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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

AKILAH JORDAN, individually, and on
behalf of other members of the general public
similarly situated;

Plaintiff,

v.

MAERSK INC., a New York corporation; and
DOES 1 through 100, inclusive;

Defendants.

Case No.: **23STCV09691**

**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR
DAMAGES**

- (1) Violation of California Labor Code §§ 510 and 1198 (Unpaid Overtime);
- (2) Violation of California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512(a) (Unpaid Meal Period Premiums);
- (3) Violation of California Labor Code § 226.7 (Unpaid Rest Period Premiums);
- (4) Violation of California Labor Code §§ 1194 and 1197 (Unpaid Minimum Wages);
- (5) Violation of California Labor Code §§ 201 and 202 (Final Wages Not Timely Paid);
- (6) Violation of California Labor Code § 226(a) (Non-Compliant Wage Statements);
- (7) Violation of California Labor Code §§ 2800 and 2802 (Unreimbursed Business Expenses);
- (8) Violation of California Business & Professions Code § 17200, *et seq.*

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

COMES NOW, Plaintiff AKILAH JORDAN (“Plaintiff”), individually, and on behalf of other members of the general public similarly situated, and alleges as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This class action is brought pursuant to the California Code of Civil Procedure section 382. The monetary damages and restitution sought by Plaintiff exceeds the minimal jurisdiction limits of the Superior Court and will be established according to proof at trial. The “amount in controversy” for the named Plaintiff, including claims for compensatory damages, restitution, penalties, wages, premium pay, and pro rata share of attorneys’ fees, is less than seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000).

2. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to the California Constitution, Article VI, Section 10, which grants the superior court “original jurisdiction in all other causes” except those given by statute to other courts. The statutes under which this action is brought do not specify any other basis for jurisdiction.

3. This Court has jurisdiction over Defendants because, upon information and belief, Defendants are citizens of California, have sufficient minimum contacts in California, or otherwise intentionally avail themselves of the California market so as to render the exercise of jurisdiction over them by the California courts consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

4. Venue is proper in this Court because, upon information and belief, Defendants maintain offices, have agents, and/or transact business in the State of California, including the County of Los Angeles. The majority of the acts and omissions alleged herein relating to Plaintiff took place in the State of California, County of Los Angeles. Defendants employed Plaintiff within the State of California, County of Los Angeles.

PARTIES

5. Plaintiff AKILAH JORDAN is an individual residing in the State of California, County of Los Angeles.

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1 6. Defendant MAERSK INC., at all times herein mentioned, was and is, upon
2 information and belief, a New York corporation, and at all times herein mentioned, was and is,
3 an employer whose employees are engaged throughout the State of California, including the
4 County of Los Angeles.

5 7. At all relevant times, Defendant MAERSK INC. was the “employer” of Plaintiff
6 within the meaning of all applicable California laws and statutes.

7 8. At all times herein relevant, Defendants MAERSK INC. and DOES 1 through
8 100, and each of them, were the agents, partners, joint venturers, joint employers,
9 representatives, servants, employees, successors-in-interest, co-conspirators and assigns, each
10 of the other, and at all times relevant hereto were acting within the course and scope of their
11 authority as such agents, partners, joint venturers, joint employers, representatives, servants,
12 employees, successors, co-conspirators and assigns, and all acts or omissions alleged herein
13 were duly committed with the ratification, knowledge, permission, encouragement,
14 authorization, and consent of each defendant designated herein.

15 9. The true names and capacities, whether corporate, associate, individual or
16 otherwise, of Defendants DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, are unknown to Plaintiff, who sues
17 said defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based on that
18 information and belief alleges, that each of the Defendants designated as a DOE is legally
19 responsible for the events and happenings referred to in this Complaint, and unlawfully caused
20 the injuries and damages to Plaintiff and the other class members as alleged in this Complaint.
21 Plaintiff will seek leave of court to amend this Complaint to show the true names and
22 capacities when the same have been ascertained.

23 10. Defendants MAERSK INC. and DOES 1 through 100 will hereinafter
24 collectively be referred to as “Defendants.”

25 11. Plaintiff further alleges that Defendants directly or indirectly controlled or
26 affected the working conditions, wages, working hours, and conditions of employment of
27 Plaintiff and the other class members so as to make each of said Defendants employers and
28 employers liable under the statutory provisions set forth herein.

1 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

2 12. Plaintiff brings this action individually and on behalf of all other members of the
3 general public similarly situated, and, thus, seeks class certification under Code of Civil
4 Procedure section 382.

5 13. The proposed class is defined as follows:

6 All current and former hourly-paid or non-exempt employees (whether hired
7 directly or through a staffing agency) of Defendants within the State of
8 California at any time during the period from four years preceding the filing of
9 this Complaint to final judgment.¹

10 14. Plaintiff reserves the right to establish subclasses as appropriate.

11 15. The class is ascertainable and there is a well-defined community of interest in
12 the litigation:

13 a. Numerosity: The class members are so numerous that joinder of all class
14 members is impracticable. The membership of the entire class is
15 unknown to Plaintiff at this time; however, the class is estimated to be
16 greater than fifty (50) individuals and the identity of such membership is
17 readily ascertainable by inspection of Defendants' employment records.

18 b. Typicality: Plaintiff's claims are typical of all other class members'
19 claims as demonstrated herein. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately
20 protect the interests of the other class members with whom Plaintiff has a
21 well-defined community of interest.

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27 ¹ Per Emergency Rule 9 (Tolling statute of limitations for civil causes of action) of the Judicial Council's
28 Emergency Rules Related to COVID-19, all statute of limitations for civil causes of action that exceed 180 days are
tollled from April 6, 2020 until October 1, 2020. Accordingly, Plaintiff's claims were tollled during that time period.

1 c. Adequacy: Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of
2 each class member, with whom Plaintiff has a well-defined community
3 of interest and typicality of claims, as demonstrated herein. Plaintiff has
4 no interest that is antagonistic to the other class members. Plaintiff's
5 attorneys, the proposed class counsel, are versed in the rules governing
6 class action discovery, certification, and settlement. Plaintiff has
7 incurred, and during the pendency of this action will continue to incur,
8 costs and attorneys' fees, that have been, are, and will be necessarily
9 expended for the prosecution of this action for the substantial benefit of
10 each class member.

11 d. Superiority: A class action is superior to other available methods for the
12 fair and efficient adjudication of this litigation because individual joinder
13 of all class members is impractical.

14 e. Public Policy Considerations: Certification of this lawsuit as a class
15 action will advance public policy objectives. Employers of this great
16 state violate employment and labor laws every day. Current employees
17 are often afraid to assert their rights out of fear of direct or indirect
18 retaliation. However, class actions provide the class members who are
19 not named in the complaint anonymity that allows for the vindication of
20 their rights.

21 16. There are common questions of law and fact as to the class members that
22 predominate over questions affecting only individual members. The following common
23 questions of law or fact, among others, exist as to the members of the class:

24 a. Whether Defendants' failure to pay wages, without abatement or
25 reduction, in accordance with the California Labor Code, was willful;

26 b. Whether Defendants failed to pay their hourly-paid or non-exempt
27 employees within the State of California for all hours worked, missed
28 meal periods and rest breaks in violation of California law;

- 1 c. Whether Defendants required Plaintiff and the other class members to
2 work over eight (8) hours per day and/or over forty (40) hours per week
3 and failed to pay the legally required overtime compensation to Plaintiff
4 and the other class members;
- 5 d. Whether Defendants properly calculated the regular rate for Plaintiff and
6 the other class members to worked overtime and earned incentive pay;
- 7 e. Whether Defendants deprived Plaintiff and the other class members of
8 meal and/or rest periods or required Plaintiff and the other class
9 members to work during meal and/or rest periods without compensation;
- 10 f. Whether Defendants failed to pay minimum wages to Plaintiff and the
11 other class members for all hours worked;
- 12 g. Whether Defendants failed to pay all wages due to Plaintiff and the other
13 class members within the required time upon their discharge or
14 resignation;
- 15 h. Whether Defendants failed to timely pay all wages due to Plaintiff and
16 the other class members during their employment;
- 17 i. Whether Defendants complied with wage reporting as required by the
18 California Labor Code, including, inter alia, section 226;
- 19 j. Whether Defendants failed to reimburse Plaintiff and the other class
20 members for necessary business-related expenses and costs;
- 21 k. Whether Defendants' conduct was willful or reckless;
- 22 l. Whether Defendants engaged in unfair business practices in violation of
23 California Business & Professions Code section 17200, *et seq.*;
- 24 m. The appropriate amount of damages, restitution, and/or monetary
25 penalties resulting from Defendants' violation of California law; and
- 26 n. Whether Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to
27 compensatory damages pursuant to the California Labor Code.

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1 **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

2 17. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants employed Plaintiff
3 and other persons as hourly-paid or non-exempt employees within the State of California.

4 18. Defendants, jointly and severally, employed Plaintiff as an hourly-paid non-
5 exempt employee during the relevant time period in the State of California, County of Los
6 Angeles.

7 19. Defendants had the authority to hire and terminate Plaintiff and other class
8 members; to set work rules and conditions governing Plaintiff's and other class members'
9 employment; and to supervise their daily employment activities.

10 20. Defendants exercised sufficient authority over the terms and conditions of
11 Plaintiff and other class members' employment for them to be joint employers of Plaintiff and
12 the other class members.

13 21. Defendants directly hired and paid wages and benefits to Plaintiff and other
14 class members.

15 22. Defendants continue to employ hourly-paid or non-exempt employees within the
16 State of California.

17 23. Plaintiff and other class members worked over eight (8) hours in a day, and/or
18 forty (40) hours in a week during their employment with Defendants.

19 24. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
20 engaged in a pattern and practice of wage abuse against their hourly-paid or non-exempt
21 employees within the State of California. This scheme involved, inter alia, failing to pay them
22 for all hours worked, missed meal periods, and missed rest breaks in violation of California
23 law.

24 25. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
25 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and other class members were entitled to receive
26 certain wages for overtime compensation and that Plaintiff and other class members were not
27 receiving wages for overtime compensation.

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1 26. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
2 failed to provide Plaintiff and other class members the required rest and meal periods during
3 the relevant time period as required under the Industrial Welfare Commission Wage Orders
4 and thus they are entitled to any and all applicable penalties.

5 27. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
6 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and other class members were entitled to receive all
7 timely and complete meal periods or payment of one additional hour of pay at Plaintiff's and
8 the other class members' regular rate of pay when a meal period was missed, late or
9 interrupted, and that Plaintiff and other class members did not receive all timely and proper
10 meal periods or payment of one additional hour of pay at their regular rate of pay when a meal
11 period was missed.

12 28. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
13 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and other class members were entitled to receive all
14 timely rest periods without interruption or payment of one additional hour of pay at Plaintiff
15 and the other class members' regular rate of pay when a rest period was missed, late or
16 interrupted, and that Plaintiff and other class members did not receive all rest periods or
17 payment of one additional hour of pay at their regular rate of pay when a rest period was
18 missed.

19 29. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
20 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and other class members were entitled to receive at
21 least minimum wages for compensation and that Plaintiff and other class members were not
22 receiving at least minimum wages for all hours worked.

23 30. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
24 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and other class members were entitled to receive the
25 wages owed to them upon discharge or resignation, including overtime and minimum wages
26 and meal and rest period premiums, and that Plaintiff and other class members did not, in fact,
27 receive such wages owed to them at the time of their discharge or resignation.

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1 31. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
2 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and other class members were entitled to receive
3 complete and accurate wage statements in accordance with California law, but, in fact, Plaintiff
4 and other class members did not receive complete and accurate wage statements from
5 Defendants. The deficiencies included, inter alia, the failure to include the total number of
6 hours worked by Plaintiff and other class members.

7 32. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
8 knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members were entitled to
9 reimbursement for necessary business-related expenses.

10 33. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
11 knew or should have known that Defendants had to keep complete and accurate payroll records
12 for Plaintiff and other class members in accordance with California law, but, in fact, did not
13 keep complete and accurate payroll records for Plaintiff and other class members.

14 34. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants
15 knew or should have known that they had a duty to compensate Plaintiff and other class
16 members pursuant to California law, and that Defendants had the financial ability to pay such
17 compensation, but willfully, knowingly, and intentionally failed to do so, and falsely
18 represented to Plaintiff and other class members that they were properly denied wages, all in
19 order to increase Defendants' profits.

20 35. As a pattern and practice, during the relevant time period set forth herein,
21 Defendants failed to pay overtime wages to Plaintiff and other class members for all hours
22 worked. Plaintiff and other class members were required to work more than eight (8) hours per
23 day and/or forty (40) hours per week without overtime compensation.

24 36. As a pattern and practice, during the relevant time period set forth herein,
25 Defendants failed to provide the requisite uninterrupted and timely meal and rest periods to
26 Plaintiff and other class members.

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37. As a pattern and practice, during the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and other class members at least minimum wages for all hours worked.

38. As a pattern and practice, during the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and other class members the wages owed to them upon discharge or resignation.

39. As a pattern and practice, during the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants failed to provide complete or accurate wage statements to Plaintiff and other class members.

40. As a pattern and practice, during the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants failed to keep complete or accurate payroll records for Plaintiff and other class members.

41. As a pattern and practice, during the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants failed to properly compensate Plaintiff and other class members pursuant to California law in order to increase Defendants' profits.

42. California Labor Code section 218 states that nothing in Article 1 of the Labor Code shall limit the right of any wage claimant to “sue directly . . . for any wages or penalty due to him [or her] under this article.”

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 510 and 1198)

(Against MAERSK INC. and DOES 1 through 100)

43. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 42, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein.

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1 44. California Labor Code section 1198 and the applicable Industrial Welfare
2 Commission (“IWC”) Wage Order provide that it is unlawful to employ persons without
3 compensating them at a rate of pay either time-and-one-half or two-times that person’s regular
4 rate of pay, depending on the number of hours worked by the person on a daily or weekly
5 basis.

6 45. Specifically, the applicable IWC Wage Order provides that Defendants are and
7 were required to pay Plaintiff and other class members employed by Defendants, who
8 work(ed) more than eight (8) hours in a day or more than forty (40) hours in a workweek, at
9 the rate of time-and-one-half for all hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a day or more
10 than forty (40) hours in a workweek.

11 46. The applicable IWC Wage Order further provides that Defendants are and were
12 required to pay Plaintiff and other class members overtime compensation at a rate of two times
13 their regular rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of twelve (12) hours in a day.

14 47. California Labor Code section 510 codifies the right to overtime compensation
15 at one-and-one-half times the regular hourly rate for hours worked in excess of eight (8) hours
16 in a day or forty (40) hours in a week or for the first eight (8) hours worked on the seventh day
17 of work, and overtime compensation at twice the regular hourly rate for hours worked in
18 excess of twelve (12) hours in a day or in excess of eight (8) hours in a day on the seventh day
19 of work.

20 48. During the relevant time period set forth herein, Plaintiff and other class
21 members worked in excess of eight (8) hours in a day, and/or in excess of forty (40) hours in a
22 week.

23 49. As a pattern and practice, during the relevant time period set forth herein,
24 Defendants intentionally and willfully failed to pay overtime wages owed to Plaintiff and other
25 class members (but not all).

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50. Defendants' pattern and practice of failing to pay Plaintiff and other class members the unpaid balance of overtime compensation, as required by California laws, violates the provisions of California Labor Code sections 510 and 1198, and is therefore unlawful.

51. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194, Plaintiff and other class members are entitled to recover unpaid overtime compensation, as well as interest, costs, and attorneys' fees.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 226.7 and 512(a))

(Against MAERSK INC. and DOES 1 through 100)

52. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 51, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein.

53. During the relevant time period set forth herein, the IWC Order and California Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512(a) were applicable to Plaintiff's and other class members' employment by Defendants.

54. During the relevant time period set forth herein, California Labor Code section 226.7 provides that no employer shall require an employee to work during any meal or rest period mandated by an applicable order of the California IWC.

55. During the relevant time period set forth herein, the applicable IWC Wage Order and California Labor Code section 512(a) provide that an employer may not require, cause or permit an employee to work for a work period of more than five (5) hours per day without providing the employee with a meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes, except that if the total work period per day of the employee is no more than six (6) hours, the meal period may be waived by mutual consent of both the employer and employee.

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1 56. During the relevant time period set forth herein, the applicable IWC Wage
2 Order and California Labor Code section 512(a) further provide that an employer may not
3 require, cause, or permit an employee to work for a work period of more than ten (10) hours
4 per day without providing the employee with a second uninterrupted meal period of not less
5 than thirty (30) minutes, except that if the total hours worked is no more than twelve (12)
6 hours, the second meal period may be waived by mutual consent of the employer and the
7 employee only if the first meal period was not waived.

8 57. As a pattern and practice, during the relevant time period set forth herein,
9 Plaintiff and other class members (but not all) who were scheduled to work for a period of time
10 no longer than six (6) hours, and who did not waive their legally-mandated meal periods by
11 mutual consent, were required to work for periods longer than five (5) hours without an
12 uninterrupted meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes and/or without a rest period.

13 58. As a pattern and practice, during the relevant time period set forth herein,
14 Plaintiff and other class members (but not all) who were scheduled to work for a period of time
15 no longer than twelve (12) hours, and who did not waive their legally-mandated meal periods
16 by mutual consent, were required to work for periods longer than ten (10) hours without an
17 uninterrupted meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes and/or without a rest period.

18 59. As a pattern and practice, during the relevant time period set forth herein,
19 Plaintiff and other class members (but not all) who were scheduled to work for a period of time
20 in excess of six (6) hours were required to work for periods longer than five (5) hours without
21 an uninterrupted meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes and/or without a rest period.

22 60. As a pattern and practice, during the relevant time period set forth herein,
23 Plaintiff and other class members (but not all) who were scheduled to work for a period of time
24 in excess of twelve (12) hours were required to work for periods longer than ten (10) hours
25 without an uninterrupted meal period of not less than thirty (30) minutes and/or without a rest
26 period.

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61. As a pattern and practice, during the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants intentionally and willfully required Plaintiff and other class members (but not all) to work during meal periods and failed to compensate Plaintiff and the other class members (but not all) the full meal period premium for work performed during meal periods.

62. As a pattern and practice, during the relevant time period set forth herein, Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and other class members (but not all) the full meal period premium due pursuant to California Labor Code section 226.7.

63. Defendants' conduct violates applicable IWC Wage Order and California Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512(a).

64. Pursuant to the applicable IWC Wage Order and California Labor Code section 226.7(b), Plaintiff and other class members are entitled to recover from Defendants one additional hour of pay at the employee's regular rate of compensation for each workday that the meal or rest period is not provided.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(Violation of California Labor Code § 226.7)

(Against MAERSK INC. and DOES 1 through 100)

65. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 64, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set forth herein.

66. During the relevant time period set forth herein, the applicable IWC Wage Order and California Labor Code section 226.7 were applicable to Plaintiff's and other class members' employment by Defendants.

67. During the relevant time period set forth herein, California Labor Code section 226.7 provides that no employer shall require an employee to work during any rest period mandated by an applicable order of the California IWC.

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1 68. During the relevant time period set forth herein, the applicable IWC Wage
2 Order provides that “[e]very employer shall authorize and permit all employees to take rest
3 periods, which insofar as practicable shall be in the middle of each work period” and that the
4 “rest period time shall be based on the total hours worked daily at the rate of ten (10) minutes
5 net rest time per four (4) hours or major fraction thereof” unless the total daily work time is
6 less than three and one-half (3 ½) hours.

7 69. As a pattern and practice, during the relevant time period set forth herein,
8 Defendants required Plaintiff and other class members (but not all) to work four (4) or more
9 hours without authorizing or permitting a ten (10) minute rest period per each four (4) hour
10 period worked.

11 70. As a pattern and practice, during the relevant time period set forth herein,
12 Defendants willfully required Plaintiff and other class members (but not all) to work during
13 rest periods and failed to pay Plaintiff and the other class members the full rest period premium
14 for work performed during rest periods.

15 71. As a pattern and practice, during the relevant time period set forth herein,
16 Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff and the other class members (but not all) the full rest period
17 premium due pursuant to California Labor Code section 226.7

18 72. Defendants’ conduct violates applicable IWC Wage Orders and California
19 Labor Code section 226.7.

20 73. Pursuant to the applicable IWC Wage Orders and California Labor Code section
21 226.7(b), Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to recover from Defendants one
22 additional hour of pay at the employees’ regular hourly rate of compensation for each workday
23 that the rest period was not provided.

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1 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 1194 and 1197)**

3 **(Against MAERSK INC. and DOES 1 through 100)**

4 74. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
5 through 73 and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
6 forth herein.

7 75. During the relevant time period set forth herein, California Labor Code sections
8 1194 and 1197 provide that the minimum wage to be paid to employees, and the payment of a
9 lesser wage than the minimum so fixed, is unlawful.

10 76. As a pattern and practice, during the relevant time period set forth herein,
11 Defendants failed to pay minimum wages to Plaintiff and other class members (but not all) as
12 required, pursuant to California Labor Code sections 1194 and 1197.

13 77. Defendants' failure to pay Plaintiff and other class members the minimum wage
14 as required violates California Labor Code sections 1194 and 1197. Pursuant to those sections,
15 Plaintiff and other class members are entitled to recover the unpaid balance of their minimum
16 wage compensation as well as interest, costs, and attorney's fees, and liquidated damages in an
17 amount equal to the wages unlawfully unpaid and interest thereon.

18 78. Pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194.2, Plaintiff and other class
19 members are entitled to recover liquidated damages in an amount equal to the wages
20 unlawfully unpaid and interest thereon.

21 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

22 **(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 201 and 202)**

23 **(Against MAERSK INC. and DOES 1 through 100)**

24 79. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
25 through 78, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
26 forth herein.

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1 80. During the relevant time period set forth herein, California Labor Code sections
2 201 and 202 provide that if an employer discharges an employee, the wages earned and unpaid
3 at the time of discharge are due and payable immediately, and if an employee quits his or her
4 employment, his or her wages shall become due and payable not later than seventy-two (72)
5 hours thereafter, unless the employee has given seventy-two (72) hours notice of his or her
6 intention to quit, in which case the employee is entitled to his or her wages at the time of
7 quitting.

8 81. As a pattern and practice, during the relevant time period set forth herein,
9 Defendants intentionally and willfully failed to pay Plaintiff and other class members (but not
10 all) who are no longer employed by Defendants their wages, earned and unpaid, within
11 seventy-two (72) hours of their leaving Defendants' employ.

12 82. Defendants' pattern and practice of failing to pay Plaintiff and other class
13 members who are no longer employed by Defendants their wages, earned and unpaid, within
14 seventy-two (72) hours of their leaving Defendants' employ, is in violation of California Labor
15 Code sections 201 and 202.

16 83. California Labor Code section 203 provides that if an employer willfully fails to
17 pay wages owed, in accordance with sections 201 and 202, then the wages of the employee
18 shall continue as a penalty from the due date thereof at the same rate until paid or until an
19 action is commenced; but the wages shall not continue for more than thirty (30) days.

20 84. Plaintiff and other class members are entitled to recover from Defendants the
21 statutory penalty wages for each day they were not paid, up to the thirty (30) day maximum as
22 provided by Labor Code section 203.

23 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

24 **(Violation of California Labor Code § 226(a))**

25 **(Against MAERSK INC. and DOES 1 through 100)**

26 85. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
27 through 84, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
28 forth herein.

1 86. During the relevant time period set forth herein, California Labor Code section
2 226(a) provides that every employer shall furnish each of his or her employees an accurate
3 itemized statement in writing showing (1) gross wages earned, (2) total hours worked by the
4 employee, (3) the number of piece-rate units earned and any applicable piece rate if the
5 employee is paid on a piece-rate basis, (4) all deductions, provided that all deductions made on
6 written orders of the employee may be aggregated and shown as one item, (5) net wages
7 earned, (6) the inclusive dates of the period for which the employee is paid, (7) the name of the
8 employee and his or her social security number, (8) the name and address of the legal entity
9 that is the employer, and (9) all applicable hourly rates in effect during the pay period and the
10 corresponding number of hours worked at each hourly rate by the employee. The deductions
11 made from payments of wages shall be recorded in ink or other indelible form, properly dated,
12 showing the month, day, and year, and a copy of the statement or a record of the deductions
13 shall be kept on file by the employer for at least three years at the place of employment or at a
14 central location within the State of California.

15 87. As a pattern and practice, Defendants have intentionally and willfully failed to
16 provide Plaintiff and other class members (but not all) with complete and accurate wage
17 statements. The deficiencies include but are not limited to: the failure to include the total
18 number of hours worked by Plaintiff and other class members.

19 88. As a result of Defendants' violation of California Labor Code section 226(a),
20 Plaintiff and other class members have suffered injury and damage to their statutorily protected
21 rights.

22 89. More specifically, Plaintiff and other class members have been injured by
23 Defendants' intentional and willful violation of California Labor Code section 226(a) because
24 they were denied both their legal right to receive, and their protected interest in receiving,
25 accurate and itemized wage statements pursuant to California Labor Code section 226(a).

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1 90. Plaintiff and other class members are entitled to recover from Defendants the
2 greater of their actual damages caused by Defendants' failure to comply with California Labor
3 Code section 226(a), or an aggregate penalty not exceeding four thousand dollars per
4 employee.

5 91. Plaintiff and other class members are also entitled to injunctive relief to ensure
6 compliance with this section, pursuant to California Labor Code section 226(g).

7 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

8 **(Violation of California Labor Code §§ 2800 and 2802)**

9 **(Against MAERSK INC. and DOES 1 through 100)**

10 92. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
11 through 91, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
12 forth herein.

13 93. Pursuant to California Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802, an employer must
14 reimburse its employee for all necessary expenditures incurred by the employee in direct
15 consequence of the discharge of his or her job duties or in direct consequence of his or her
16 obedience to the directions of the employer.

17 94. Defendants have intentionally and willfully failed to reimburse Plaintiff and other
18 class members (but not all) for all necessary business-related expenses and costs. Plaintiff and
19 other class members are entitled to recover from Defendants their business-related expenses and
20 costs incurred during the course and scope of their employment, plus interest accrued from the
21 date on which the employee incurred the necessary expenditures at the same rate as judgments in
22 civil actions in the State of California.

23 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

24 **(Violation of California Business & Professions Code § 17200, *et seq.*)**

25 **(Against MAERSK INC. and DOES 1 through 100)**

26 95. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
27 through 94, and each and every part thereof with the same force and effect as though fully set
28 forth herein.

1 96. Defendants' conduct, as alleged herein, has been, and continues to be unfair,
2 unlawful and harmful to Plaintiff, other class members, to the general public, and Defendants'
3 competitors. Accordingly, Plaintiff seeks to enforce important rights affecting the public
4 interest within the meaning of Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5.

5 97. Defendants' activities as alleged herein are violations of California law, and
6 constitute unlawful business acts and practices in violation of California Business &
7 Professions Code section 17200, *et seq.*

8 98. A violation of California Business & Professions Code section 17200, *et seq.*
9 may be predicated on the violation of any state or federal law. In this instant case, Defendants'
10 pattern and practice of requiring Plaintiff and other class members work overtime hours
11 without paying them proper compensation violate California Labor Code sections 510 and
12 1198. Additionally, Defendants' pattern and practice of requiring Plaintiff and other class
13 members, to work through their meal and rest periods without paying them proper
14 compensation violate California Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512(a). Moreover, Defendants'
15 pattern and practice of failing to timely pay wages to Plaintiff and other class members violate
16 California Labor Code sections 201 and 202. Defendants also violated California Labor Code
17 sections 226(a), 1194, 1197, 2800 and 2802.

18 99. As a result of the herein described violations of California law, Defendants
19 unlawfully gained an unfair advantage over other businesses.

20 100. Plaintiff and other class members (but not all) have been personally injured by
21 Defendants' unlawful business acts and practices as alleged herein, including but not
22 necessarily limited to the loss of money and/or property.

23 101. Pursuant to California Business & Professions Code section 17200, *et seq.*,
24 Plaintiff and other class members are entitled to restitution of the wages withheld and retained
25 by Defendants during a period that commences four years prior to the filing of this Complaint;
26 an award of attorneys' fees pursuant to California Code of Civil procedure section 1021.5 and
27 other applicable laws; and an award of costs.

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1 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

2 Plaintiff, individually, and on behalf of other members of the general public similarly
3 situated, requests a trial by jury.

4 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

5 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of all other members of the general
6 public similarly situated, prays for relief and judgment against Defendants, jointly and
7 severally, as follows:

8 **Class Certification**

- 9 1. That this action be certified as a class action;
- 10 2. That Plaintiff be appointed as representative of the Class;
- 11 3. That counsel for Plaintiff be appointed as Class Counsel; and
- 12 4. That Defendants provide to Class Counsel immediately the names and most
13 current contact information (address, e-mail and telephone numbers) of all class members.

14 **As to the First Cause of Action**

- 15 5. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
16 Labor Code sections 510 and 1198 and applicable IWC Wage Orders by willfully failing to pay
17 all overtime wages due to Plaintiff and other class members (but not all);
- 18 6. For general unpaid wages at overtime wage rates and such general and special
19 damages as may be appropriate;
- 20 7. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid overtime compensation commencing
21 from the date such amounts were due;
- 22 8. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to
23 California Labor Code section 1194; and
- 24 9. For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

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As to the Second Cause of Action

10. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512 and applicable IWC Wage Orders by willfully failing to provide all meal periods (including second meal periods) to Plaintiff and other class members (but not all);

11. That the Court make an award to Plaintiff and the other class members of one (1) hour of pay at each employee's regular rate of compensation for each workday that a meal period was not provided;

12. For all actual, consequential, and incidental losses and damages, according to proof;

13. For premium wages pursuant to California Labor Code section 226.7(b);

14. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid wages from the date such amounts were due;

15. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein; and

16. For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

As to the Third Cause of Action

17. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California Labor Code section 226.7 and applicable IWC Wage Orders by willfully failing to provide all rest periods to Plaintiff and other class members (but not all);

18. That the Court make an award to Plaintiff and the other class members of one (1) hour of pay at each employee's regular rate of compensation for each workday that a rest period was not provided;

19. For all actual, consequential, and incidental losses and damages, according to proof;

20. For premium wages pursuant to California Labor Code section 226.7(b);

21. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid wages from the date such amounts were due; and

22. For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

As to the Fourth Cause of Action

23. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California Labor Code sections 1194 and 1197 by willfully failing to pay minimum wages to Plaintiff and other class members (but not all);

24. For general unpaid wages and such general and special damages as may be appropriate;

25. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation from the date such amounts were due;

26. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194(a);

27. For liquidated damages pursuant to California Labor Code section 1194.2; and

28. For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

As to the Fifth Cause of Action

29. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California Labor Code sections 201, 202, and 203 by willfully failing to pay all compensation owed at the time of termination of the employment of Plaintiff and other class members (but not all) no longer employed by Defendants;

30. For all actual, consequential, and incidental losses and damages, according to proof;

31. For statutory wage penalties pursuant to California Labor Code section 203 for the other class members who have left Defendants' employ;

32. For pre-judgment interest on any unpaid compensation from the date such amounts were due; and

33. For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

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1 **As to the Sixth Cause of Action**

2 34. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated the record
3 keeping provisions of California Labor Code section 226(a) and applicable IWC Wage Orders
4 as to Plaintiff and other class members (but not all), and willfully failed to provide accurate
5 itemized wage statements thereto;

6 35. For actual, consequential and incidental losses and damages, according to proof;

7 36. For statutory penalties pursuant to California Labor Code section 226(e);

8 37. For injunctive relief to ensure compliance with this section, pursuant to
9 California Labor Code section 226(g); and

10 38. For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

11 **As to the Seventh Cause of Action**

12 39. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
13 Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802 by willfully failing to reimburse Plaintiff and other class
14 members (but not all) for all necessary business-related expenses as required by California
15 Labor Code sections 2800 and 2802;

16 40. For actual, consequential and incidental losses and damages, according to proof;

17 41. For the imposition of civil penalties and/or statutory penalties;

18 42. For punitive damages and/or exemplary damages according to proof at trial;

19 43. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein; and

20 44. For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

21 **As to the Eighth Cause of Action**

22 45. That the Court declare, adjudge and decree that Defendants violated California
23 Business and Professions Code section 17200, *et seq.* by failing to provide Plaintiff and other
24 class members all overtime compensation due to them, failing to provide all meal and rest
25 periods to Plaintiff and the other class members, failing to pay at least minimum wages to
26 Plaintiff and the other class members, failing to pay Plaintiff's and other class members' wages
27 timely as required by California Labor Code sections 201 and 202.

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1 46. For restitution of unpaid wages to Plaintiff and other class members and all pre-
2 judgment interest from the day such amounts were due and payable;

3 47. For the appointment of a receiver to receive, manage and distribute any and all
4 funds disgorged from Defendants and determined to have been wrongfully acquired by
5 Defendants as a result of violation of California Business and Professions Code section 17200,
6 *et seq.*;

7 48. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit incurred herein pursuant to
8 California Code of Civil Procedure section 1021.5;

9 49. For injunctive relief to ensure compliance with this section, pursuant to
10 California Business and Professions Code section 17200, *et seq.*; and

11 50. For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.
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13 Dated: May 1, 2023

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