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Lawsuit Filed Against Pair of Plastic-Producing Companies For Alleged Violations

A civil lawsuit has been filed jointly by several district attorney's offices in California against two companies for allegedly failing to comply with state law and permanent court injunctions.

The complaint was filed on March 7 against Corona-based TRM Manufacturing, Inc., and United Polymers, Inc., located in La Mirada, for false advertising, unfair business practices and violation of prior injunctions. Also named in the lawsuit are Ted R. Moore, president and CEO of both corporations, and Ted R. Moore II, TRM's vice president.

Deputy District Attorneys Duke Chau and Leonard Torrealba of the Consumer Protection Division are prosecuting the case.

The companies, which sell and distribute plastic products, were subject to a permanent injunction in 2013 after thousands of its packages were mislabeled, violating the state's Fair Packaging and Labeling Act. Additional injunctions had been filed previously against TRM for similar violations.

The complaint alleges the defendants continue to make misrepresentations with their products, do not adhere to state law and violate terms of the injunctions.

In 2014 and 2015, inspections conducted by state and county officials uncovered numerous new violations, forcing thousands of packages to be removed from store shelves.

Along with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, the civil lawsuit was filed in conjunction with district attorney's offices in Fresno, Riverside, Santa Cruz and Ventura counties.

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