1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 9 10 AMAZON.COM, INC., a Delaware corporation; HANESBRANDS, INC., a No. 11 Maryland corporation; and HBI BRANDED APPAREL ENTERPRISES, LLC, a Delaware COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES 12 limited liability company, AND EQUITABLE RELIEF 13 Plaintiffs, 14 v. 15 FUJIAN HUAYUN CULTURE INVESTMENT CO., LTD., a Chinese entity 16 doing business as WOAH; and DOES 1-10, 17 Defendants. 18 19 I. **INTRODUCTION** 1. This case involves Defendants' unlawful and expressly prohibited sale of silicone 20 21 covers for earbud cases that illegally bear registered trademarks of HanesBrands, Inc. and HBI Branded Apparel Enterprises, LLC (collectively, "HanesBrands") on Amazon.com. Amazon, 22 along with HanesBrands, jointly bring this lawsuit to permanently prevent and enjoin 23 Defendants from causing future harm to Amazon's and HanesBrands' customers, reputations, 24 25 and intellectual property ("IP"), and to hold Defendants accountable for their illegal actions. 2. The Amazon store offers products and services to customers in more than 100 26 27 countries around the globe. Some of the products are sold directly by Amazon, while others are



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sold by Amazon's numerous third-party selling partners. The Amazon brand is one of the most well-recognized, valuable, and trusted brands in the world. In order to protect customers and safeguard its reputation for trustworthiness, Amazon invests heavily in both time and resources to prevent infringing goods from being sold in its store. In 2020 alone, Amazon invested over \$700 million and employed more than 10,000 people to protect its store from fraud and abuse. Amazon stopped over six million suspected bad actor selling accounts before they published a single listing for sale and blocked more than ten billion suspected bad listings before they were published. As a result of these efforts and investment, 99.9% of all products viewed by customers on Amazon did not have a valid counterfeit complaint.

- 3. HanesBrands is a socially responsible leading manufacturer of everyday casual wear in the Americas, Europe, Australia, and Asia-Pacific. HanesBrands is the owner of the iconic Champion brand. For nearly 100 years, the Champion brand has been synonymous with high-quality uniforms and apparel for amateur and professional athletes, as well as popular styles of sportswear and leisurewear for kids and adults. Champion apparel has been worn by millions of everyday people, celebrities, and athletes, and the Champion brand has become one of the most recognized sportswear brands in history.
- 4. For example, in the late 1980s and early 1990s, the Champion brand exploded into popular culture, as music artists, including EPMD, TLC, Public Enemy, and licensed athletic apparel helped propel the Champion brand beyond athletic wear and into everyday life for millions of people around the world. In 1992, the legendary USA "Dream Team" even wore Champion-branded basketball uniforms at the Summer Olympics.
- 5. Through these and many other examples, the Champion brand, aided by the distinctive Champion trademarks, shown below, has become one of the most iconic brands in history:

Champion Script Logo	Champion C Logo
Champion	



HanesBrands owns, manages, enforces, licenses, and maintains IP, including 6. various trademarks. Relevant to this Complaint, HanesBrands owns the following registered trademarks used on its Champion products ("Champion Trademarks").

<u>Mark</u>	Registration No. (International Classes)
<b>E</b> hampion	1,323,337 (IC 025)
Thampion	1,756,925 (IC 025)
Thampion	1,828,930 (IC 025)
Thampion	1,915,092 (IC 025)
Thampion	2,004,276 (IC 025)
Thampion	3,000,691 (IC 035)
Thampion	4,800,690 (IC 025)
Thampion	5,241,808 (IC 09)
Thampion	5,241,809 (IC 021)
Thampion	5,251,493 (IC 024)
Thampion	5,608,562 (IC 018)
Thampion	5,851,825 (IC 018)
	1,127,251 (IC 025, IC 026)
	1,463,681 (IC 025)

1,566,064 (IC 025)
1,827,538 (IC 025)
2,923,145 (IC 025)
3,668,955 (IC 018)
4,550,216 (IC 025)
4,791,661 (IC 025)
5,228,463 (IC 024)
5,241,807 (IC 09)

True and correct copies of the registration certificates for the Champion Trademarks are attached as **Exhibit A**. Defendants' infringing use of the Champion Trademarks on their inauthentic products are likely to cause confusion and a false association with HanesBrands'



products, as further described in this Complaint.<sup>1</sup>

- 7. Through at least January 2021, Defendants advertised, marketed, offered, and sold inauthentic products in the Amazon store, using the Champion Trademarks, without authorization, to deceive customers about the authenticity and origin of the products and the products' affiliation with HanesBrands, specifically its Champion brand.
- 8. As a result of their illegal actions, Defendants have infringed and misused HanesBrands' IP, willfully deceived and harmed Amazon, HanesBrands, and their customers, compromised the integrity of the Amazon store, and undermined the trust that customers place in Amazon and HanesBrands. Defendants' illegal actions have caused Amazon and HanesBrands to expend significant resources to investigate and combat Defendants' wrongdoing and to bring this lawsuit to prevent Defendants from inflicting future harm to Amazon, HanesBrands, and their customers.

#### II. PARTIES

- 9. Amazon.com, Inc. is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Seattle, Washington. Through its subsidiaries, Amazon.com, Inc. owns and operates the Amazon.com website, counterpart international websites, and Amazon store (collectively, "Amazon").
- 10. HanesBrands, Inc. is a Maryland corporation with its principal place of business in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
- 11. HBI Branded Apparel Enterprises, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
- 12. Defendants are a collection of individuals, both known and unknown, who conspired and operated in concert with each other to engage in the illegal scheme alleged in this

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Although at the time of Defendants' infringing sales the Champion Trademarks did not cover silicone covers for earbud cases, HanesBrands has five trademark applications pending before the United States Patent and Trademark Office covering goods related to the infringing goods at issue in this Complaint. U.S. Trademark Application Serial No. 88851149 (filed March 27, 2020); U.S. Trademark Application Serial No. 88592850 (filed Aug. 26, 2019); U.S. Trademark Application Serial No. 88208682 (filed Nov. 28, 2018); U.S. Trademark Application Serial No. 88208503 (filed Nov. 28, 2018).



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