# NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATION AND SETTLEMENT AGAINST SAMYANG FOODS CO., LTD.

Have you purchased Korean Ramen Noodles between May 1, 2001 and December 31, 2010:

This notice may affect your rights. Please read carefully.

The Supreme Court of British Columbia and the Ontario Superior Court of Justice have approved the certification and settlement of two class actions against Defendant Samyang Foods Co., Ltd. The BC Court certified the BC Class in *Kozma et al. v. Nong Shim Co., Ltd., et al.*, on March 15, 2019. The Ontario Court certified the Ontario Class in *Jooli Park v. Nong Shim Co. Ltd et al.* on March 26, 2019.

## Who is a Class Member and Who is Potentially Eligible to Participate in the Settlement?

The certified class includes all persons resident in British Columbia, Ontario, or elsewhere in Canada, who purchased, either directly or indirectly, Korean Ramen Noodles in Canada between May 1, 2001 and December 31, 2010. You are affected by the class actions and are a "member" of the BC Class or Ontario Class if you purchased Korean Ramen Noodles in Canada during the relevant period made by any of the following companies: Nong Shim, Ottogi, Paldo, Korea Yakult, and Samyang.

The BC and Ontario settlements only pertain to persons who have purchased Korean Ramen Noodles from Samyang in Canada between May 1, 2001 and December 31, 2010. If you have purchased Korean Ramen Noodles in Canada from any of the other, non-settling Defendants, between May 1, 2001 and December 31, 2010, you are a member of either the BC Class or the Ontario Class.

The BC Class includes BC residents. The Ontario Class includes: (i) Ontario residents, and (ii) non-Ontario and non-BC residents in Canada.

#### The Terms of Settlement with Samyang

The settlement provides that the Settling Defendant has agreed to pay \$288,586.98 in compensation to the class, and also to provide co-operation to the class in continuing with their lawsuit against the other Non-Settling Defendants. No monies are to be distributed directly to class members, but rather, the Court has approved a distribution of the funds to pay Class Counsel's legal fees and disbursements, a \$500 honorarium to the representative plaintiffs and the balance remaining in the fund to be shared equally between the Law Foundation of British Columbia and the Law Foundation of Ontario.

### **How to Opt-Out of the Class**

You can Opt-Out of the class actions by sending a signed letter to Class Counsel, with the following information:

- (a) Your full name, current mailing address, telephone number, and email address;
- (b) If you are writing on behalf of a company, the name of the company and your position at the company;
- (c) A statement saying that you (or the company) wants to Opt-Out of the class action. You must identify which class action you (or the company) want to Opt-Out of; and,
- (d) Your reason for opting-out.

Requests to Opt-Out must be post-marked by on or before July 15, 2019.

This is your only chance to exclude yourself or Opt-Out of the class actions. No further right to Opt-Out will be provided.

#### **For More Information**

For more information about the lawsuit, contact Class Counsel at:

#### Klein Lawyers LLP

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Or contact the Claims Administrator at:

**Crawford Class Action Services** 

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