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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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IMO MOTOR OILS NOT MEETING
ADVERTISED STANDARDS

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: **ORDER OFF SALE**
: **ORDER TO REMOVE FROM SALE**
: **ORDER TO STOP USE**
: **N.J. Statute 51:1-106**
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YOU ARE COMMANDED, pursuant to the Statutes of New Jersey
to **IMMEDIATELY** remove from sale and use in the State of New
Jersey:

- Maxiguard MG 10-50
- Maxiguard MG 20-50
- Maxiguard MG 10-30
- Auto Club Motor Oil SAE 10W-30
- Auto Club Motor Oil SAE 20W-50
- Orbit Motor Oil 5-20
- Orbit Motor Oil 10-40
- Lube State Motor Oil SAE 10W-30
- U.S. Economy Motor Oil 5-30
- U.S. Economy Motor Oil SAE 10-40

- Auto Club Motor Oil SAE 10W-40
- Auto Club Motor Oil SAE 5W-30
- TruStar Motor Oil 10-30
- Black Knight Motor Oil 5-30
- Black Knight Motor Oil 10-40
- U.S. Economy Motor Oil SAE 10W40
- U.S. Economy SAE 10-30
- U.S. Spirit Motor Oil SAE 10W-30
- U.S. Spirit Motor Oil SAE 10W-40

A. WHEREAS, in June 2014, upon information and belief that some motor oils found throughout New Jersey were not meeting their advertised quality standards, the New Jersey State Office of Weights and Measures ("SOWM") and the Office of Consumer Protection ("OCP") conducted a multi-day operation to locate such products. Dozens of products were discovered during this operation. A state contracted lab conducted testing and analysis of the products to determine whether the samples contained the contents advertised.

B. WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature has tasked the New Jersey State Office of Weights and Measures ("SOWM") with the authority to enforce Title 51 Standards, Weights, Measures and Containers. Accordingly, the State Superintendent may inspect commodities to determine whether they are offered or exposed for sale in accordance with the law.

C. WHEREAS, Title 51 further provides that the State Superintendent may order off-sale, issue stop-use or removal orders, or may seize and take possession of any commodities in package form, weight or measure, document or other item, when he has reason to believe that any provision of Title 51 of the Revised Statutes or any regulation adopted thereunder has been violated. N.J.S.A. 51:1-106.

D. WHEREAS, laboratory tests of certain motor oils manufactured, packaged, and/or distributed by the above listed manufacturers have demonstrated that these products do not meet the labeled viscosity grade specification as specified in the latest version of SAE J300 "Engine Oil Viscosity Classification". As such, the packaging of these products is misleading and does not conform to the packaging requirements in section 3.1 of the Uniform Packaging and Labeling Regulation contained in the National Institute of Standards and Technology ("NIST") Handbook 130 and adopted by N.J.A.C. 13:47H. Use of these products may damage vehicles and engines.

NOW, THEREFORE, SOWM has determined as a result of the laboratory tests that the specific motor oils manufactured, packaged, and/or distributed by manufacturers listed above do

not meet the quality standards advertised on the label. Therefore, pursuant to the authority granted to the Superintendent of SOWM in N.J.S.A. 51:1-106, I am issuing a Stop-Use and Removal order prohibiting the sale, offering for sale, or use of said brand motor oils. These products should no longer be used, immediately be removed from store shelves or other product displays, and no longer offered for sale.

Fail not, or I shall apply to the Superior Court for an Order holding you in violation and seeking penalties for each day you fail to comply.

Any further exposing or offering for sale any of the above products will subject you to a penalty of no less than \$100 per package or container.

 1/20/15

HOWARD PINE, ACTING STATE SUPERINTENDENT