request for exclusion, which includes the following:

- The case name (*Gudgel et al. v. Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. et al.* Case No. 23LA00000486);
- Your name, address, telephone number, and email address (if available); and
- A clear statement that you want to be excluded from the Settlement Class, such as “I hereby request to be excluded from the Settlement Class in *Gudgel et al. v. Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. et al.* Case No. 23LA00000486.”

If not submitted online, the exclusion request must be sent to the Claim Administrator at the following address **postmarked by October 25, 2023**:

Gudgel et al. v. Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc.
Claim Administrator
P.O. Box 2197
Portland, OR 97208-2197

You cannot exclude yourself by telephone and you cannot request exclusion on behalf of anyone else.

17. If I exclude myself, can I get a cash payment from the Settlement?

No. If you exclude yourself, you will not receive any money from this settlement. You can only get a cash payment if you stay in the Settlement and submit a valid Claim Form.

18. If I do not exclude myself, can I sue the Defendant for the same thing later?

No. Unless you exclude yourself, you give up any right to sue the Defendant and Released Persons about the claims that are released by the Settlement Agreement, even if you have litigation pending against the Defendant. You must exclude yourself from *this* Settlement Class to continue your lawsuit. If you have a pending lawsuit, speak to your lawyer in that case immediately.

OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT

19. How do I tell the Court that I do not like the Settlement?

You can ask the Court to deny approval of the Settlement by filing an objection. You cannot ask the Court to order a different settlement; the Court can only approve or reject the Settlement. If the Court denies approval, no cash payments will be sent out, and the lawsuit will continue. If that is what you want to happen, you should object.

Questions? Go to www.recyclingbagsettlement.com or call 1-877-272-3437.

Any objection to the Settlement must be in writing. If you file a timely written objection, you may, but are not required to, appear at the Final Approval Hearing, either in person or through your own attorney. If you appear through your own attorney, you are responsible for hiring and paying that attorney. Each objection must include:

- (a) the case name and number (*Gudgel et al. v. Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. et al.* Case No. 23LA00000486);
- (b) your name, address and telephone number;
- (c) the name, address, and telephone number of all counsel (if any) who represent you;
- (d) documents or testimony sufficient to establish membership in the Settlement Class;
- (e) a detailed statement of any objection asserted, including the basis for the objection;
- (f) whether you are, and any reasons for, requesting the opportunity to appear and be heard at the final approval hearing;
- (g) the identity of all counsel (if any) representing you who will appear at the final approval hearing and, if applicable, a list of all persons who will be called to testify in support of your objection;
- (h) copies of any papers, briefs, or other documents upon which the objection is based;
- (i) a detailed list of any other objections submitted by you, or your counsel, to any class litigations submitted in any state or federal court in the United States in the previous five (5) years (or affirmatively stating that no such prior objection has been made); and
- (j) your signature, in addition to the signature of your attorney (if any).

The written objection must be sent to the Claim Administrator at the following address, **so it is received by October 25, 2023**:

Gudgel et al. v. Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc.
Claim Administrator
P.O. Box 2197
Portland, OR 97208-2197

The objection may be submitted by mail, express mail, electronic transmission, or personal delivery.

Failure to include documents or testimony sufficient to establish membership in the Settlement Class shall be grounds for overruling and/or striking the objection on grounds that the objector lacks standing to make the objection. Failure to include any of the information or documentation set forth in this paragraph also shall be grounds for overruling an objection. The Parties may respond to any objection to the Settlement with appropriate arguments and evidence.

20. What is the difference between objecting and asking to be excluded?

Objecting is simply telling the Court you do not like something about the Settlement or requested attorneys' fees and expenses. Requesting exclusion is telling the Court you do not want to be part of the Settlement Class or the Settlement. If you exclude yourself, you cannot object to the Settlement.

THE FINAL APPROVAL HEARING

21. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the Settlement?

The Court will hold a Final Approval Hearing on **November 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.** before The Honorable Joseph V. Salvi of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial District, Lake County, Illinois. The Court could change the day, time or location of the Hearing, so you should check the Settlement Website www.recyclingbagsettlement.com to confirm. At this hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and decide whether to approve: the Settlement, Class Counsel's application for attorneys' fees, expenses, and the Service Awards to class representatives. If there are objections, the Court will consider them. The Court will also listen to people who have asked to speak at the hearing.

22. Do I have to attend to the Final Approval Hearing?

No. Class Counsel will answer any questions the Court may have. However, you are welcome to attend at your own expense. If you send an objection, you do not have to attend the Final Approval Hearing to talk about it. As long as you file your written objection on time the Court will consider it.

Questions? Go to www.recyclingbagsettlement.com or call 1-877-272-3437.

23. May I speak at the Final Approval Hearing?

Yes. As long as you do not exclude yourself, and you file an objection, you can (but do not have to) participate and speak for yourself in this litigation and Settlement. This is called making an appearance. You also may have your own lawyer speak for you at the hearing, but you will have to pay for the lawyer yourself. You may also appear at the Final Approval Hearing without submitted a written objection upon a showing of good cause.

IF YOU DO NOTHING

24. What happens if I do nothing at all?

If you are a member of the Settlement Class and you do nothing, you will not receive a cash payment. You will give up your rights as explained in the “Excluding Yourself from the Settlement” section of this Notice, including your right to start a lawsuit, continue with a lawsuit, or be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendant and Released Persons about the legal claims that are released by the Settlement Agreement.

GETTING MORE INFORMATION

25. How do I get more information?

You can email the Claim Administrator at info@recyclingbagsettlement.com or call 1-877-272-3437 toll free. You can also visit the website at www.recyclingbagsettlement.com, which will include a list of key deadlines and have links to the class notices, claim form, preliminary approval order, motions for preliminary and final approval and attorneys’ fees, and other important documents in the case.

This Notice summarizes the Settlement. For the precise terms of the Settlement, please see the Settlement Agreement available at www.recyclingbagsettlement.com or by contacting Class Counsel at the contact information listed in question 14 above.

PLEASE DO NOT TELEPHONE THE COURT OR THE COURT CLERK’S OFFICE REGARDING THIS NOTICE, THE SETTLEMENT OR THE CLAIM PROCESS.

Questions? Go to www.recyclingbagsettlement.com or call 1-877-272-3437.

Attachment 6

SI USTED COMPRÓ BOLSAS DE RECICLAJE DE LAS MARCAS HEFTY Y GREAT VALUE ENTRE EL 20 DE JULIO DE 2018 Y EL 30 DE AGOSTO DE 2023, PUEDE SER ELEGIBLE PARA RECIBIR UN PAGO EN EFECTIVO DE UN ACUERDO DE CONCILIACIÓN POR UNA DEMANDA COLECTIVA.

Este es un Aviso autorizado por un Tribunal. No es a solicitud de un abogado.

ESTE AVISO PUEDE AFECTAR SUS DERECHOS. LÉALO DETENIDAMENTE.

- Se llegó a un Acuerdo de Conciliación por una demanda colectiva contra Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. y Reynolds Consumer Products, LLC (“Reynolds” o el “Demandado”).
- Los demandantes alegan que el uso de Reynolds de la afirmación “Reciclaje” en el embalaje de sus bolsas de basura de reciclaje bajo las marcas Hefty y Great Value fue engañoso porque las bolsas de basura de “Reciclaje” no son reciclables en muchas instalaciones de eliminación de residuos sólidos y no son adecuadas para la eliminación de productos reciclables en instalaciones de eliminación de residuos sólidos. Reynolds niega todas las acusaciones realizadas por los Demandantes. El Tribunal no ha determinado quién tiene razón.
- Usted es miembro del Grupo de Demandantes si compró bolsas de reciclaje de las marcas Hefty y Great Value entre el 20 de julio de 2018 y el 30 de agosto de 2023. Puede encontrar una lista completa de las bolsas de reciclaje de las marcas Hefty y Great Value incluidas en el Acuerdo de Conciliación en www.recyclingbagsettlement.com.
- El Acuerdo de Conciliación hará pagos en efectivo de un Fondo de Conciliación a los miembros del Grupo de Demandantes que presenten un Formulario de Reclamación válido, oportuno y aprobado. Si usted es miembro del Grupo de Demandantes, deberá presentar un Formulario de Reclamación antes de la fecha límite para recibir un pago en efectivo.

SUS OPCIONES Y DERECHOS LEGALES		FECHA LÍMITE
PRESENTAR UN FORMULARIO DE RECLAMACIÓN	La única manera de obtener un pago en efectivo es si presenta un Formulario de Reclamación válido.	13 de diciembre de 2023
EXCLUIRSE	No obtener un pago en efectivo y conservar cualquier derecho de presentar su propia demanda contra los Demandados y las Personas exoneradas en relación con las reclamaciones legales de este caso que sean resueltas por el Acuerdo de Conciliación.	25 de octubre de 2023
OBJETAR	Comunicarle al Tribunal por qué usted no está de acuerdo con el Acuerdo de Conciliación. Usted seguirá estando vinculado al Acuerdo de Conciliación si el Tribunal lo aprueba, pero aún podrá presentar un Formulario de Reclamación para recibir un pago en efectivo.	25 de octubre de 2023
NO HACER NADA	No obtener pagos en efectivo. Renunciar a sus derechos legales.	

- Estos derechos y estas opciones, y **las fechas límite para ejercerlos**, se explican en este Aviso.
- El Tribunal a cargo de este caso aún debe decidir si aprueba el Acuerdo de Conciliación así como los honorarios y gastos solicitados de los abogados. No se brindará ningún pago en efectivo a los miembros del Grupo de Demandantes hasta que el Tribunal apruebe el Acuerdo de Conciliación y este se considere definitivo.

¿Tiene alguna pregunta? Visite www.recyclingbagsettlement.com o llame al 1-877-272-3437.

QUÉ CONTIENE ESTE AVISO

INFORMACIÓN BÁSICA PÁGINA 3

1. ¿Por qué se proporciona este Aviso?
2. ¿De qué trata esta demanda?
3. ¿Por qué esta demanda se considera una demanda colectiva?
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QUIÉNES ESTÁN INCLUIDOS EN EL ACUERDO DE CONCILIACIÓN PÁGINAS 3 & 4

5. ¿Cómo sé si formo parte del Acuerdo de Conciliación?
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LOS BENEFICIOS DEL ACUERDO DE CONCILIACIÓN: LO QUE OBTENDRÁ SI REÚNE LOS REQUISITOS PÁGINAS 4 & 5

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8. ¿Qué puedo obtener yo del Acuerdo de Conciliación?
9. ¿A qué estoy renunciando para recibir un pago en efectivo o para seguir siendo miembro del Grupo de Demandantes?
10. ¿Dónde puedo obtener información sobre los derechos a los que renuncio si sigo siendo miembro del Grupo de Demandantes?

CÓMO OBTENER BENEFICIOS DEL ACUERDO DE CONCILIACIÓN PÁGINA 5

11. ¿Cómo puedo presentar una Formulario de Reclamación para recibir un pago en efectivo?
12. ¿Qué sucede si mi información de contacto cambia después de que presento una reclamación?
13. ¿Cuándo recibiré mi pago en efectivo?

LOS ABOGADOS QUE LO REPRESENTAN PÁGINA 6

14. ¿Tengo abogados en este caso?
15. ¿Cómo se les pagará a los Abogados del Grupo de Demandantes?

EXCLUIRSE DEL ACUERDO DE CONCILIACIÓN PÁGINAS 6 & 7

16. ¿Cómo me excluyo del Acuerdo de Conciliación?
17. Si me excluyo, ¿puedo obtener un pago en efectivo en virtud de este Acuerdo de Conciliación?
18. Si no me excluyo, ¿puedo iniciar acciones legales contra el Demandado por este mismo asunto en el futuro?

CÓMO OBJETAR EL ACUERDO DE CONCILIACIÓN PÁGINAS 7 & 8

19. ¿Cómo le informo al Tribunal que no estoy conforme con el Acuerdo de Conciliación?
20. ¿Cuál es la diferencia entre objetar y solicitar ser excluido?

AUDIENCIA DE APROBACIÓN DEFINITIVA PÁGINA 8

21. ¿Cuándo y dónde decidirá el Tribunal si aprueba el Acuerdo de Conciliación?
22. ¿Tengo que asistir a la Audiencia de Aprobación Definitiva?
23. ¿Puedo declarar en la Audiencia de Aprobación Definitiva?

SI DECIDE NO HACER NADA PÁGINA 8

24. ¿Qué sucede si no hago nada?

CÓMO OBTENER MÁS INFORMACIÓN PÁGINA 9

25. ¿Cómo puedo obtener más información?

**¿Tiene alguna pregunta? Visite www.recyclingbagsettlement.com
o llame al 1-877-272-3437.**

INFORMACIÓN BÁSICA

1. ¿Por qué se proporciona este Aviso?

Un tribunal estatal de Illinois autorizó el presente Aviso debido a que usted tiene derecho a conocer el Acuerdo de Conciliación en esta demanda colectiva, y todos sus derechos y opciones antes de que el Tribunal decida si otorga la aprobación definitiva del Acuerdo de Conciliación. En este aviso, se explican la demanda, el Acuerdo de Conciliación, sus derechos legales, los beneficios disponibles, quiénes reúnen los requisitos para recibirlos y cómo obtenerlos.

Esta demanda colectiva está pendiente en el Tribunal de Circuito del decimonoveno Distrito Judicial, condado de Lake, Illinois. El caso se conoce como *Gudgel et al. v. Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. et al.* caso n.º 23LA00000486. Las personas que presentaron esta demanda se denominan “Demandantes”, y las compañías demandadas son Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. y Reynolds Consumer Products, LLC.

2. ¿De qué trata esta demanda?

Los Demandantes alegan que Reynolds infringió ciertas leyes al etiquetar erróneamente las bolsas de reciclaje mencionadas en la Prueba A del Acuerdo de Conciliación (los “Productos”), que también se enumeran en detalle en www.recyclingbagsettlement.com (el “Sitio web del Acuerdo de Conciliación”). Los Demandantes alegan que el etiquetado de estos Productos es engañoso porque las bolsas de “reciclaje” no son reciclables en muchas instalaciones de eliminación de desechos sólidos y no son adecuados para la eliminación de productos reciclables en instalaciones de eliminación de desechos sólidos. Los Demandantes alegan reclamaciones por violaciones de las leyes de protección al consumidor de Illinois y por fraude en virtud del derecho consuetudinario.

Reynolds niega todas las acusaciones hechas por los Demandantes y todos los cargos de irregularidades o responsabilidad en su contra que surjan de cualquiera de las conductas, declaraciones, actos u omisiones alegadas, o que podrían haber sido alegadas en su contra por los Demandantes ya sea de forma individual, o en nombre de un grupo de demandantes.

3. ¿Por qué esta demanda se considera una demanda colectiva?

En una demanda colectiva, una o varias personas denominadas demandantes nombrados demandan en nombre de otras personas y entidades que tienen reclamaciones similares. Las personas y entidades en conjunto conforman el “Grupo de Demandantes”. Un tribunal resuelve los asuntos para todo el Grupo de Demandantes, excepto para quienes deciden excluirse (optar por no participar) del Grupo de Demandantes.

4. ¿Por qué existe un Acuerdo de Conciliación?

El Tribunal no ha tomado una decisión ni en favor de los Demandantes ni en favor del Demandado. En cambio, ambas partes aceptaron llegar a un Acuerdo de Conciliación. De esta forma, evitan el retraso, el riesgo y el costo de litigios adicionales y un juicio. Los Demandantes y los abogados del Acuerdo de Conciliación (“Abogados del Grupo de Demandantes”) consideran que el Acuerdo de Conciliación es lo mejor para todos los miembros del Grupo de Demandantes debido a los beneficios del Acuerdo de Conciliación en comparación con los riesgos y la incertidumbre asociados con la continuación del litigio.

QUIÉNES ESTÁN INCLUIDOS EN EL ACUERDO DE CONCILIACIÓN

5. ¿Cómo sé si formo parte del Acuerdo de Conciliación?

Usted es miembro del “Grupo de Demandantes” si es un consumidor en los Estados Unidos que compró los Productos enumerados en la Prueba A del Acuerdo de Conciliación entre el 20 de julio de 2018 y el 30 de agosto de 2023. Por lo general, los Productos incluyen bolsas de reciclaje de plástico azul o transparente vendidas bajo las marcas Hefty o Great Value. No incluyen bolsas de basura opacas de color negro o blanco vendidas bajo las marcas Hefty o Great Value (incluidas, entre otras, las vendidas bajo las marcas de las líneas de productos Hefty Strong, Hefty Ultra Strong, Hefty Small Trash, Hefty Medium Trash, Hefty Contractor, Hefty Ultra Strong Renew, Great Value Strong Flex, Great Value Medium Trash, Great Value Small Trash, Great Value Kitchen, Great Value Multi-Purpose, Great

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Value Lawn & Leaf, Great Value Outdoor y Great Value Sustainable Strong Flex). Las bolsas de compostaje Hefty y las Hefty EnergyBags están excluidas de este Acuerdo de Conciliación. Puede encontrar una lista completa de los Productos en el Sitio web del Acuerdo de Conciliación, www.recyclingbagsettlement.com.

Todos los siguientes están específicamente excluidos del Grupo de Demandantes: (1) todos los fabricantes, distribuidores, minoristas, vendedores, y revendedores de los Productos enumerados en la Prueba A, incluidos Reynolds y Walmart Inc., junto con todas y cada una de sus respectivas empresas matrices, subsidiarias, filiales, predecesores, sucesores y cesionarios actuales o anteriores, y todos y cada uno de sus respectivos miembros, oficiales, directores, gerentes, empleados, empleadores, abogados, contadores, asesores financieros, entidades de créditos bancarios comerciales, aseguradoras, banqueros de inversión, representantes, socios y asociaciones generales y limitadas, cofabricantes, distribuidores, cualquier fideicomiso del que sean fideicomitentes, fideicomisarios, o beneficiarios, herederos, ejecutores, administradores, sucesores, afiliados y cesionarios de cada uno de ellos, (2) cualquier entidad gubernamental, (3) personas que compraron los Productos con el fin de reventa, (4) personas que compraron los Productos para uso empresarial o comercial, (5) personas que presentaron una solicitud de exclusión válida y oportuna, y (6) el juez que preside la Demanda y el Honorable Wayne Andersen (retirado) y cualquier miembro de sus familias inmediatas.

6. ¿Qué ocurre si no estoy seguro de estar incluido en el Acuerdo de Conciliación?

Si aún no está seguro de si es miembro del Grupo de Demandantes, puede visitar el Sitio web del Acuerdo de Conciliación en www.recyclingbagsettlement.com, llamar al Administrador de Reclamaciones al número gratuito 1-877-272-3437 o enviar un correo electrónico a info@recyclingbagsettlement.com.

LOS BENEFICIOS DEL ACUERDO DE CONCILIACIÓN: LO QUE OBTENDRÁ SI REÚNE LOS REQUISITOS

7. ¿Qué establece el Acuerdo de Conciliación?

Como resultado del Acuerdo de Conciliación, Reynolds ha acordado crear un Fondo del Acuerdo de Conciliación de \$3,000,000. Los pagos en efectivo del Fondo del Acuerdo de Conciliación se pagarán a los miembros del Grupo de Demandantes que presenten reclamaciones oportunas, válidas y aprobadas según se describe a continuación.

Este importe no incluye los costos del Administrador de Reclamaciones, los honorarios y costas de los abogados, y el Pago por Servicios, que serán pagados por separado por el Demandado.

8. ¿Qué puedo obtener yo del Acuerdo de Conciliación?

Todos los miembros del Grupo de Demandantes son elegibles para recibir un pago en efectivo. Para ser elegible para un pago en efectivo, debe presentar un Formulario de Reclamación válido y oportuno antes de la fecha límite para presentar la reclamación.

Un Miembro del Grupo de Demandantes que presente una Reclamación válida recibirá un pago en efectivo de \$2.00 por cada Producto (enumerado en la Prueba A del Acuerdo de Conciliación disponible en www.recyclingbagsettlement.com) comprado por el miembro del Grupo de Demandantes. Un Miembro del Grupo de Demandantes no tiene que proporcionar un Comprobante de compra para los primeros seis (6) Productos reclamados por un total de doce dólares (\$12). Se requiere un Comprobante de Compra para cada Producto reclamado de más de seis (6) Productos. Un Miembro del Grupo de Demandantes puede presentar una reclamación de hasta veinticinco (25) Productos por un total de cincuenta dólares (\$50). El pago total en efectivo adeudado al Miembro del Grupo de Demandantes se proporcionará mediante un solo cheque pagadero al Miembro del Grupo de Demandantes.

Cada Hogar está limitado y solo puede presentar un único Formulario de Reclamación y no recibirá más de un pago en efectivo.

9. ¿A qué estoy renunciando para recibir un pago en efectivo o para seguir siendo miembro del Grupo de Demandantes?

A menos que se excluya, seguirá siendo miembro del Grupo de Demandantes. Si el Acuerdo de Conciliación se aprueba y es definitivo, todas las órdenes del Tribunal lo afectarán y estará legalmente obligado. Usted no podrá iniciar una demanda, continuar una demanda ni ser parte de ninguna otra demanda contra los Demandados y las Personas exoneradas por las reclamaciones legales de este caso resueltas mediante el Acuerdo de Conciliación. Los derechos a los que renuncia se analizan en el Acuerdo de Conciliación.

¿Tiene alguna pregunta? Visite www.recyclingbagsettlement.com o llame al 1-877-272-3437.

10. ¿Dónde puedo obtener información sobre los derechos a los que renuncio si sigo siendo miembro del Grupo de Demandantes?

Los derechos a los que usted renuncia si sigue siendo miembro del Grupo de Demandantes se tratan en el Acuerdo de Conciliación en la sección VII (titulada “Exoneraciones”), la sección II (2.31) (titulada “Reclamaciones exoneradas”) y la sección II (2.32) (titulada “Partes exoneradas”). Estas secciones describen las exoneraciones de los acuerdos de conciliación, las Reclamaciones exoneradas y las Partes exoneradas con la terminología legal necesaria. Lea estas secciones detenidamente.

El Acuerdo de Conciliación está a su disposición en www.recyclingbagsettlement.com. Puede hablar sin costo alguno con los abogados enumerados en la pregunta 14 a continuación, o puede, por su cuenta, hablar con su propio abogado si tiene preguntas acerca de las Exoneraciones o su significado.

CÓMO OBTENER LOS BENEFICIOS DEL ACUERDO DE CONCILIACIÓN

11. ¿Cómo puedo presentar un Formulario de Reclamación para recibir un pago en efectivo?

Para presentar una reclamación para recibir un pago en efectivo, usted debe presentar un Formulario de Reclamación válido de manera oportuna. Su Formulario de Reclamación debe tener una fecha de franqueo postal o de envío por internet a más tardar el **13 de diciembre de 2023**.

Los Formularios de Reclamación podrán presentarse por internet en www.recyclingbagsettlement.com o imprimirse desde sitio web y enviarse por correo postal al Administrador de Reclamaciones a la dirección indicada en el formulario. Los Formularios de Reclamación también están disponibles si llama al 1-877-272-3437 o escribe a la siguiente dirección:

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Portland, OR 97208-2197

La forma más rápida de presentar un Formulario de Reclamación es en línea.

12. ¿Qué sucede si mi información de contacto cambia después de que presento una reclamación?

Si usted cambia su dirección postal o dirección de correo electrónico después de presentar un Formulario de Reclamación, es su responsabilidad comunicarle al Administrador de Reclamaciones su información actualizada. Deberá notificar al Administrador de Reclamaciones cualquier cambio a la siguiente dirección:

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info@recyclingbagsettlement.com
1-877-272-3437

13. ¿Cuándo recibiré mi pago en efectivo?

Si usted presenta un Formulario de Reclamación válido y oportuno, el pago será proporcionado por el Administrador de Reclamaciones después de que el Acuerdo de Conciliación sea aprobado por el Tribunal y se considere definitivo.

Puede tardar para que el Acuerdo de Conciliación se apruebe y sea definitivo. Tenga paciencia y consulte www.recyclingbagsettlement.com para ver las actualizaciones.

**¿Tiene alguna pregunta? Visite www.recyclingbagsettlement.com
o llame al 1-877-272-3437.**

LOS ABOGADOS QUE LO REPRESENTAN

14. ¿Tengo abogados en este caso?

El Tribunal ha designado abogados de los bufetes de abogados Reese LLP y The Wright Law Office, P.A. para representar a los demás Miembros del Grupo de Demandantes y a usted. Los abogados se denominan Abogados del Grupo de Demandantes o Abogados de los Demandantes. Tienen experiencia en el manejo de casos de demandas colectivas similares. A usted no se le cobrarán los servicios de estos abogados. Si desea ser representado por su propio abogado, puede contratar a uno por su propia cuenta y cargo.

Puede comunicarse con el Abogados del Grupo de Demandantes si tiene preguntas sobre este Aviso o sobre el Acuerdo de Conciliación. **No contacte al Tribunal.**

REESE LLP Michael R. Reese, Esq. 100 West 93 rd Street, 16 th Floor New York, New York 10025 (212) 643-0500 mreese@reesellp.com	THE WRIGHT LAW OFFICE, P.A. William Wright, Esq. 515 N. Flagler Drive, Suite P-300 West Palm Beach, Florida 33401 (561) 514-0904 willwright@wrightlawoffice.com
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15. ¿Cómo se les pagará a los Abogados del Grupo de Demandantes?

Los Abogados del Grupo de Demandantes presentarán una petición para solicitar al Tribunal un laudo del Demandado de los honorarios y costas de sus abogados por un importe total que no supere \$975,000. Los Abogados del Grupo de Demandantes también solicitarán al Tribunal que apruebe Pagos por Servicios que no superen \$5,000 (para un total de \$10,000) para cada uno de los representantes del grupo de demandantes designados por su participación en este litigio y por sus esfuerzos por lograr el Acuerdo de Conciliación. Si el Tribunal lo otorga, los honorarios de abogados, gastos judiciales y los pagos por servicios serán pagados por el Demandado. El Tribunal puede otorgar menos de estos montos por honorarios de abogados, costos y Pago por Servicios.

La moción de los Abogados del Grupo de Demandantes para recibir sus honorarios, gastos y Pago por Servicios estará a disposición en el Sitio web del Acuerdo de Conciliación, www.recyclingbagsettlement.com, antes de la fecha límite para que usted objete el Acuerdo de Conciliación.

EXCLUIRSE DEL ACUERDO DE CONCILIACIÓN

Si no desea obtener un pago en efectivo de este Acuerdo de Conciliación, pero quiere conservar el derecho a demandar o a seguir con la demanda por cuenta propia contra los Demandados por los asuntos legales de este caso, debe seguir los pasos necesarios para excluirse del Acuerdo de Conciliación. Esto se conoce cómo excluirse u “optar por no formar parte” del Acuerdo de Conciliación.

16. ¿Cómo me excluyo del Acuerdo de Conciliación?

Para excluirse del Acuerdo de Conciliación, debe completar el formulario de exclusión en el Sitio web del Acuerdo de Conciliación (www.recyclingbagsettlement.com) o descargar y enviar el formulario de exclusión completado por correo al Administrador del Reclamaciones. También puede enviar una solicitud de exclusión por escrito, que incluya lo siguiente:

- el nombre del caso (*Gudgel et al. v. Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. et al.* caso n.º 23LA00000486);
- su nombre, dirección, número de teléfono y dirección de correo electrónico (si está disponible); y
- una declaración clara de que desea ser excluido del Grupo de Demandantes, como “Por la presente solicito ser excluido del Grupo de Demandantes en *Gudgel et al. v. Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. et al.* caso n.º 23LA00000486”.

**¿Tiene alguna pregunta? Visite www.recyclingbagsettlement.com
o llame al 1-877-272-3437.**

Si no la envía en línea, la solicitud de exclusión debe enviarse al Administrador de Reclamaciones a la siguiente dirección **con fecha de franqueo postal** antes del **25 de octubre de 2023**:

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No puede excluirse por teléfono y no puede solicitar la exclusión en nombre de otra persona.

17. Si me excluyo, ¿puedo recibir un pago en efectivo del Acuerdo de Conciliación?

No. Si se excluye, no recibirá ningún dinero de este Acuerdo de Conciliación. Solo puede recibir un pago en efectivo si permanece en el Acuerdo de Conciliación y presenta un Formulario de Reclamación válido.

18. Si no me excluyo, ¿puedo iniciar acciones legales contra el Demandado por este mismo asunto en el futuro?

No. A menos que se excluya, renuncia a cualquier derecho a demandar al Demandado y a las Personas exoneradas por las reclamaciones resueltas por el Acuerdo de Conciliación, incluso si tiene un litigio pendiente contra el Demandado. Debe excluirse de *este* Grupo de Demandantes para seguir con su demanda. Si usted tiene una demanda en trámite, hable de inmediato con el abogado que lo representa en ese caso.

CÓMO OBJETAR EL ACUERDO DE CONCILIACIÓN

19. ¿Cómo le informo al Tribunal que no estoy conforme con el Acuerdo de Conciliación?

Usted puede solicitarle al Tribunal que rechace la aprobación del Acuerdo de Conciliación al presentar una objeción. No puede pedirle al Tribunal que ordene un Acuerdo de Conciliación diferente; el Tribunal solo puede aprobar o rechazar dicho acuerdo. Si el Tribunal rechaza la aprobación, no se enviarán los pagos en efectivo y la demanda continuará. Si eso es lo que usted desea que pase, debe objetar.

Toda objeción al Acuerdo de Conciliación debe estar por escrito. Si presenta una objeción escrita en forma oportuna, puede presentarse, aunque no está obligado a hacerlo, ante la audiencia de aprobación definitiva, en persona o representado por su propio abogado. Si comparece a través de su propio abogado, usted es responsable de la contratación y el pago de los honorarios de ese abogado. Cada objeción debe incluir lo siguiente:

- (a) el nombre y número del caso (*Gudgel et al. v. Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. et al.* caso n.º 23LA00000486);
- (b) su nombre, dirección y número de teléfono;
- (c) el nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado que lo representa (si corresponde);
- (d) los documentos o testimonios suficientes para establecer la pertenencia al Grupo de Demandantes;
- (e) una declaración detallada de cualquier objeción afirmada, incluida la base de la objeción;
- (f) si usted está solicitando la oportunidad de comparecer y ser escuchado en la audiencia de aprobación definitiva, y los motivos;
- (g) la identidad de todos los abogados (si corresponde) que lo representan y que comparecerán en la audiencia de aprobación definitiva y, si corresponde, una lista de todas las personas a las que se llamará para testificar en apoyo de su objeción;
- (h) copias de cualquier documentación, informes u otros documentos en los que se base la objeción;
- (i) una lista detallada de cualquier otra objeción presentada por usted, o su abogado, a cualquier litigio colectivo en cualquier tribunal estatal o federal en los Estados Unidos en los últimos cinco (5) años (o una declaración de que no se ha realizado una objeción previa); y
- (j) su firma, además de la firma de su abogado (si corresponde).

La objeción por escrito debe enviarse al Administrador de Reclamaciones a la siguiente dirección, **para que sea recibida antes del 25 de octubre de 2023**:

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La objeción podrá presentarse por correo postal, correo urgente, transmisión electrónica o entrega personal.

El hecho de no incluir documentos o testimonios suficientes para establecer la pertenencia al Grupo de Demandantes será motivo para anular o rechazar la objeción sobre la base de que el objetor carece de calidad procesal para presentar la objeción. El hecho de no incluir cualquier información o documentación establecida en este párrafo también será motivo para anular una objeción. Las Partes podrán responder a cualquier objeción al Acuerdo de Conciliación con los argumentos y pruebas adecuados.

20. ¿Cuál es la diferencia entre objetar y solicitar ser excluido?

Objetar es simplemente decirle al Tribunal que no le agrada algo sobre el Acuerdo de Conciliación o sobre los honorarios y gastos solicitados de los abogados. Solicitar la exclusión es informarle al Tribunal que no desea ser parte del Grupo de Demandantes ni del Acuerdo de Conciliación. Si se excluye del Acuerdo de Conciliación, no puede objetarlo.

AUDIENCIA DE APROBACIÓN DEFINITIVA

21. ¿Cuándo y dónde decidirá el Tribunal si aprueba el Acuerdo de Conciliación?

El Tribunal celebrará una Audiencia de Aprobación Definitiva el **15 de noviembre de 2023 a las 9:00 a. m.** ante el Honorable Joseph V. Salvi del Tribunal de Circuito del decimonoveno Distrito Judicial, condado de Lake, Illinois. El Tribunal podría cambiar el día, la hora o la ubicación de la Audiencia, por lo que debe consultar el Sitio web del Acuerdo de Conciliación, www.recyclingbagsettlement.com, para confirmar. En esta audiencia, el Tribunal evaluará si el Acuerdo de Conciliación es justo, razonable y adecuado, y decidirá si aprobar el Acuerdo de Conciliación, la solicitud de los Abogados del Grupo de Demandantes para los honorarios de abogados, gastos judiciales; y el Pago por Servicios a los Representantes del Grupo de Demandantes. Si existen objeciones, el Tribunal las evaluará. El Tribunal también escuchará a las personas que hayan solicitado hablar en la audiencia.

22. ¿Tengo que asistir a la Audiencia de Aprobación Definitiva?

No. Los Abogados del Grupo de Demandantes responderán todas las preguntas que el Tribunal pueda tener. Sin embargo, usted puede asistir por su cuenta si lo desea. Si envía una objeción, no necesitará acudir a la Audiencia de Aprobación Definitiva para hablar de lo. Siempre y cuando presente su objeción por escrito y oportunamente, el Tribunal la considerará.

23. ¿Puedo declarar en la Audiencia de Aprobación Definitiva?

Sí. Siempre y cuando no se excluya y presente una objeción, podrá participar y hablar en su nombre en este litigio y el Acuerdo de Conciliación (pero no está obligado a hacerlo). Esto se conoce como comparecencia. Asimismo, usted puede hacer que su abogado haga uso de la palabra a su favor en la audiencia, pero tendrá que correr con los gastos. También puede comparecer en la Audiencia de Aprobación Definitiva sin presentar una objeción por escrito si demostrase causa suficiente.

SI DECIDE NO HACER NADA

24. ¿Qué sucede si no hago nada?

Si es miembro del Grupo de Demandantes y no hace nada, no obtendrá ningún un pago en efectivo. También renunciará a sus derechos explicados en la sección “Excluirse del Acuerdo de Conciliación” de este Aviso, incluido su derecho a iniciar una demanda, continuar una demanda o ser parte de cualquier otra demanda contra el Demandado o cualquiera de las Personas exoneradas respecto de las reclamaciones legales en este litigio y resueltos por el Acuerdo de Conciliación.

**¿Tiene alguna pregunta? Visite www.recyclingbagsettlement.com
o llame al 1-877-272-3437.**

CÓMO OBTENER MÁS INFORMACIÓN

25. ¿Cómo puedo obtener más información?

Puede enviar un correo electrónico al Administrador de Reclamaciones a info@recyclingbagsettlement.com o llamar al número gratuito 1-877-272-3437. También puede visitar el sitio web www.recyclingbagsettlement.com, que incluirá una lista de fechas límite clave y tendrá enlaces a los avisos de la demanda colectiva, formulario de reclamación, orden de aprobación preliminar, mociones de aprobación preliminar y definitiva y honorarios de abogados, y otros documentos importantes en el caso.

Este Aviso resume el Acuerdo de Conciliación. Para conocer los términos precisos del Acuerdo de Conciliación, consulte el Acuerdo de Conciliación disponible en www.recyclingbagsettlement.com o comuníquese con los Abogados del Grupo de Demandantes a través de la información de contacto indicada en la pregunta 14 anterior.

NO LLAME POR TELÉFONO AL TRIBUNAL NI A LA OFICINA DEL SECRETARIO DEL TRIBUNAL PARA INFORMARSE SOBRE ESTE AVISO, EL ACUERDO DE CONCILIACIÓN O EL PROCESO DE RECLAMACIÓN.

¿Tiene alguna pregunta? Visite www.recyclingbagsettlement.com o llame al 1-877-272-3437.

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CLAIM FORM

THIS CLAIM FORM CAN ALSO BE COMPLETED ONLINE AT www.recyclingbagsettlement.com.

This Claim Form is for use in submitting a Claim for a cash payment in the Settlement between Class Members and Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. and Reynolds Consumer Products, LLC. Further information about the litigation and additional copies of this Claim Form are available at www.recyclingbagsettlement.com.

Eligible Purchases

The Settlement Class includes all consumers in the United States who purchased either Hefty or Great Value brand Recycling bags (“Products”) during the Class Period for personal, family, or household use between July 20, 2018, and August 30, 2023 (“Class Period”).

The Products covered by the Settlement only include Hefty Recycling bags or Great Value Recycling Bags.

The Settlement does not include opaque black and/or white-colored trash bags sold under the Hefty and/or Great Value brands. These products are not eligible for compensation under the Settlement. Please **do not** submit a claim if you purchased them.

Only submit claims for Hefty Recycling Bags or Great Value Recycling Bags.

Settlement Class Members are eligible to receive a cash payment of \$2.00 for each Product purchased by the Settlement Class Member during the Class Period. A Settlement Class Member does not have to provide Proof of Purchase for the first six (6) Products claimed for a total of twelve dollars (\$12) but is required to submit Proof of Purchase for every Product claimed that is more than six (6) Products. Proof of Purchase evidence must provide the following information: (1) the identity of the retail establishment issuing the receipt; (2) the date of the purchase; (3) the price paid for the Products and the number of units purchased; and (4) the form of payment used.

HOW YOU CAN QUALIFY FOR AND RECEIVE A PAYMENT

In order to be eligible for a payment from the Settlement, you must: (1) fill out a Claim Form in its entirety; (2) sign the Verification Statement; and (3) return the Claim Form, along with any required supporting documentation, by the **CLAIM DEADLINE: DECEMBER 13, 2023**, using either of the methods below:

Online <i>(must be submitted on or before 11:59 p.m. CST on December 13, 2023)</i>	www.recyclingbagsettlement.com
By Mail <i>(must be postmarked on or before December 13, 2023)</i>	Gudgel et al. v. Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. et al. c/o Claim Administrator P.O. Box 2197 Portland, OR 97208-2197

By completing the Claim Form, you are acknowledging you purchased at least one (1) Product between July 20, 2018, and August 30, 2023. If the Claim Form is not postmarked or received by December 13, 2023, you will remain a member of the Settlement Class, but you will not receive any payment from the Settlement. All submitted Claim Forms are subject to review and approval by the Claim Administrator.



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CLAIM FORM

Please read the Notice carefully before filling out this form. You can submit the Claim Form online and review the Notice at www.recyclingbagsettlement.com.

YOUR INFORMATION

First Name:

MI:

Last Name:

Address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

PURCHASE DETAILS

The number of eligible Products that were purchased for personal, family, or household use between July 20, 2018, and August 30, 2023, directly at a retail establishment or online:

Please complete the following page (page 3) of the Claim Form to the best of your ability for one (1) to six (6) product purchases.

If claiming seven (7) or more product purchases, I am including valid Proof of Purchase for those additional products.

Yes No



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Please complete this section for one (1) to six (6) Product purchases of Hefty and/or Great Value Recycling bags. Specific included Products are available on the following page (page 4), on the Settlement Website and in the Settlement Notice.

Purchase 1:

Product Code for your Purchase (see list below)

Approximate Purchase Date (MM/YYYY)

Name of Retailer Where Product Was Purchased (for example: Target, Amazon.com, etc.)

If purchased from a retail store and not online:

City of Purchase

State of Purchase

Purchase 2:

Product Code for your Purchase (see list below)

Approximate Purchase Date (MM/YYYY)

Name of Retailer Where Product Was Purchased (for example: Target, Amazon.com, etc.)

If purchased from a retail store and not online:

City of Purchase

State of Purchase

Purchase 3:

Product Code for your Purchase (see list below)

Approximate Purchase Date (MM/YYYY)

Name of Retailer Where Product Was Purchased (for example: Target, Amazon.com, etc.)

If purchased from a retail store and not online:

City of Purchase

State of Purchase

Purchase 4:

Product Code for your Purchase (see list below)

Approximate Purchase Date (MM/YYYY)

Name of Retailer Where Product Was Purchased (for example: Target, Amazon.com, etc.)

If purchased from a retail store and not online:

City of Purchase

State of Purchase



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Purchase 5:

Product Code for your Purchase (see list below)

Approximate Purchase Date (MM/YYYY)

Name of Retailer Where Product Was Purchased (for example: Target, Amazon.com, etc.)

If purchased from a retail store and not online:

City of Purchase

State of Purchase

Purchase 6:

Product Code for your Purchase (see list below)

Approximate Purchase Date (MM/YYYY)

Name of Retailer Where Product Was Purchased (for example: Target, Amazon.com, etc.)

If purchased from a retail store and not online:

City of Purchase

State of Purchase

PRODUCT LIST

Product Name	UPC(s)	Product Code
Hefty Recycling Bags 30 Gallon / 36 Count Blue or Clear	013700857416 013700857409 013700857412	H11
Hefty Recycling Bags 30 Gallon / 40 Count Blue or Clear	013700578588 013700252082	H22
Hefty Recycling Bags 13 Gallon / 60 Count Blue or Clear	013700834011 013700857607	H33
Hefty Recycling Bags 13 Gallon / 80 Count Blue or Clear	013700970801 013700977633	H44
Hefty Recycling Bags 13 Gallon / 80 Count	013700977631	H66
Hefty Twist Tie Recycling Bags 30 Gallon / 24 Count Blue or Clear	13700208683 13700263668	H77

Product Name	UPC(s)	Product Code
Hefty Cinch Sak Recycling Bags 13 Gallon / 45 Count	13700257551	H88
Hefty Cinch Sak Recycling Bags 30 Gallon / 28 Count	13700257353	H99
Hefty Flap Tie Recycling Bags 13 Gallon / 75 Count	13700242212	H23
Hefty Flap Tie Recycling Bags 30 Gallon / 40 Count	13700242168	H34
Great Value Recycling Bags 13 Gallon / 20 Count Blue or Clear	078742350561 078742350554	G11
Great Value Recycling Bags 30 Gallon / 20 Count Blue or Clear	078742350585 078742350578	G22



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VERIFICATION

By signing below, you swear under penalty of perjury that the information that you have supplied is accurate. All information submitted will be kept confidential. This Claim Form will be used solely by the Claim Administrator to process claims under the terms of the *Gudgel et al. v. Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. et al.* Settlement.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above information is true and correct. I understand that the above information may be reviewed and verified by the Claim Administrator.

Signature:

Date:

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FORMULARIO DE RECLAMACIÓN

ESTE FORMULARIO DE RECLAMACIÓN TAMBIÉN PUEDE COMPLETARSE EN LÍNEA EN www.recyclingbagsettlement.com.

Este Formulario de Reclamación es para usar en la presentación de una reclamación por un pago en efectivo en el Acuerdo de Conciliación entre los Miembros del Grupo de Demandantes y Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. y Reynolds Consumer Products, LLC. Encontrará más información sobre el litigio y copias adicionales de este Formulario de Reclamación en www.recyclingbagsettlement.com.

Compras elegibles

El Grupo de Demandantes incluye a todos los consumidores de los Estados Unidos que hayan comprado bolsas de reciclaje de las marcas Hefty o Great Value (“Productos”) durante el Período de la demanda colectiva para uso personal, familiar o doméstico entre el 20 de julio de 2018 y el 30 de agosto de 2023 (“Período de la demanda colectiva”).

Los Productos cubiertos por el Acuerdo de Conciliación solo incluyen bolsas de reciclaje Hefty o bolsas de reciclaje Great Value.

El Acuerdo de Conciliación no incluye bolsas de basura opacas de color negro o blanco vendidas bajo las marcas Hefty o Great Value. Estos productos no son elegibles para recibir compensación en virtud del Acuerdo de Conciliación. No envíe una reclamación si compró estos productos.

Solo envíe reclamaciones por bolsas de reciclaje Hefty o bolsas de reciclaje Great Value.

Los Miembros del Grupo de Demandantes son elegibles para recibir un pago en efectivo de \$2.00 por cada Producto comprado por el Miembro del Grupo de Demandantes durante el Período de la demanda colectiva. Un Miembro del Grupo de Demandantes no tiene que proporcionar un Comprobante de compra para los primeros seis (6) Productos reclamados por un total de doce dólares (\$12), pero sí tiene que presentar un Comprobante de compra por cada Producto reclamado a partir de los seis (6) Productos. El Comprobante de compra debe proporcionar la siguiente información: (1) la identidad del establecimiento minorista que emitió el recibo; (2) la fecha de la compra; (3) el precio pagado por los Productos y el número de unidades compradas; y (4) la forma de pago utilizada.

CÓMO PUEDE REUNIR LOS REQUISITOS PARA RECIBIR UN PAGO

Para ser elegible para recibir un pago del Acuerdo de Conciliación, usted debe: (1) completar un Formulario de Reclamación en su totalidad; (2) firmar la Declaración de verificación; y (3) enviar el Formulario de Reclamación, junto con cualquier documentación de respaldo requerida, a más tardar el **FECHA LÍMITE DE RECLAMACIÓN: 13 de diciembre de 2023**, por medio de cualquiera de los siguientes métodos:

En línea <i>(debe enviarse a más tardar a las 11:59 p. m., CST, del 13 de diciembre de 2023)</i>	www.recyclingbagsettlement.com
Por correo <i>(debe tener fecha de franqueo postal a más tardar el 13 de diciembre de 2023)</i>	<i>Gudgel et al. v. Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. et al.</i> Claim Administrator P.O. Box 2197 Portland, OR 97208-2197

Al completar el Formulario de Reclamación, usted reconoce que compró al menos un (1) Producto entre el 20 de julio de 2018 y el 30 de agosto de 2023. Si el Formulario de Reclamación no tiene fecha de franqueo postal ni se recibe a más tardar el 13 de diciembre de 2023, usted seguirá siendo miembro del Grupo de Demandantes, pero no recibirá ningún pago del Acuerdo de Conciliación. Todos los Formularios de Reclamación enviados están sujetos a revisión y aprobación por parte del Administrador de Reclamaciones.



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FORMULARIO DE RECLAMACIÓN

Sírvase leer detenidamente el Aviso antes de completar este formulario. Puede enviar el Formulario de Reclamación en línea y consultar el Aviso en www.recyclingbagsettlement.com.

SU INFORMACIÓN

Nombre:

Inicial del segundo nombre:

Apellido:

Dirección:

Ciudad:

Estado:

Código postal:

Dirección de correo electrónico:

Número telefónico: - -

DETALLES DE COMPRA

El número de Productos elegibles que se compraron para uso personal, familiar o doméstico entre el 20 de julio de 2018 y el 30 de agosto de 2023, directamente en un establecimiento minorista o en línea:

Por favor complete la pagina siguiente (pagina 3) del Formulario de Reclamación en la medida de sus posibilidades si elige seis (6) o menos compras de Productos.

Si elijo más de siete (7) compras de Productos, incluyo documentación válida de Comprobante de compra para todas las compras de Productos reclamadas:

Sí No



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Por favor complete esta sección solo si reclama seis (6) o menos compras de Productos de bolsas de reciclaje de las marcas Hefty o Great Value. Los Productos incluidos específicos están disponibles en el Sitio web del Acuerdo de Conciliación y en el Aviso del Acuerdo de Conciliación.

Compra 1:

Código del producto de su compra (consulte la lista a continuación)

Fecha de compra aproximada (MM/AAAA)

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Nombre del minorista donde se compró el producto (por ejemplo: Target, Amazon.com, etc.)

Si se compró en una tienda minorista física y no en línea:

Ciudad de compra

Estado de compra

Compra 2:

Código del producto de su compra (consulte la lista a continuación)

Fecha de compra aproximada (MM/AAAA)

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Nombre del minorista donde se compró el producto (por ejemplo: Target, Amazon.com, etc.)

Si se compró en una tienda minorista física y no en línea:

Ciudad de compra

Estado de compra

Compra 3:

Código del producto de su compra (consulte la lista a continuación)

Fecha de compra aproximada (MM/AAAA)

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Nombre del minorista donde se compró el producto (por ejemplo: Target, Amazon.com, etc.)

Si se compró en una tienda minorista física y no en línea:

Ciudad de compra

Estado de compra

Compra 4:

Código del producto de su compra (consulte la lista a continuación)

Fecha de compra aproximada (MM/AAAA)

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Nombre del minorista donde se compró el producto (por ejemplo: Target, Amazon.com, etc.)

Si se compró en una tienda minorista física y no en línea:

Ciudad de compra

Estado de compra



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Compra 5:

Código del producto de su compra (consulte la lista a continuación)

Fecha de compra aproximada (MM/AAAA)

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Nombre del minorista donde se compró el producto (por ejemplo: Target, Amazon.com, etc.)

Si se compró en una tienda minorista física y no en línea:

Ciudad de compra

Estado de compra

Compra 6:

Código del producto de su compra (consulte la lista a continuación)

Fecha de compra aproximada (MM/AAAA)

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Nombre del minorista donde se compró el producto (por ejemplo: Target, Amazon.com, etc.)

Si se compró en una tienda minorista física y no en línea:

Ciudad de compra

Estado de compra

LISTA DE PRODUCTOS

Nombre del producto	UPC	Código del producto
36 bolsas de reciclaje Hefty de 30 galones/azules o transparentes	013700857416 013700857409 013700857412	H11
40 bolsas de reciclaje Hefty de 30 galones/azules o transparentes	013700578588 013700252082	H22
60 bolsas de reciclaje Hefty de 13 galones/azules o transparentes	013700834011 013700857607	H33
80 bolsas de reciclaje Hefty de 13 galones/azules o transparentes	013700970801 013700977633	H44
80 bolsas de reciclaje Hefty de 13 galones	013700977631	H66
24 bolsas de reciclaje Hefty Twist Tie de 30 galones/azules o transparentes	13700208683 13700263668	H77

Nombre del producto	UPC	Código del producto
45 bolsas de reciclaje Hefty Cinch Sak de 13 galones	13700257551	H88
28 bolsas de reciclaje Hefty Cinch Sak de 30 galones	13700257353	H99
75 bolsas de reciclaje Hefty Flap Tie de 13 galones	13700242212	H23
40 bolsas de reciclaje Hefty Flap Tie de 30 galones	13700242168	H34
20 bolsas de reciclaje Great Value de 13 galones/azules o transparentes	078742350561 078742350554	G11
20 bolsas de reciclaje Great Value de 30 galones/azules o transparentes	078742350585 078742350578	G22



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VERIFICACIÓN

Al firmar a continuación, usted declara bajo pena de perjurio que la información que proporcionó es precisa. Toda la información proporcionada se mantendrá confidencial. Este Formulario de Reclamación será utilizado únicamente por el Administrador de Reclamaciones para procesar reclamaciones en virtud de los términos del Acuerdo de Conciliación de *Gudgel et al. v. Reynolds Consumer Products, Inc. et al.*

Declaro bajo pena de perjurio que la información anterior es verdadera y correcta. Comprendo que la información anterior podrá ser revisada y verificada por el Administrador de Reclamaciones.

Firma:

Fecha:

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