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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN OF CALIFORNIA

## SAN JOSE DIVISION

CHONG'S PRODUCE, INC.

Plaintiff,

THE PRODUCE COMPANY, INC. dba WESTSIDE PRODUCE, a California Corporation; CHARLES M. O'NEIL, individually, and DOES 1 to 10,

Defendants.

Case No. C09 00693 JW RS

DER THE PERISHABLE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES ACT (7 U.S.C. §499E)

A Complaint was filed by Plaintiff Chong's Produce, Inc. against Defendants The Produce Company, Inc. dba Westside Produce and Charles M. O'Neil on February 17, 2009. On February 18, 2009, this Court issued a Temporary Restraining Order against The Produce Company.

A hearing on Plaintiff's motion for Preliminary Injunction and Motion to Consolidate the Trial on the Merits was heard on January 23, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Susan E. Bishop appeared as counsel for Plaintiff. Defendant did not appear.

## Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Chong's Produce is a valid trust beneficiary of The Produce Company, Inc. A. pursuant to Section 5(c) of the PACA, 7 U.S.C. §499e(c), in the aggregate amount of \$60,360.28,

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exclusive of interest and attorneys' fees and costs for violation of PACA by failing to maintain PACA trust assets and failing to pay Chong's Produce promptly under 7 U.S.C. §§499b(4) and (e)(c)(2).

- B. Starting in August 2008, Plaintiff began selling Produce to Westside Produce in interstate commerce, and Westside Produce purchased from Plaintiff produce in the amount of \$60,360.28. Plaintiff delivered the Produce to Westside Produce and Westside Produce accepted the Produce from Plaintiff but Westside Produce failed to pay the invoices related to those orders. As of February 13, 2009, Westside Produce has failed to pay the principal balance due of \$60,360.28.
- Charles O'Neil, as the President of Westside Produce, O'Neil had a duty to ensure C. that Westside Produce fulfilled its duties as a PACA trustee, and maintained PACA Trust Assets in such a manner so as to ensure there were, at all times, sufficient Trust Assets available to satisfy all outstanding PACA trust obligations, such as that owed to Plaintiff, as they became due. O'Neil breached his fiduciary duty to direct Westside Produce to fulfill its duty as a PACA trustee to preserve and maintain sufficient PACA Trust Assets to pay Plaintiff for the Produce supplied by it to Westside Produce. As a direct result of O'Neil's breach of fiduciary duty, Plaintiff has incurred damages in the amount of \$60,360.28, plus interest from the date each invoice became past due, costs and attorneys' fees. O'Neil is personally liable to Plaintiff for the breach of their fiduciary duty in dissipating the PACA trust.
- After this Court issued its initial judgment, Plaintiff filed a motion for attorneys' fees D. and costs. On May 12, 2009, the Court granted Plaintiff's motion and ordered Defendants to pay attorneys' fees and costs in total amount of \$4,925.00 within 30 days.
- E. An Amended Judgment is hereby entered in favor of Plaintiff Chong's Produce Inc. and against The Produce Company, Inc. and Charles O'Neil, jointly and severally in the amount of \$65,285.28.

IT IS SO ORDERED in Chambers at San Jose, California this \_26\_ day of May 2009.

Honorable Judge James Ware
United States District Court Judge

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