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28UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIAJACKIE FITZHENRY-RUSSELL and
GEGHAM MARGARYAN,

Plaintiffs,

v.

KEURIG DR. PEPPER INC. and CANADA
DRY MOTT'S INC.,

Defendants.

Case No.17-cv-00564-NC

**ORDER GRANTING IN PART
AND DENYING IN PART
DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR
SUMMARY JUDGMENT;
ORDER GRANTING IN PART
AND DENYING IN PART
MOTIONS TO SEAL**Re: Dkt. Nos. 224, 226, 228, 234,
236, 242, 243, 246

In this class action, plaintiffs Jackie Fitzhenry-Russell and Gegham Margaryan allege defendants Keurig Dr. Pepper Inc. and Canada Dry Mott's Inc.¹ defrauded California consumers by marketing their Canada Dry Ginger Ale ("Canada Dry") as "Made from Real Ginger." According to Plaintiffs, Dr. Pepper defrauds consumers because Canada Dry is made with a ginger derivative, ginger oleoresin, not ginger root. Plaintiffs also allege that Canada Dry contains less ginger than consumers are led to expect. Finally, Plaintiffs allege that Canada Dry's labeling deceives consumers about its health benefits.

Dr. Pepper moves for summary judgment on all three of Plaintiffs' theories, arguing that no reasonable consumer would be misled by Canada Dry's labeling.

¹ Though the Court recognizes that there are two related defendants in this action, the Court will refer to defendants collectively as "Dr. Pepper" in the singular.

1 Because the Court finds that there are genuine disputes of material fact, the Court
2 GRANTS IN PART Dr. Pepper’s motion for summary judgment with regards to Plaintiffs’
3 claim that Dr. Pepper’s “Made from Real Ginger” label is misleading as to the amount of
4 ginger in Canada Dry. The Court DENIES IN PART Dr. Pepper’s motion with regards to
5 Plaintiffs’ claim that Dr. Pepper’s label is misleading as to the form of ginger in and health
6 benefits of Canada Dry. The Court also GRANTS IN PART and DENIES IN PART the
7 parties’ motions to seal.

8 **I. Background**

9 **A. Procedural Background**

10 The operative complaint alleges claims under (1) the Consumer Legal Remedies
11 Act, Cal. Civ. Code § 1750; (2) the false advertising law, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500;
12 (3) common law fraud; and (4) unlawful, unfair, and fraudulent business practices, Cal.
13 Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200. Dkt. No. 97. On June 26, 2018, the Court certified a class of
14 “[a]ll persons who, between December 28, 2012 and the present, purchased any Canada
15 Dry Ginger Ale products in the state of California.” Dkt. No. 199 at 37.

16 **B. Undisputed Facts**

17 Canada Dry is a ginger ale made and sold by Dr. Pepper. Dr. Pepper makes Canada
18 Dry using ginger extract and a few other ingredients to capture the traditional blend of
19 “citrus and ginger” flavors. See Dkt. No. 227-5 (“Kramer Depo.”) at 56:7–18. The ginger
20 extract used by Dr. Pepper is “ginger oleoresin,” which is made by Dr. Pepper’s flavor
21 manufacturer, Givaudan. See Dkt. No. 227-11 (“Hassel Depo.”) at 12:4–15; 33:6–16;
22 38:16–17. Givaudan imports dry ginger root, grinds it, and mixes it with other compounds
23 to “pull[] flavor out of” the ginger and create ginger oleoresin. Id. at 14:19–22; 23:18;
24 24:22–25:15. According to Mr. Hassel, a scientist working for Givaudan, the process for
25 making ginger oleoresin is similar to creating vanilla extract or coffee. Id. at 24:22–24;
26 27:7–16. From 2012 to 2018, Givaudan processed around 1.5 million pounds of dry
27 ginger root to create ginger oleoresin for Dr. Pepper. Id. at 50:13–21.

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1 **II. Legal Standard**

2 The parties agree on the legal standard that applies to this motion. Under Federal
3 Rules of Civil Procedure 56(a), a court “shall grant summary judgment if the movant
4 shows that there is no genuine dispute as to any material fact and the movant is entitled to
5 judgment as a matter of law.” Under Rule 56, the moving party bears the initial burden to
6 demonstrate the absence of a genuine issue of material fact. Once the moving party meets
7 its burden, then the non-moving party must cite “particular parts of materials in the record”
8 showing that there is a genuine issue for trial. Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(c); *Celotex Corp. v.*
9 *Catrett*, 477 U.S. 317, 324 (1986). A “genuine issue” exists if a reasonable jury could find
10 for the non-moving party. E.g., *Open Text v. Box, Inc.*, No. 13-cv-04910-JD, 2015 WL
11 428365, at *1 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 30, 2015). On summary judgment, the Court does not make
12 credibility determinations or weigh conflicting evidence, as these determinations are left to
13 the trier of fact at trial. *Bator v. State of Hawaii*, 39 F.3d 1021, 1026 (9th Cir. 1994). A
14 party may move for summary judgment on an entire “claim or defense—or the part of each
15 claim or defense.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(a).

16 **III. Discussion**

17 **A. Motion for Summary Judgment**

18 “Courts generally consider claims under California's Unfair Competition Law
19 (UCL), False Advertising Law (FAL) and Consumers Legal Remedies Act (CLRA)
20 together.” *In re ConAgra Foods, Inc.*, 90 F. Supp. 3d 919, 982 (C.D. Cal. 2015).
21 California law makes it unlawful for a business to “disseminate any statement ‘which is
22 untrue or misleading, and which is known, or which by the exercise of reasonable care
23 should be known, to be untrue or misleading’” Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17500; see
24 also Cal. Civ. Code § 1750; Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 17200.

25 False advertising claims are governed by the “reasonable consumer” test. *Williams*
26 *v. Gerber Prods. Co.*, 552 F.3d 934, 938 (9th Cir. 2008). Under that standard, plaintiffs
27 must “show that members of the public are likely to be deceived.” *Id.* (internal citations
28 and quotations omitted). California law prohibits “not only advertising which is false, but

1 also advertising which[,] although true, is either actually misleading or which has a
2 capacity, likelihood or tendency to deceive or confuse the public.” *Kasky v. Nike*, 27 Cal.
3 4th 939, 951 (2002) (quoting *Leoni v. State Bar*, 39 Cal. 609, 626 (1985)).

4 The only representation at issue here is Dr. Pepper’s claim that Canada Dry is
5 “Made from Real Ginger.” Plaintiffs allege that this statement is deceiving for three
6 reasons: (1) it implies that Canada Dry is made from ginger root; (2) it implies that Canada
7 Dry contains a significant amount of ginger; and (3) it misleads consumers about Canada
8 Dry’s health benefits.

9 **1. Whether Dr. Pepper Implies Canada Dry is Made from Ginger Root**

10 Canada Dry is literally made in part “from” real ginger—it is made using ginger
11 oleoresin, which is made from ginger root.² Ginger root is the part of ginger that is
12 normally consumed. See *Ginger Definition*, MERRIAM-WEBSTER., [https://www.merriam-](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/ginger)
13 [webster.com/dictionary/ginger](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/ginger) (“a thickened pungent aromatic [root] that is used as a spice
14 and sometimes medicinally”). Plaintiffs, however, argue that Dr. Pepper’s label, “Made
15 from Real Ginger,” implies that Canada Dry is made using ginger root, not ginger
16 oleoresin. See Dkt. No. 97 (“SAC”) ¶ 29. Under California law, statements that are
17 literally true may still be unlawful if they are likely to mislead the public. See *Kasky*, 27
18 Cal. 4th at 951. However, “[l]ikely to deceive implies more than a mere possibility that a
19 [statement] might conceivably be misunderstood by some few consumers viewing it in an
20 unreasonable manner.” *Lavie v. Proctor & Gamble Co.*, 105 Cal. App. 4th 496, 508
21 (2003).

22 In *Colgan v. Leatherman Tools Group, Inc.*, 135 Cal. App. 4th 663, 683 (2006), the
23 California Court of Appeal held that a tool manufacturer’s representation that its products
24 were “Made in U.S.A.” was deceptive as a matter of law. Although the manufacturer’s
25 representations were literally true because parts of their products were made or assembled

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27 ² Plaintiffs argue that Dr. Pepper’s “Made from Real Ginger” label is literally false. See
28 Dkt. No. 237 at 27. The evidence before the Court does not support Plaintiffs’ argument.
It is undisputed that Dr. Pepper makes Canada Dry from ginger oleoresin, which is made
from real ginger. See, e.g., *Kramer Depo.* at 56:7–18.

1 in the United States, “[s]ignificant working parts of the tools were [made] in foreign
2 countries.” *Id.* at 673. Because “[a] reasonable consumer of Leatherman’s products with
3 the ‘Made in U.S.A.’ representation would not expect such foreign manufacturing[,]” the
4 court concluded that the manufacturer’s representations were deceptive. *Id.* at 682. The
5 court also affirmed summary judgment against the manufacturer because the manufacturer
6 “presented no evidence suggesting a lack of deception . . . [and] the evidence not in dispute
7 establishes that a significant portion of the various parts of the products were manufactured
8 abroad.” *Id.*

9 Similarly, in *Consumer Advocates v. Echostar Satellite Corp.*, 113 Cal. App. 4th
10 1351, 1353 (2003), a satellite television provider was sued over its representation that its
11 system allowed consumers to view schedules “up to 7 days in advance” and that 50
12 channels would be provided. Plaintiffs in *Echostar* argued that the representations were
13 misleading because the system could only view schedules up to 3 days in advance and that
14 less than 50 channels were available at all hours of the day. *Id.* at 1357. The television
15 provider argued that the statement only meant that its system had the capacity to show
16 schedules 7 days in advance. *Id.* at 1362. It also argued that its statement did not imply
17 that 50 channels would be available at all times. *Id.* The California Court of Appeal
18 conceded that the provider’s arguments were “possible, if technical, interpretations of the
19 statements,” but reiterated that “[a] perfectly true statement couched in such a manner that
20 it is likely to mislead or deceive the consumer, such as by failure to disclose other relevant
21 information, is actionable.” *Id.* (quoting *Day v. AT&T Corp.*, 63 Cal. App. 4th 325, 332–
22 33 (1998)).

23 Here, Dr. Pepper’s statement that Canada Dry is “Made from Real Ginger” is
24 misleading under Plaintiffs’ first theory if it is likely that reasonable consumers would
25 understand that statement to imply that Canada Dry is made using ginger root, not ginger
26 extract made from ginger root. The Court concludes that Plaintiffs have presented
27 sufficient evidence creating a genuine dispute of material fact on this issue.

28 Plaintiffs presented survey results conducted by Dr. Michael Dennis. In his survey,

1 Dr. Dennis asked respondents “what is your understanding of the statement “**Made from**
2 **Real Ginger**” on the Canada Dry Ginger Ale?” See Dkt. No. 237-25 (“Dennis Report”) at
3 34. Respondents were given four choices:

- 4 1. Ginger root, which is part of the ginger plant, not an extract;
- 5 2. Ginger oil, which is extracted from the ginger root using steam;
- 6 3. Ginger oleoresin, which is extracted from the ginger root using solvent; and
- 7 4. None of these.

8 Id. Over 78% of respondents chose ginger root, while less than 5% of respondents chose
9 ginger oleoresin. Id. Based on these responses, a reasonable jury could find that “Made
10 from Real Ginger” means it is made directly from ginger root, not ginger extract.

11 Dr. Pepper’s expert, Dr. Rene Befurt, also conducted a survey. In his report, Dr.
12 Befurt replicated Dr. Dennis’s survey using less biased answer choices and found that
13 simply changing the language of the answer choices resulted in a 38-percentage-point
14 swing away from the “ginger root” response. See Dkt. No. 237-39 (“Befurt Report”) at
15 21–22. Specifically, Dr. Befurt asked the same question as Dr. Dennis, but gave
16 respondents the following choices:

- 17 1. Ginger oil, which is a free-flowing liquid steamed from the ginger root;
- 18 2. Ginger extractive, which is a syrupy liquid obtained from the ginger root;
- 19 3. Ginger root, which is a coarse powder processed from the ginger plant; and
- 20 4. All of these/None of these/Don’t know/Unsure.

21 Id. at 20. In Dr. Befurt’s survey, only 40.59% of respondents chose “ginger root,” while
22 21.34% of respondents choice “ginger extractive.” Id. at 21. Dr. Befurt also ran the
23 survey using hyper-technical language. Id. at 20. In that survey, the results favored a
24 “don’t know” response. Id. at 21.

25 Although Dr. Befurt’s survey sheds much doubt on the validity of Dr. Dennis’s
26 survey results, it is not so overwhelming as to require summary judgment. Dr. Befurt’s
27 own survey suggests that anywhere from 11.54% to 40.59% of consumers may believe that
28 “Made from Real Ginger” implies that Canada Dry is made using ginger root. Dr. Pepper

1 insists that Dr. Befurt’s survey results simply shows that the survey methodology used by
2 Dr. Dennis is too unreliable to sustain Plaintiffs’ claim. However, as explained by the
3 Court in its previous Order on class certification, this is a credibility and weight
4 determination that must go before the trier of fact at trial. See Dkt. No. 199 at 10.

5 Defendants rely on several federal district court cases to support their argument that
6 summary judgment is appropriate because the “Made from Real Ginger” claim is not
7 misleading. All of those cases, however, are distinguishable.

8 For example, in *Ries v. Arizona Beverages USA LLC*, No. 10-cv-01139-RS, 2013
9 WL 1287416, at *1 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 28, 2013) plaintiffs challenged an iced tea company’s
10 “All Natural” labeling on their beverages because the drinks contained high fructose corn
11 syrup and citric acid. There, the court granted summary judgment in favor of the iced tea
12 company because the plaintiffs provided “neither intrinsic evidence that the labels are false
13 (because HFCS and citric acid are not natural) or extrinsic evidence that a significant
14 portion of the consuming public would be confused by them.” *Id.* at *7. In contrast,
15 Plaintiffs in this case have provided extrinsic evidence in the form of consumer surveys.

16 Similarly, in *Townsend v. Monster Beverage Corporation*, 303 F. Supp. 3d 1010,
17 1023 (C.D. Cal. 2018), the district court rejected a claim that a “Consume Responsibly—
18 Max 1 can per four hours, with limit 3 cans per day” label on an energy drink was
19 misleading. In that case, the plaintiffs argued that the label was misleading because
20 consuming three cans per day could be unsafe and the label implied that three cans per day
21 was a “safe level of consumption.” *Id.* Instead of conducting a survey that tested the
22 “Consume Responsibly” label, however, the plaintiffs conducted a survey testing a “safe
23 consumption” label. *Id.* The district court rejected the survey because “the term ‘safe
24 consumption’ is materially different from ‘consume responsibly’” and “the exact words
25 matter in false advertising claims.” *Id.* at 1023–24. Here, Plaintiffs’ survey tested the
26 precise label at issue and specifically tested whether consumers read the “Made from Real
27 Ginger” label to mean “ginger oleoresin, which is extracted from the ginger root using a
28 solvent.” See Dennis Report at 34.

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In short, Plaintiffs have shown there is a genuine issue of material fact as to whether the “Made from Real Ginger” label misleadingly implies that Canada Dry is made with ginger root. Accordingly, the Court DENIES summary judgment on this claim.

2. Whether Dr. Pepper Implies Canada Dry Has More Than a Trace Amount of Ginger Oleoresin

Plaintiffs allege that the “Made from Real Ginger” label implies that Canada Dry contains more than a “trace amount” of ginger compounds. In support of their allegation, Plaintiffs rely on Dr. Manoj Hastak’s opinion, where he discussed the concepts of “inter-attribute misleadingness” and concludes that consumers would believe that Canada Dry contains “an appreciable amount” of ginger. See Dkt. No. 227-4 (“Hastak Report”) ¶¶ 23, 25. Plaintiffs also rely on Dr. Dana Krueger’s expert report, where he found that Canada Dry contained between 0.19 mg/L and 1.44 mg/L of various ginger compounds (see Dkt. No. 227-3 (“Krueger Report”) at 4–5) and Ms. Annette Hottenstein’s expert opinion, where she concluded that the ginger content of Canada Dry is too low to be tasted. See Dkt. No. 228-6 (“Hottenstein Report”) at 21–22. Dr. Pepper only discusses this theory in the context of Plaintiffs’ health benefits claim and counters that Canada Dry’s labeling contains no language regarding the quantity of ginger in the beverage.

As a stand-alone claim, the Court concludes that Plaintiffs’ have not raised a triable issue of fact as to whether the “Made from Real Ginger” label is misleading as to the amount of ginger in Canada Dry. The label makes no claims as to the amount of ginger in Canada Dry. And Plaintiffs presented no admissible evidence showing how much ginger reasonable consumers would expect Canada Dry to contain or even if reasonable consumers are even likely to expect a certain amount of ginger in the beverage. See *Chuang v. Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Inc.*, No. cv-17-01875-MWF, 2017 WL 4286577, at *15 (C.D. Cal. Sept. 20, 2017) (dismissing claim that a fruit snack did not contain sufficient fruit when the “made with Real Fruit” label and packaging makes no claims as to the amount of fruit in the snack). Indeed, it is not even clear how much ginger Canada Dry must contain to pass muster under Plaintiffs’ theory. Plaintiffs’ opposition suggests that

1 consumers expect Canada Dry to contain more than a “trace amount” (see Dkt. No. 237 at
2 25–26), while Ms. Hottenstein’s opinion suggests it must contain enough ginger such that
3 consumers can taste the ginger (see Hottenstein Report at 21–22), and Dr. Hastak’s
4 opinion argues for “an appreciable amount.” However, nowhere did Plaintiffs point to any
5 evidence that consumers would expect a certain amount of ginger.

6 The only evidence Plaintiffs provide to support their allegation that consumers
7 would likely expect a certain amount of ginger is Dr. Hastak’s opinion. However, Dr.
8 Hastak’s opinion does not engage with the facts of this case. He simply concludes that
9 consumers “do not believe that a marketer would make such a claim that a product is
10 ‘made from’ or ‘contains’ and ingredient . . . if the product contained only trace amounts
11 of the promoted ingredient” without any evidence. See Hastak Report ¶ 24. This high-
12 level theory of consumer behavior is nothing more than ipse dixit. Without Dr. Hastak’s
13 opinion, Plaintiffs offer no evidence to link Dr. Pepper’s label to consumer expectation.

14 The evidence that is available refutes Plaintiffs’ stand-alone theory. For example,
15 in Dr. Pepper’s internal studies regarding the label, respondents expressed skepticism
16 about the amount of ginger in Canada Dry after being exposed to Dr. Pepper’s advertising.
17 See, e.g., Dkt. No. 237-12 at 12, 16. This suggests that reasonable consumers are not
18 misled about the amount of ginger in the beverage.

19 Accordingly, the Court GRANTS summary judgment on this stand-alone claim.

20 **3. Whether Dr. Pepper Implies Canada Dry Has Health Benefits**

21 Plaintiffs allege that the “Made from Real Ginger” label implies that Canada Dry
22 has health benefits or is “better for you” than other sodas. The parties do not dispute that
23 Canada Dry does not provide any measurable health benefit. The Court concludes that
24 Plaintiffs have raised a dispute of material fact for trial.

25 Plaintiffs produced internal documents by Dr. Pepper’s marketing team showing
26 that Dr. Pepper intended to take advantage of the health benefits associated with ginger.
27 See, e.g., Dkt. No. 237-22 at 15. These documents strongly suggest that Dr. Pepper not
28 only intended to take advantage of the health halo of ginger, but also relied on a perceived

1 link between “awareness that [Canada Dry] is from real ginger” and health. See, e.g., Dkt.
2 No. 237-12 at 16 (consumer responded that “[i]t is very important (to know that Canada
3 Dry has real ginger in it) because you know there are health benefits so that when you
4 make you’re [sic] choices when it comes to soft drink [sic], you might as well enjoy
5 something that has some benefits.”). Indeed, at least one document, an internal
6 memorandum by Dr. Pepper’s advertising team, concluded that conveying to consumers
7 that Canada Dry was made from real ginger “implied that Canada Dry Ginger Ale was
8 healthier because it contained real ginger.” See Dkt. No. 237-13 at 3.

9 The evidence listed above distinguishes this case from cases cited by Dr. Pepper in
10 support of their argument. In *Chuang*, for example, the court dismissed a false advertising
11 claim alleging that packaging misled consumers into thinking a fruit snack was healthy by
12 claiming it was “made with Real Fruit.” 2017 WL 4286577, at *1. The packaging,
13 however, also stated that the snacks were “not intended to replace fruit in the diet.” *Id.* at
14 *15. By contrast, in this case, Plaintiffs are not simply alleging that the “Made from Real
15 Ginger” label leads consumers to believe that Canada Dry is “healthy,” but that the “Made
16 from Real Ginger” claim implies that Canada Dry is healthier than other sodas. Plaintiffs
17 are not relying solely on the label, but also rely on Dr. Pepper’s own documents suggesting
18 that “Made from Real Ginger” implies that Canada Dry is healthier than other sodas.

19 Furthermore, Dr. Pepper’s internal marketing documents strongly suggest that Dr.
20 Pepper’s push to get consumers to associate Canada Dry with ginger-related health
21 benefits may have been successful. See, e.g., Dkt. No. 237-24. In a 2014 study, Dr.
22 Pepper’s third-party consultant concluded that over 30% of consumers who increased their
23 ginger ale consumption did so because of the perceived health benefits. *Id.* at 32. That
24 study, as well as Dr. Pepper’s other internal marketing documents, did not specifically look
25 at the “Made from Real Ginger” label to draw its conclusions and it is possible that broader
26 advertising efforts by Dr. Pepper, not the label, is responsible for consumer perceptions
27 about the health benefits of Canada Dry. That possibility, however, is a factual
28 consideration that must be resolved by the trier of fact at trial. Simply put, it would be odd

1 for the Court to conclude that Dr. Pepper’s advertisements do not affect consumer
2 expectations regarding Canada Dry, when Dr. Pepper itself believes that it had.

3 Accordingly, the Court DENIES summary judgment on this claim.

4 **B. Administrative Motions to Seal**

5 Both parties move to seal portions of various exhibits or portions of their briefing
6 on this motion and the related motion to strike expert testimony. See Dkt. No. 224, 228,
7 234, 236, 242, 243, 246. The proposed redactions are based on information relating to the
8 formulation of Canada Dry.

9 There is a presumption of public access to judicial records and documents. *Nixon v.*
10 *Warner Commc’ns, Inc.*, 435 U.S. 589, 597 (1978). Access to motions and their
11 attachments that are “more than tangentially related to the merits of a case” may be sealed
12 only upon a showing of “compelling reasons” for sealing. *Ctr. for Auto Safety v. Chrysler*
13 *Grp., LLC*, 809 F.3d 1092, 1101–02 (9th Cir. 2016). Conversely, filings that are only
14 tangentially related to the merits may be sealed upon a lesser showing of “good cause.” *Id.*
15 at 1097. “In general, ‘compelling reasons’ sufficient to outweigh the public’s interest in
16 disclosure and justify sealing court records exist when such ‘court files might have become
17 a vehicle for improper purposes,’ such as the use of records to gratify private spite,
18 promote public scandal, circulate libelous statements, or release trade secrets.” *Kamakana*
19 *v. City & Cty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1179 (9th Cir. 2006) (quoting *Nixon*, 435 U.S.
20 at 598).

21 Under Rule 26(c), a trial court has broad discretion to permit sealing of court
22 documents for, among other things, the protection of “a trade secret or other confidential
23 research, development, or commercial information.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c)(1)(G). The
24 Ninth Circuit adopted the definition of “trade secrets” set forth in the Restatement of Torts,
25 finding that “[a] trade secret may consist of any formula, pattern, device or compilation of
26 information which is used in one’s business, and which gives him an opportunity to obtain
27 an advantage over competitors who do not know or use it.” *Clark v. Bunker*, 453 F.2d
28 1006, 1009 (9th Cir. 1972) (quoting Restatement (First) of Torts § 757 cmt. b).

1 Here, the Court addresses a motion to seal exhibits to Dr. Pepper’s motion to strike
 2 expert testimony and motion for summary judgment. The sealed portions are more than
 3 tangentially related to the merits of the case. Therefore, the compelling reasons standard
 4 applies to this sealing motion. *Foltz v. State Farm Mut. Auto Ins. Co.*, 331 F.3d 1122,
 5 1136 (9th Cir. 2003) (applying the compelling reasons standard at summary judgment).

6 Moreover, sealing motions must be “narrowly tailored to seek sealing only of
 7 sealable material.” Civil L.R. 79-5(b). A party moving to seal a document in whole or in
 8 part must file a declaration establishing that the identified material is “sealable.” Civil
 9 L.R. 79-5(d)(1)(A). Merely stating that a party designated material as confidential under a
 10 protective order is insufficient by itself to seal a document. *Id.*

11 Based on the Court’s review of Dr. Pepper and Plaintiffs’ representations, the Court
 12 finds compelling reasons sufficient to outweigh the public interest in disclosure to seal the
 13 highlighted portions of the following:³

Document	Location of Sealable Material
Declaration of Monica Smith in support of Dr. Pepper’s motion to strike expert testimony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibit 5 – Hottenstein Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Page 7 ○ Page 8 ○ Page 9 ○ Page 10 ○ Page 16 ○ Page 17 ○ Page 18 ○ Page 19 ○ Page 23 • Exhibit 6 – Hottenstein Deposition Transcript <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Page 348, line 19–21

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<p>Plaintiffs’ Opposition to Dr. Pepper’s motion to strike expert testimony</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 9, line 19, 21, fn. 2 • Page 10, line 8–10, 12, fn. 3 • Page 20, line 21–22, 24–26

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<p>Declaration of Matthew McCray in support of Plaintiffs' opposition to Dr. Pepper's motion for summary judgment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opposition to Motion for Summary Judgment<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Page 5, line 11–12○ Page 6, line 4–8○ Page 11, line 25–26○ Page 12, line 2–3, 5, 13–15, fn. 4○ Page 17, 8–10○ Page 21, line 26–27○ Page 22, 1–3○ Page 26, line 23○ Page 27, line 19• Exhibit 1 – Norris Declaration<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Page 7, fn. 7○ Page 8, line 21–22, 24–25○ Page 9, line 2, 8○ Page 13, line 19–22, fn. 18, 19, 20, 21○ Page 14, line 1, 3–12, 14–16, 21, fn. 22–27○ Page 15, line 2–6○ Page 18, line 7–9, 12–13○ Page 22, line 3–4, 13–14, 22○ Page 23, line 1–2○ Page 24, line 6–7, 14–15, 17, fn. 60○ Page 26, line 14• Exhibit 7 – Email and “BMC Presentation Deck” PowerPoint<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Page 17○ Page 20• Exhibit 22
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<p>1 Declaration of Monica Smith 2 regarding Exhibit 15 to 3 Plaintiffs’ motion for class 4 certification</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dkt. No. 180-18 (Exhibit 15)⁴
<p>5 Declaration of Monica Smith in 6 support of Dr. Pepper’s reply to 7 Plaintiffs’ opposition to Dr. 8 Pepper’s motion to strike expert 9 testimony</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Pepper’s reply brief to Plaintiffs’ opposition to Dr. Pepper’s motion to strike expert testimony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Page 15, fn. 13 • Exhibit 7 – Hottenstein Deposition Transcript <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Page 298, line 19–20 ○ Page 299, line 10–11, 14
<p>12 Declaration of Matthew 13 McCray in support of Plaintiffs’ 14 Objection to Dr. Pepper’s Reply 15 Evidence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hottenstein Deposition Transcript <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Page 182, line 9–20 ○ Page 350, line 18–21

16 Except for the excerpts cited in the table above, the motion to seal is DENIED as
17 being not sufficiently narrowly tailored, and as not satisfying the compelling reasons
18 standard. For the most part, the Court denied requests to seal portions of deposition
19 transcripts that did not discuss trade secrets or other confidential information. The Court
20 also denied the parties’ request to seal Ms. Leslie Norris’s declaration (see Dkt. No. 236-1)
21 in its entirety as significant portions of her declaration discusses non-confidential matters,
22 such as generally applicable principles of flavor science (see, e.g., id. ¶¶ 33–40).

23 The parties must file revised redacted versions of the deposition transcripts and Ms.
24 Norris’s declaration within seven days of this order. See N.D. Cal. Local Rule 79-5(f)(3).

27 ⁴ This exhibit was submitted in support of Plaintiffs’ motion for class certification. It is the
28 same exhibit as Exhibit 7 of McCray’s Declaration submitted in support of Plaintiffs’
opposition to Dr. Pepper’s motion for summary judgment. See Dkt. No. 237-8.
Accordingly, the Court seals Dkt. No. 180-18 in the same manner.

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IV. Conclusion

The Court GRANTS Dr. Pepper’s motion for summary judgment with respect to Plaintiffs’ claim that the “Made from Real Ginger” label misleads consumers as to the amount of ginger in Canada Dry. The Court DENIES summary judgment on all other claims presented in Dr. Pepper’s motion. The claims to be tried are Plaintiffs’ remaining claims under the CLRA, FAL, UCL, and common law against Dr. Pepper:

- 1. Whether the “Made from Real Ginger” label misleads consumers as to the form of ginger in Canada Dry; and
- 2. Whether the “Made from Real Ginger” label misleads consumers as to the health benefits of Canada Dry.

Additionally, the Court GRANTS IN PART and DENIES IN PART Dr. Pepper and Plaintiffs’ motions to seal. The parties must file revised redacted versions of the deposition transcripts and Ms. Norris’s declaration within seven days.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 2, 2018



NATHANAEL M. COUSINS
United States Magistrate Judge