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# **VIA Electronic** Mail

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Re: Notice of Data Security Incident

Dear Attorney General Formella:

Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP represents Dansons U.S., LLC ("Dansons"), headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona, in connection with a recent data security incident that may have affected the information of certain New Hampshire residents. This letter is sent under N.H. Rev. Stat. §§ 359-C:19 - C:21.

## 1. NATURE OF THE SECURITY INCIDENT

On July 7, 2021, Dansons learned of a security incident that resulted in unauthorized changes to the pitboss-grills.com: louisiana-grills.com, louisiana-grills.ca, pitboss-grills.ca or amazenproducts.com websites. Upon discovering these unauthorized changes, Dansons immediately implemented a file integrity monitoring solution to monitor for unauthorized code changes and took steps to secure the website. Dansons also engaged a leading computer forensic firm and cybersecurity experts to address the incident and conduct an investigation to determine what happened. Through this investigation, Dansons determined that an unauthorized party accessed the pitboss-grills[.]com website and accessed customer payment information between May 7, 2021 – July 9, 2021.

Dansons undertook a review of the information that could have potentially been accessed as a result of the incident, and determined that the information related to its customers, including the personal information of 19 New Hampshire residents. The information accessed without authorization included the first and last name, address, and payment information. To date, Dansons has no evidence that any of this information has been misused.

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## 2. Number of New Hampshire Residents Affected

Dansons started notifying the 19 New Hampshire residents of this data security incident via first class U.S. mail on December 14, 2021. A sample copy of the notification letter sent to the affected individuals is attached.

#### 3. STEPS TAKEN RELATING TO THE INCIDENT

Dansons has taken steps in response to this incident to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future. Those steps have included working with leading cybersecurity experts to enhance the security of its digital environment. Dansons also migrated the pitboss-grills[.]com website to separate webservers as well as updated its webserver software. Additionally, Dansons migrated the online payment system to a new solution. Furthermore, Dansons provided affected consumers with information about steps that they can take protect their personal information.

#### 4. CONTACT INFORMATION

Please feel free to contact me at (714) 7966.3145 or <u>Kamran.Salour@lewisbrisbois.com</u> if you have any further questions.

Respectfully,

Kamran Salour of

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Encl: Sample Individual Notification Letter



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<<FirstName>> <<LastName>>
<<Address1>>
<<Address2>>
<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>>
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December 13, 2021

**Subject: Notice of Data Security Incident** 

Dear <<FirstName>> <<LastName>>:

At Dansons U.S., LLC ("Dansons") we are committed to protecting the confidentiality and security of the information we receive and maintain. We are writing to inform you of a recent data security incident we experienced that may have involved some of your information. While we are unaware of any misuse of your information, we are notifying you of the incident and informing you about steps you can take to help protect it.

**What Happened:** On July 7, 2021, we learned of a security incident that resulted in unauthorized changes to the pitboss-grills.com: louisiana-grills.com, louisiana-grills.ca, pitboss-grills.ca or amazenproducts.com websites. Upon discovering these unauthorized changes, we immediately implemented a file integrity monitoring solution to monitor for unauthorized code changes and took steps to secure the website. We also engaged a leading computer forensic firm and cybersecurity experts to address the incident and conduct an investigation to determine what happened. The investigation revealed that an unauthorized party accessed the pitboss-grills.com website and accessed customer payment information between May 7, 2021 – July 9, 2021.

What Information Was Involved: We completed a comprehensive review of the data that could have potentially been accessed by the unauthorized party and we determined that information included your: name, address, and payment card information that you provided at the time of purchase on our websites.

What We Are Doing: To help prevent something like this from happening again, we migrated the <u>pitboss-grills.com</u> website to separate webservers and updated our webserver software. Additionally, we migrated the online payment system to a new solution.

What You Can Do: While we have no indication that your information has been misused, we are nonetheless providing you with information about steps that you can take to help protect your personal information. Please closely monitor your statements and notify your financial company if any of the charges look unfamiliar. For details on how you can protect your personal information, please review the resources provided on the following pages.

For More Information: If you have any questions regarding the incident, please call 1-833-989-3932 between 7:00 am -7:00 pm Mountain Time, Monday through Friday (except some holidays).

The security of your information is a top priority for Dansons. We take your trust in us and this matter very seriously and we deeply regret any worry or inconvenience that this may cause you.

Sincerely,

Dansons US, LLC

#### ADDITIONAL STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO FURTHER PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

Review Your Account Statements and Notify Law Enforcement of Suspicious Activity: As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and credit reports closely.

In the unlikely event that you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. You also should promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidence of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, your state attorney general, and/or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). You should also contact your local law enforcement authorities and file a police report. Obtain a copy of the police report in case you are asked to provide copies to creditors to correct your records. Contact information for the Federal Trade Commission is as follows:

• Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20580, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), <a href="https://www.consumer.ftc.gov">www.consumer.ftc.gov</a>, <a href="https://www.ttc.gov/idtheft">www.ttc.gov/idtheft</a>.

**Copy of Credit Report:** You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting agencies once every 12 months by visiting <a href="http://www.annualcreditreport.com/">http://www.annualcreditreport.com/</a>, calling toll-free 877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You can print this form at <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com/cra/requestformfinal.pdf">https://www.annualcreditreport.com/cra/requestformfinal.pdf</a>. You also can contact one of the following three national credit reporting agencies:

- Equifax, P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374, 1-800-525-6285, www.equifax.com.
- Experian, P.O. Box 9532, Allen, TX 75013, 1-888-397-3742, www.experian.com.
- TransUnion, P.O. Box 1000, Chester, PA 19016, 1-800-916-8800, www.transunion.com.

## Fraud Alerts and Credit or Security Freezes:

Fraud Alerts: There are two kinds of general fraud alerts you can place on your credit report—an initial alert and an extended alert. You may want to consider placing either or both fraud alerts on your credit report. An initial fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit file for at least 90 days. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any accounts in your name. You may have an extended alert placed on your credit report if you have already been a victim of identity theft and provide the appropriate documentary poof. An extended fraud alert is also free and will stay on your credit report for seven years. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three credit reporting agencies identified above. Additional information is available at http://www.annualcreditreport.com.

Military members may also place an Active Duty Military Fraud Alert on their credit reports while deployed. An Active Duty Military Fraud Alert lasts for one year and can be renewed for the length of your deployment

*Credit or Security Freezes*: Under U.S. law, you have the right to put a credit freeze, also known as a security freeze, on your credit file, for up to one year at no cost. The freeze will prevent new credit from being opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate the freeze. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential creditors from accessing your credit report without your consent. As a result, using a security freeze may interfere with or delay your ability to obtain credit.

How do I place a freeze on my credit reports? You must separately place a security freeze on your credit file with each credit reporting agency. There is no fee to place or lift a security freeze. For information and instructions on how to place a security freeze, contact each of the credit reporting agencies identified above. In order to place a security freeze, you may be required to provide the consumer reporting agency with information that identifies you including your full name, Social Security number, date of birth, current and previous addresses, a copy of your state-issued identification card, and a recent utility bill, bank statement or insurance statement. After receiving your freeze request, each credit bureau will provide you with a unique PIN or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place as you will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

How do I lift a freeze from my credit reports? A freeze remains in place until you ask the credit bureau to temporarily lift it or remove it altogether. If the request is made online or via phone, a credit bureau must lift the credit freeze within an hour. If the request is made by mail, then the bureau must lift the freeze no later than three business days after receiving your request.

**IRS Identity Protection PIN:** You can obtain an identity protection PIN (IP PIN) from the IRS that prevents someone else from filing a tax return using your Social Security number. The IP PIN is known only to you and the IRS and helps the IRS verify your identity when you file your electronic or paper tax return. You can learn more and obtain your IP PIN here: <a href="https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-fraud-scams/get-an-identity-protection-pin">https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-fraud-scams/get-an-identity-protection-pin</a>.

You also have certain rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA): These rights include the right to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information. For more information about the FCRA, and your rights pursuant to the FCRA, please visit <a href="http://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\_cfpb\_summary\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf">http://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\_cfpb\_summary\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf</a>.

**Additional Free Resources:** You can obtain information from the consumer reporting agencies, the FTC, or from your respective state attorney general about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft. You may report suspected identity theft to local law enforcement, including to the FTC or to the attorney general in your state.

#### Additional information for residents of the following states:

**Maryland:** Maryland Attorney General can be reached at: 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202, 1-888-743-0023, oag.state.md.us. Dansons can be reached via mail at 8877 N Gainey Center Dr, Scottsdale, AZ 85258.

**North Carolina**: North Carolina Attorney General can be reached at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699, ncdoj.gov.

**New York**: New York Attorney General can be reached at: Bureau of Internet and Technology Resources, 28 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10005, 1-212-416-8433, <a href="https://ag.ny.gov/">https://ag.ny.gov/</a>.

**Rhode Island**: 12 Rhode Island residents may have been affected by the Incident. Rhode Island Attorney General can be reached at: 150 South Main Street Providence, RI 02903, <a href="http://www.riag.ri.gov">http://www.riag.ri.gov</a>.

**Washington D.C.**: Washington D.C. Attorney General can be reached at: 441 4th Street, NW Washington, DC 20001, 1-202-727-3400, <u>oag.dc.gov</u>. Dansons can be reached via mail at 8877 N Gainey Center Dr, Scottsdale, AZ 85258 and via phone at 480.542.9449.