

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

LEVI STRAUSS & CO.,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE PARTNERSHIPS AND  
UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATIONS  
IDENTIFIED ON SCHEDULE "A,"

Defendants.

Case No. 19-cv-05356

**COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff Levi Strauss & Co. ("LS&Co.") hereby brings the present action against the Partnerships and Unincorporated Associations identified on Schedule A attached hereto (collectively, "Defendants") and alleges as follows:

**I. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. This Court has original subject matter jurisdiction over the claims in this action pursuant to the provisions of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1051, *et seq.*, 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a)-(b) and 28 U.S.C. § 1331. This Court has jurisdiction over the claims in this action that arise under the laws of the State of Illinois pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a), because the state law claims are so related to the federal claims that they form part of the same case or controversy and derive from a common nucleus of operative facts.

2. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391, and this Court may properly exercise personal jurisdiction over Defendants since each of the Defendants directly targets business activities toward consumers in the United States, including Illinois, through at least the fully interactive, commercial Internet stores operating under the Online Marketplace

Accounts identified in Schedule A attached hereto (collectively, the “Defendant Internet Stores”). Specifically, Defendants are reaching out to do business with Illinois residents by operating one or more commercial, interactive Defendant Internet Stores through which Illinois residents can purchase products using counterfeit versions of LS&Co.’s trademarks. Each of the Defendants has targeted sales from Illinois residents by operating online stores that offer shipping to the United States, including Illinois, accept payment in U.S. dollars and, on information and belief, has sold products using counterfeit versions of LS&Co.’s federally registered trademarks to residents of Illinois. Each of the Defendants is committing tortious acts in Illinois, is engaging in interstate commerce, and has wrongfully caused LS&Co. substantial injury in the State of Illinois.

## II. INTRODUCTION

3. This action has been filed by LS&Co. to combat online counterfeiters who trade upon LS&Co.’s reputation and goodwill by offering for sale and/or selling unauthorized and unlicensed counterfeit products, including jeans, jean jackets, and other apparel items, using counterfeits of LS&Co.’s federally registered trademarks (the “Counterfeit Levi’s Products”). The Defendants create the Defendant Internet Stores by the hundreds and design them to appear to be selling genuine LEVI’S® brand products, while actually selling Counterfeit Levi’s Products to unknowing consumers. The Defendant Internet Stores share unique identifiers, such as design elements and similarities of the Counterfeit Levi’s Products offered for sale, establishing a logical relationship between them and suggesting that Defendants’ counterfeiting operation arises out of the same transaction, occurrence, or series of transactions or occurrences. Defendants attempt to avoid liability by going to great lengths to conceal both their identities and the full scope and interworking of their counterfeiting operation. LS&Co. is forced to file these

actions to combat Defendants' counterfeiting of its registered trademarks, as well as to protect unknowing consumers from purchasing Counterfeit Levi's Products over the Internet. LS&Co. has been and continues to be irreparably damaged through consumer confusion, dilution, and tarnishment of its valuable trademarks as a result of Defendants' actions and seeks injunctive and monetary relief.

### **III. THE PARTIES**


#### **Plaintiff**




4. Plaintiff LS&Co. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having its principal place of business at Levi's Plaza, 1155 Battery Street, San Francisco, California 94111.

5. Operating since the 1850s, LS&Co. is one of the oldest and best known apparel companies in the world. It manufactures, markets and sells a variety of apparel, including its traditional LEVI'S® brand products, all of which are marked with a set of trademarks that are famous around the world. LEVI'S® brand products have become enormously popular and even iconic, driven by LS&Co.'s arduous quality standards and innovative design. Among the purchasing public, LEVI'S® brand products are instantly recognizable as such. In the United States and around the world, the LEVI'S® brand has come to symbolize high quality, and LEVI'S® brand products are among the most recognizable apparel products in the world.

6. LEVI'S® brand products are distributed and sold to consumers through retailers throughout the United States, including through authorized retailers in Illinois, the official levi.com website which was launched in 1994, and LEVI'S® Stores, including locations at 600 N. Michigan Avenue and 1552 N. Milwaukee Avenue in Chicago, Illinois.

7. LS&Co. incorporates a variety of distinctive marks in the design of its various LEVI'S® brand products. LEVI'S® brand products typically include at least one of the LEVI'S Trademarks. Often several LS&Co. marks are displayed on a single LEVI'S® brand product. LS&Co. further uses its trademarks in connection with the marketing of its LEVI'S® brand products. As a result of its long-standing use, LS&Co. owns common law trademark rights in its trademarks. LS&Co. has also registered multiple trademarks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Among the marks registered are the Levi's trademarks listed below.

REGISTRATION NUMBER	TRADEMARK	REGISTRATION DATE	GOODS AND SERVICES
1,140,011	LEVI'S	September 30, 1980	For garments-namely, pants, shirts, and shorts in class 025.
1,124,018	LEVI'S	August 14, 1979	For purses, denim shopping bags, back packs, duffle bags, briefcase portfolios, key cases and wallets in class 018.  For belts, hats, caps, visors, and shoes in class 025.
1,130,486	LEVI'S	February 5, 1980	For socks in class 025.
4,660,979	LEVI'S	December 23, 2014	For underwear in class 025.
250,265	<b>Levi's</b>	December 4, 1928	For jeans in class 025.
581,610	<b>LEVI'S</b>	October 27, 1953	For men's, women's and children's overalls, jackets, outer shirts, slacks, and pants; skirts in class 025.
2,320,789		February 22, 2000	For clothing, namely, men's, women's and children's pants, slacks, trousers, jeans, shorts, overalls, shirts, t-shirts, vests, skirts, jackets, coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, hats and shoes in class 025.

849,437		May 21, 1968	For trousers, jackets, shorts, shirts, skirts in class 025.
1,135,196		May 13, 1980	For garments-namely, pants in class 025.
928,351		February 1, 1972	For men's, women's and children's pants, jackets in class 025.

8. In addition to the above Levi's trademarks, LS&Co. has registered the famous Arcuate Stitching Design trademark, the Tab Device trademark, the Two Horse Design and Two Horse Label Design trademarks, and the 500 Series trademarks.

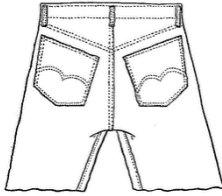
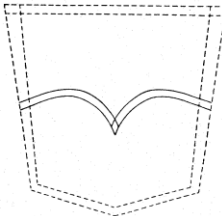

<p><b>LS&amp;Co.'s Two Horse Label Design patch and 501 marks</b></p>	<p><b>LS&amp;Co.'s Arcuate Stitching Design and Tab Device marks</b></p>
	

**LS&Co.'s Arcuate Trademark**

9. The Arcuate Stitching Design trademark (“Accurate trademark”) consists of a distinctive pocket stitching design that is the oldest known apparel trademark in the United States still in continuous use. LS&Co. has used the Arcuate trademark continuously since 1873 in

interstate commerce on clothing products. LS&Co. first used the Arcuate trademark on jeans and later used it on other products, as well.

10. LS&Co. owns, among others, the following United States Registrations for its Arcuate trademark.

REGISTRATION NUMBER	TRADEMARK	REGISTRATION DATE	GOODS AND SERVICES
404,248		November 16, 1943	For waistband type overalls in class 025.
1,139,254		September 2, 1980	For pants, jackets, skirts, and shorts in class 025.
2,794,649		December 16, 2003	For pants, jeans, shorts, skirts, and jackets in class 025.

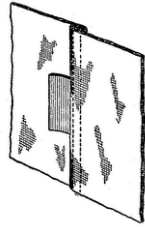

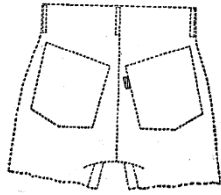
11. The Arcuate trademark is valid and protectable, and exclusively owned by LS&Co. The Arcuate trademark is famous and is recognized around the world and throughout the United States by consumers as signifying authentic, high quality LEVI'S® brand products. The Arcuate trademark became famous prior to Defendants' conduct that is the subject of this Complaint.

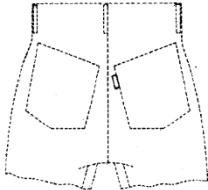
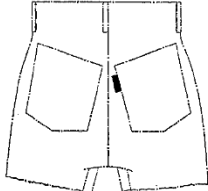
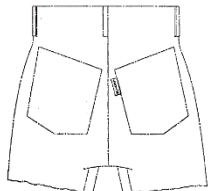
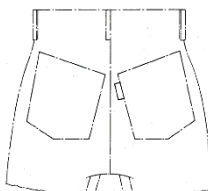
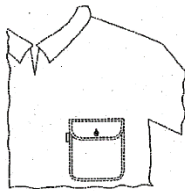
**LS&Co.'s Tab Trademark**

12. LS&Co.'s famous Tab Device Trademark (the "Tab trademark"), consists of a textile marker or other material sewn into one of the regular structural seams of the garment. LS&Co. uses the Tab trademark on LEVI'S® brand jeans and a variety of other clothing

products. LS&Co. began to display the Tab trademark on the rear pocket of its pants in 1936 when its National Sales Manager, Leo Christopher Lucier, proposed placing a folded cloth ribbon in the structural seams of the rear pocket. The purpose of this “tab” was to provide “sight identification” of LEVI’S® brand products. Given the distinctiveness of the Tab trademark, Mr. Lucier asserted that “no other maker of overalls can have any other purpose in putting a colored tab on an outside patch pocket, unless for the express and sole purpose of copying our mark, and confusing the customer.”

13. LS&Co. owns, among others, the following United States Registrations for its Tab trademark.

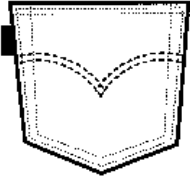
REGISTRATION NUMBER	TRADEMARK	REGISTRATION DATE	GOODS AND SERVICES
356,701		May 10, 1938	For pants of the patch-pocket type worn by men, women and children in class 025.
516,561		October 18, 1949	For men's, women's and children's jeans and jackets in class 025.
577,490		July 21, 1953	For jeans in class 025.

720,376		August 22, 1961	For pants in class 025.
774,625		August 4, 1964	For garments, particularly trousers in class 025.
775,412		August 18, 1964	For garments, particularly trousers in class 025.
1,157,769		June 16, 1981	For trousers in class 025.
2,726,253		June 17, 2003	For clothing, namely, shirts in class 025.

14. The Tab trademark is valid and protectable, and exclusively owned by LS&Co. The Tab trademark is famous and recognized around the world and throughout the United States by consumers as signifying authentic, high quality LEVI'S® brand products. The Tab trademark became famous prior to Defendants' conduct that is the subject of this Complaint.





15. LS&Co. also has a trademark registration for a combination of the Arcuate trademark and the Tab trademark shown in the chart below.





REGISTRATION NUMBER	TRADEMARK	REGISTRATION DATE	GOODS AND SERVICES
2,791,156		December 9, 2003	For pants, jeans, shorts, skirts and jackets in class 025.

### LS&Co.'s Two Horse Trademarks

16. LS&Co. has used its Two Horse Design and Two Horse Label Design trademarks (collectively, the “Two Horse trademarks”) continuously since as early as 1886 in interstate commerce on jeans and pants. LS&Co. owns, among others, the following United States Registrations for its Two Horse trademarks.

REGISTRATION NUMBER	TRADEMARK	REGISTRATION DATE	GOODS AND SERVICES
523,665		April 11, 1950	For men's, women's, boys', and girls' trousers in class 025.
1,044,246		July 20, 1976	For shoes in class 025.
4,576,208		July 29, 2014	For jackets; jeans; pants; t-shirts; vests in class 025.
1,030,033		January 13, 1976	For wallets in class 018.

1,095,986		July 11, 1978	For luggage-namely, back packs, shoulder bags, and purses in class 018.  For caps in class 025.
1,140,853		October 28, 1980	For garments-namely, pants, jackets, overalls and shoes in class 025.

### LS&Co.'s 500 Series Trademarks

17. LS&Co. also owns the distinctive trademarks 501, 505, 517, and 569, among other marks that consist of three digits starting with a “5” (collectively, the “500 Series trademarks”). LS&Co. has used the 500 Series trademarks continuously since as early as 1983 in interstate commerce on jeans and pants and, by virtue of LS&Co.’s use and promotion of the 500 Series trademarks together, the public recognizes LS&Co. as the source of apparel products falling within the 500 series.

18. LS&Co. owns, among others, the following United States Registrations for its 500 Series trademarks.

REGISTRATION NUMBER	TRADEMARK	REGISTRATION DATE	GOODS AND SERVICES
1,313,554	505	January 8, 1985	For pants in class 025.
1,319,462	517	February 12, 1985	For pants in class 025.
1,552,985	501	August 22, 1989	For jeans in class 025.
2,503,976	569	November 6, 2001	For jeans and pants in class 025.
4,053,137	550	November 8, 2011	For jeans; pants; shorts in class 025.

19. The U.S. trademark registrations discussed above shall collectively be referred to herein as the “LEVI’S Trademarks.” The LEVI’S Trademarks are valid, subsisting, in full force and effect, and many are incontestable pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1065. The LEVI’S Trademarks have been used exclusively and continuously by LS&Co., some since at least as early as 1873, and have never been abandoned. The registrations for the LEVI’S Trademarks constitute *prima facie* evidence of their validity and of LS&Co.’s exclusive right to use the LEVI’S Trademarks pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1057(b). Attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** are true and correct copies of the United States Registration Certificates for the LEVI’S Trademarks.

20. The LEVI’S Trademarks are exclusive to LS&Co. and are displayed extensively on LEVI’S® brand products and in LS&Co.’s marketing and promotional materials. LEVI’S® brand products have long been among the most popular jeans and apparel in the world and have been extensively promoted and advertised at great expense. In fact, LS&Co. has expended millions of dollars annually in advertising, promoting and marketing featuring the LEVI’S Trademarks. LEVI’S® brand products have also been the subject of extensive unsolicited publicity resulting from their high-quality, timeless designs and worldwide renown. Because of these and other factors, the LEVI’S® brand and the LEVI’S Trademarks have become famous throughout the United States.

21. The LEVI’S Trademarks are distinctive when applied to the LEVI’S® brand products, signifying to the purchaser that the products come from LS&Co. and are manufactured to LS&Co.’s quality standards. Whether LS&Co. manufactures the products itself or licenses others to do so, LS&Co. has ensured that products bearing its LEVI’S Trademarks are manufactured to the highest quality standards. The LEVI’S Trademarks have achieved tremendous fame and recognition, which has only added to the distinctiveness of the marks. As

such, the goodwill associated with the LEVI'S Trademarks is of incalculable and inestimable value to LS&Co.

22. Since at least as early as 1994, LS&Co. has operated a website where it promotes and sells LEVI'S® brand products at levi.com. Sales of LEVI'S® brand products via the levi.com website represent a significant portion of LS&Co.'s business. The levi.com website features proprietary content, images and designs exclusive to LS&Co.

23. LS&Co.'s innovative marketing and product designs have enabled LS&Co. to achieve widespread recognition and fame and have made the LEVI'S Trademarks some of the most well-known marks in the apparel industry. The widespread fame, outstanding reputation, and significant goodwill associated with the LEVI'S® brand have made the LEVI'S Trademarks valuable assets of LS&Co.

24. LS&Co. has expended substantial time, money, and other resources in developing, advertising and otherwise promoting the LEVI'S Trademarks. As a result, products bearing the LEVI'S Trademarks are widely recognized and exclusively associated by consumers, the public, and the trade as being high-quality products sourced from LS&Co. LS&Co. is a multi-million dollar operation, and LEVI'S® brand products have become among the most popular of their kind in the world.

### **The Defendants**

25. Defendants are individuals and business entities who, upon information and belief, reside in the People's Republic of China or other foreign jurisdictions. Defendants conduct business throughout the United States, including within the State of Illinois and this Judicial District, through the operation of the fully interactive, commercial online marketplaces operating under the Defendant Internet Stores. Each Defendant targets the United States,

including Illinois, and has offered to sell, and, on information and belief, has sold and continues to sell Counterfeit Levi's Products to consumers within the United States, including the State of Illinois.

26. On information and belief, Defendants are an interrelated group of counterfeiters working in active concert to knowingly and willfully manufacture, import, distribute, offer for sale, and sell products using counterfeit versions of the LEVI'S Trademarks in the same transaction, occurrence, or series of transactions or occurrences. Tactics used by Defendants to conceal their identities and the full scope of their counterfeiting operation make it virtually impossible for LS&Co. to learn Defendants' true identities and the exact interworking of their counterfeit network. In the event that Defendants provide additional credible information regarding their identities, LS&Co. will take appropriate steps to amend the Complaint.

#### **IV. DEFENDANTS' UNLAWFUL CONDUCT**

27. The success of the LEVI'S® brand has resulted in its significant counterfeiting. Consequently, LS&Co. has a worldwide anti-counterfeiting program and regularly investigates suspicious online marketplace listings identified in proactive Internet sweeps and reported by consumers. In recent years, LS&Co. has identified many online marketplace listings on platforms such as iOffer, eBay, AliExpress, Alibaba, Amazon, Wish.com, and Dhgate, including the Defendant Internet Stores, which were offering for sale and/or selling Counterfeit Levi's Products to consumers in this Judicial District and throughout the United States. Despite LS&Co.'s enforcement efforts, Defendants have persisted in creating the Defendant Internet Stores. Internet websites like the Defendant Internet Stores are estimated to receive tens of millions of visits per year and to generate over \$135 billion in annual online sales. According to an intellectual property rights seizures statistics report issued by Homeland Security, the

manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) of goods seized by the U.S. government in fiscal year 2014 was over \$1.23 billion. Internet websites like the Defendant Internet Stores are also estimated to contribute to tens of thousands of lost jobs for legitimate businesses and broader economic damages such as lost tax revenue every year.

28. Defendants facilitate sales by designing the Defendant Internet Stores so that they appear to unknowing consumers to be authorized online retailers, outlet stores, or wholesalers. Many of the Defendant Internet Stores appear sophisticated and accept payment in U.S. dollars via credit cards, Alipay, Amazon Pay, Western Union, and/or PayPal. The Defendant Internet Stores often include content and design elements that make it very difficult for consumers to distinguish such stores from an authorized retailer. Many Defendants further perpetuate the illusion of legitimacy by offering customer service and using indicia of authenticity and security that consumers have come to associate with authorized retailers, including the Visa®, MasterCard®, and/or PayPal® logos. LS&Co. has not licensed or authorized Defendants to use any of the LEVI'S Trademarks, and none of the Defendants are authorized retailers of LEVI'S® brand products.

29. Many Defendants also deceive unknowing consumers by using the LEVI'S Trademarks without authorization within the content, text, and/or meta tags of their online marketplace listings in order to attract consumers searching for LEVI'S® brand products. Additionally, upon information and belief, Defendants use other unauthorized search engine optimization (SEO) tactics and social media spamming so that the Defendant Internet Stores listings show up at or near the top of relevant search results and misdirect consumers searching for LEVI'S® brand products. Other Defendants only show the LEVI'S Trademarks in product

images while using strategic item titles and descriptions that will trigger their listings when consumers are searching for LEVI'S® brand products.

30. Defendants go to great lengths to conceal their identities and often use multiple fictitious names and addresses to register and operate their network of Defendant Internet Stores. On information and belief, Defendants regularly create new online marketplace accounts on various platforms using the identities listed in Schedule A to the Complaint, as well as other unknown fictitious names and addresses. Such Defendant Internet Store registration patterns are one of many common tactics used by the Defendants to conceal their identities, the full scope and interworking of their counterfeiting operation, and to avoid being shut down.

31. Even though Defendants operate under multiple fictitious names, there are numerous similarities among the Defendant Internet Stores. For example, Counterfeit Levi's Products for sale in the Defendant Internet Stores bear similar irregularities and indicia of being counterfeit to one another, suggesting that the Counterfeit Levi's Products were manufactured by and come from a common source and that Defendants are interrelated. The Defendant Internet Stores also include other notable common features, including accepted payment methods, check-out methods, meta data, illegitimate SEO tactics, lack of contact information, identically or similarly priced items and volume sales discounts, the same incorrect grammar and misspellings, similar hosting services, and the use of the same text and images.

32. In addition to operating under multiple fictitious names, Defendants in this case and defendants in other similar cases against online counterfeiters use a variety of other common tactics to evade enforcement efforts. For example, counterfeiters like Defendants will often register new online marketplace accounts under new aliases once they receive notice of a

lawsuit. Counterfeiters also typically ship products in small quantities via international mail to minimize detection by U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

33. Further, counterfeiters such as Defendants typically operate multiple credit card merchant accounts and PayPal accounts behind layers of payment gateways so that they can continue operation in spite of LS&Co.'s enforcement efforts. On information and belief, Defendants maintain off-shore bank accounts and regularly move funds from their PayPal accounts or other financial accounts to off-shore bank accounts outside the jurisdiction of this Court. Indeed, analysis of PayPal transaction logs from previous similar cases indicates that off-shore counterfeiters regularly move funds from U.S.-based PayPal accounts to China-based bank accounts outside the jurisdiction of this Court.

34. Defendants, without any authorization or license from LS&Co., have knowingly and willfully used and continue to use the LEVI'S Trademarks in connection with the advertisement, distribution, offering for sale, and sale of Counterfeit Levi's Products into the United States and Illinois over the Internet. Each Defendant Internet Store offers shipping to the United States, including Illinois, and, on information and belief, each Defendant has sold Counterfeit Levi's Products into the United States, including Illinois.

35. Defendants' unauthorized use of the LEVI'S Trademarks in connection with the advertising, distribution, offering for sale, and sale of Counterfeit Levi's Products, including the sale of Counterfeit Levi's Products into the United States, including Illinois, is likely to cause and has caused confusion, mistake, and deception by and among consumers and is irreparably harming LS&Co.



**COUNT I**  
**TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT AND COUNTERFEITING (15 U.S.C. § 1114)**

36. LS&Co. hereby re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 35.

37. This is a trademark infringement action against Defendants based on their unauthorized use in commerce of counterfeit imitations of the federally registered LEVI'S Trademarks in connection with the sale, offering for sale, distribution, and/or advertising of infringing goods. The LEVI'S Trademarks are highly distinctive marks. Consumers have come to expect the highest quality from LEVI'S® brand products sold or marketed under the LEVI'S Trademarks.

38. Defendants have sold, offered to sell, marketed, distributed, and advertised, and are still selling, offering to sell, marketing, distributing, and advertising products using counterfeit reproductions of the LEVI'S Trademarks without LS&Co.'s permission.

39. LS&Co. is the exclusive owner of the LEVI'S Trademarks. LS&Co.'s United States Registrations for the LEVI'S Trademarks (Exhibit 1) are in full force and effect. Upon information and belief, Defendants have knowledge of LS&Co.'s rights in the LEVI'S Trademarks, and are willfully infringing and intentionally using counterfeits of the LEVI'S Trademarks. Defendants' willful, intentional and unauthorized use of the LEVI'S Trademarks is likely to cause and is causing confusion, mistake, and deception as to the origin and quality of the Counterfeit Levi's Products among the general public.

40. Defendants' activities constitute willful trademark infringement and counterfeiting under Section 32 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1114.

41. LS&Co. has no adequate remedy at law, and if Defendants' actions are not enjoined, LS&Co. will continue to suffer irreparable harm to its reputation and the goodwill of its well-known LEVI'S Trademarks.

42. The injuries and damages sustained by LS&Co. have been directly and proximately caused by Defendants' wrongful reproduction, use, advertisement, promotion, offering to sell, and sale of Counterfeit Levi's Products.

**COUNT II**  
**FALSE DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN (15 U.S.C. § 1125(a))**

43. LS&Co. hereby re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 42.

44. Defendants' promotion, marketing, offering for sale, and sale of Counterfeit Levi's Products has created and is creating a likelihood of confusion, mistake, and deception among the general public as to the affiliation, connection, or association with LS&Co. or the origin, sponsorship, or approval of Defendants' Counterfeit Levi's Products by LS&Co. By using the LEVI'S Trademarks on the Counterfeit Levi's Products, Defendants create a false designation of origin and a misleading representation of fact as to the origin and sponsorship of the Counterfeit Levi's Products.

45. Defendants' false designation of origin and misrepresentation of fact as to the origin and/or sponsorship of the Counterfeit Levi's Products to the general public involves the use of counterfeit marks and is a willful violation of Section 43 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125.

46. LS&Co. has no adequate remedy at law and, if Defendants' actions are not enjoined, LS&Co. will continue to suffer irreparable harm to its reputation and the goodwill of its LEVI'S® brand.

**COUNT III**  
**VIOLATION OF ILLINOIS UNIFORM DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES ACT**  
**(815 ILCS § 510, *et seq.*)**

47. LS&Co. hereby re-alleges and incorporates by reference the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 46.

48. Defendants have engaged in acts violating Illinois law, including, but not limited to, passing off their Counterfeit Levi's Products as those of LS&Co., causing a likelihood of confusion and/or misunderstanding as to the source of their goods, causing a likelihood of confusion and/or misunderstanding as to an affiliation, connection, or association with LEVI'S® brand products, representing that their Counterfeit Levi's Products have LS&Co.'s approval when they do not, and engaging in other conduct which creates a likelihood of confusion or misunderstanding among the public.

49. The foregoing Defendants' acts constitute a willful violation of the Illinois Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, 815 ILCS § 510, *et seq.*

50. LS&Co. has no adequate remedy at law, and Defendants' conduct has caused LS&Co. to suffer damage to its reputation and goodwill. Unless enjoined by the Court, LS&Co. will suffer future irreparable harm as a direct result of Defendants' unlawful activities.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, LS&Co. prays for judgment against Defendants as follows:

- 1) That Defendants, their affiliates, officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, confederates, and all persons acting for, with, by, through, under or in active concert with them be temporarily, preliminarily, and permanently enjoined and restrained from:
  - a. using the LEVI'S Trademarks or any reproductions, counterfeit copies or colorable imitations thereof in any manner in connection with the distribution, marketing,

- advertising, offering for sale, or sale of any product that is not a genuine LEVI'S® brand product or is not authorized by LS&Co. to be sold in connection with the LEVI'S Trademarks;
- b. passing off, inducing, or enabling others to sell or pass off any product as a genuine LEVI'S® brand product or any other product produced by LS&Co., that is not LS&Co.'s or not produced under the authorization, control, or supervision of LS&Co. and approved by LS&Co. for sale under the LEVI'S Trademarks;
  - c. committing any acts calculated to cause consumers to believe that Defendants' Counterfeit Levi's Products are those sold under the authorization, control or supervision of LS&Co., or are sponsored by, approved by, or otherwise connected with LS&Co.;
  - d. further infringing the LEVI'S Trademarks and damaging LS&Co.'s goodwill; and
  - e. manufacturing, shipping, delivering, holding for sale, transferring or otherwise moving, storing, distributing, returning, or otherwise disposing of, in any manner, products or inventory not manufactured by or for LS&Co., nor authorized by LS&Co. to be sold or offered for sale, and which bear any of LS&Co.'s trademarks, including the LEVI'S Trademarks, or any reproductions, counterfeit copies or colorable imitations thereof;
- 2) Entry of an Order that, upon LS&Co.'s request, those in privity with Defendants and those with notice of the injunction, including, without limitation, any online marketplace platforms such as iOffer, eBay, AliExpress, Alibaba, Amazon, Wish.com, and Dhgate, sponsored search engine or ad-word providers, credit cards, banks, merchant account providers, third

party processors and other payment processing service providers, and Internet search engines such as Google, Bing and Yahoo (collectively, the “Third Party Providers”) shall:

- a. disable and cease providing services being used by Defendants, currently or in the future, to engage in the sale of goods using the LEVI’S Trademarks;
  - b. disable and cease displaying any advertisements used by or associated with Defendants in connection with the sale of counterfeit and infringing goods using the LEVI’S Trademarks; and
  - c. take all steps necessary to prevent links to the Defendant Internet Stores identified on Schedule A from displaying in search results, including, but not limited to, removing links to the Defendant Internet Stores from any search index;
- 3) That Defendants account for and pay to LS&Co. all profits realized by Defendants by reason of Defendants’ unlawful acts herein alleged, and that the amount of damages for infringement of the LEVI’S Trademarks be increased by a sum not exceeding three times the amount thereof as provided by 15 U.S.C. § 1117;
- 4) In the alternative, that LS&Co. be awarded statutory damages for willful trademark counterfeiting pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117(c)(2) of \$2,000,000 for each and every use of the LEVI’S Trademarks;
- 5) That LS&Co. be awarded its reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs; and
- 6) Award any and all other relief that this Court deems just and proper.

Dated this 8th day of August 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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