

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION

## **If You Purchased Certain Bigelow Tea Products in California, A Class Action May Affect Your Rights**

*A federal court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.*

The United States District Court for the Central District of California (the “Court”) has certified a Class in *Banks v. R.C. Bigelow, Inc.*, Case No. 20-cv-06208-DDP (RAOx), a class action lawsuit alleging that R.C. Bigelow, Inc. (“Bigelow”) falsely and deceptively advertised some of its tea products as Manufactured in the USA.

**Am I part of the Class?** You are a Class member if you purchased at least one 18/20 count box of Bigelow Earl Grey Black Tea Caffeine, Green Tea Caffeine, Constant Comment Black Tea Caffeine, Green Lemon Tea Caffeine, Vanilla Chai Black Tea Caffeine, English Tea Time Black Tea Caffeine, Spiced Chai Black Tea Caffeine, French Vanilla Black Tea Caffeine, or Vanilla Caramel Black Tea Caffeine, labeled as “Manufactured in the USA 100% American Family Owned,” at a retail store in the state of California, at any time from October 17, 2017 to the present.

**What are my options?** If you are a Class member, you can: (1) do nothing or (2) ask to be excluded (“Opt-Out”) from the Class.

**Do Nothing:** You will remain in the Class and you will be bound by all past, present, and future orders, findings, and judgments in this action, whether favorable or unfavorable. You keep the possibility of getting money or benefits that may come from a trial or a settlement. But, you give up your right to sue Bigelow separately about the same legal claims in this lawsuit.

**Exclude Yourself:** You will not be bound by any orders, findings, and judgments in this action and may individually pursue any claims you may have against Bigelow with regard to the issues in this action. But, you will not share in any money or benefits that may be later awarded. To Opt-Out of the Class, you must send a written request including: (a) a statement that “I wish to opt-out of the Class in *Banks v. R.C. Bigelow, Inc.*” or words to similar effect that make clear your intention to be excluded from Class, (b) your name, email address, telephone number, and mailing address, and (c) your personal signature and the date. In order to be timely, your request for exclusion must be mailed and postmarked by on or before **May 1, 2024**, to: Tea Class Action, c/o JND Legal Administration, P.O. Box 91307, Seattle, WA 98111.

**When is the trial?** A trial date has been set for April 1, 2025. This date may be subject to change. For updates, please visit [www.TeaClassAction.com](http://www.TeaClassAction.com) or [www.cacd.uscourts.gov/honorable-dean-d-pregerson](http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov/honorable-dean-d-pregerson). The Court appointed two law firms—Schneider Wallace Cottrell Konecky LLP and The Wand Law Firm, P.C.—as “Class Counsel” to represent the Class. You do not need to hire your own lawyer because Class Counsel is working on your behalf. But, if you want your own lawyer, you will have to pay that lawyer. For example, you can ask your own lawyer to appear in Court for you if you want someone other than Class Counsel to speak for you.

**How do I get more information?** This Notice summarizes the pending case. For more information, visit [www.TeaClassAction.com](http://www.TeaClassAction.com) or contact Class Counsel whose contact information can be found at this website; contact the class administrator at 1-844-566-0049; or access the Court docket in this case through the Court’s Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system.

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT TO INQUIRE ABOUT THIS CASE

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