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15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	THE HAIN CELESTIAL GROUP, INC., a Delaware Corporation, and JASON NATURAL PRODUCTS, INC., a California Corporation; Defendants.	Date: September 25, 2012 Time: 9:00 a.m. Judge: Hon. Elizabeth D. Laporte Courtroom: E, 15th Floor
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ruling conferral process described above.

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Having duly considered Plaintiffs' Motion to Compel Responses to Discovery

The Motion to Compel is denied to the extent it seeks discovery as to products

dated August 21, 2012, the supporting and opposing papers, and the arguments of counsel at the

that Plaintiffs did not purchase. September 25, 2012 Transcript of Proceedings ("Transcript"),

p. 3:21-23. The scope of the case for discovery purposes will be determined at such time as the

Defendants' pending Motion to Dismiss the Revised Second Amended Complaint is considered

and resolved by the Court. Until such time, discovery shall remain restricted to the products

purchased by Plaintiffs or matters that are not product specific. Upon a ruling by the Court on

Defendants' pending Motion to Dismiss the Revised Second Amended Complaint, Defendants

shall supplement their production of documents and answers to any interrogatories consistent

with Judge Hamilton's ruling, unless the case is dismissed with prejudice. If necessary, within

five (5) days of Judge Hamilton's ruling, the Parties shall confer regarding the timing and scope

of such supplemental production. If the Parties cannot agree on the timing and scope of such

production, they shall submit a joint letter setting forth their respective positions to this Court

for resolution within ten (10) days of the Judge Hamilton's order. Transcript, pp. 23:25-24:5.

draft order subsequent to the September 25, 2012 hearing, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

denied in part. Defendants agree to produce a complete ingredient list for each product

documents exist and are within the possession, custody, or control of Defendants, and

allegedly purchased by Plaintiffs in the State of California. Defendants shall also produce

documents regarding the designation of the ingredients as natural or unnatural to the extent such

documents sufficient to identify the suppliers of each ingredient to the extent such documents

exist and are within the possession, custody or control of Defendants. Transcript p: 23:13-19.

Defendants shall supplement their production to conform to any ruling by Judge Hamilton on

Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Revised Second Amended Complaint subject to the post-

Subject to the meet and confer between the parties regarding the submission of a

The Motion to Compel as to <u>Document Request No. 11</u> is granted in part and

September 25, 2012 hearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

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The Motion to Compel as to <u>Document Request No. 13</u> is granted. Defendants agree to search for and produce Defendants' written return policy for unused or unsold merchandise to the extent such policy exists and is within the possession, custody, or control of Defendants.

The Motion to Compel as to <u>Document Request No. 17</u> is granted in part and denied in part. Defendants agree to search for and produce an administrative complaint filed with the United States Department of Agriculture by the plaintiffs in *All One God Faith v. Hain Celestial Group, Inc.*, No. C 09-3517, a case previously before this Court, to the extent such documents exist and are within the possession, custody, or control of Defendants. Defendants' counsel represented to the Court that no discovery has been taken in the following cases: *All One God Faith, Inc. v. The Hain Celestial Group, Inc.*, Case No. CV-09-3517-SI (N.D.Cal.), or *Crivier v. The Hain Celestial Group, Inc.*, et al., Case No. CV-12-3054-GW(PLAx) (C.D. Cal.).

The Motion to Compel as to <u>Document Request No. 18</u> is granted in part.

Defendants agree to search for and produce documents concerning *Celestial Seasonings, Inc. v.*R.C. Bigelow, Inc., Case No. 1:95-cv-1549-EWN (D. Colo.), and any other action brought by

Defendants against competitors based on the use of the word "natural" to the extent such

documents exist and are within the possession, custody, or control of Defendants. Transcript, p.

24:10-19. If no such documents are within Defendants' possession, custody or control,

Defendants will provide a declaration stating this fact. Transcript, pp. 6:8-8:14.

The Motion to Compel as to <u>Document Request No. 19</u> is granted in part and denied in part. Defendants shall produce documents related to the value of sales in California during the putative class period limited to sales of the products identified at paragraphs 9 and 11 of the Revised Second Amended Complaint ("RSAC") to the extent such documents exist and are within the possession, custody or control of Defendants. Transcript p. 13:13-17. Consistent with the limitation set forth at the beginning of this Order, those paragraphs of the RSAC identify those products within the Jason brand which Plaintiffs purchased. Defendants shall supplement their production to conform to any ruling by Judge Hamilton on Defendants'

Motion to Dismiss the Revised Second Amended Complaint subject to the post-ruling conferral	
process described above.	
The Motion to Compel as to <u>Interrogatory No. 1</u> is granted in part and denied in	
part. Defendants will provide an answer with regards to the products Plaintiffs purchased.	
Defendants shall supplement their production to conform to any ruling by Judge Hamilton on	
Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Revised Second Amended Complaint subject to the post-	
ruling conferral process described above.	
The Motion to Compel as to <u>Interrogatory No. 3</u> is granted in part and denied in	
part. Defendants agree to state, to the extent possible, the value of sales in California for the	
products allegedly purchased by Plaintiffs during the putative class period. Transcript p. 13:13-	
17. Defendants shall supplement their production to conform to any ruling by Judge Hamilton	
on Defendants' Motion to Dismiss the Revised Second Amended Complaint subject to the post-	
ruling conferral process described above.	
IT IS SO ORDERED.	
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DATED:October 17, 2012 BLych D. Land	
The Honorable Elizabeth D. Laporte United States Magistrate Judge	

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