

CLASS ACTION SUMMARY

**PACKAGED SEAFOOD PRODUCTS (TUNA) DIRECT AND INDIRECT PURCHASER
ANTITRUST CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENTS**

DID YOUR BUSINESS PURCHASE PACKAGED TUNA?

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECOVER MONEY!

Eligible Class Members:

Eligible Class Members are all persons or entities who or which:

Direct Class – *directly* purchased packaged tuna products (defined as shelf-stable tuna sold for human consumption and packaged in either cans or pouches, but excluding purchases of tuna salad kits and cups and salvage purchases) from any “Defendant” (listed below) within the United States, its territories and the District of Columbia from June 1, 2011 through July 31, 2015 (the “Direct Class Period”). All governmental entities are excluded from this Class.

Indirect Class – resided in the “Eligible Jurisdictions” (listed below), who indirectly purchased (that is, from an entity other than a Defendant, such as a retailer, wholesaler and/or distributor) Chicken of the Sea, Starkist or Bumble Bee tuna in cans or pouches smaller than 40 ounces (excluding meal kits) for end consumption and not for resale, produced by any Defendant or any current or former subsidiary or affiliate thereof, or any co-conspirator, during the period from June 1, 2011 through July 1, 2015.

Indirect Class Eligible Jurisdictions: District of Columbia, Guam, AZ, AR, CA, FL, HI, IA, KS, ME, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NE, NV, NH, NM, NY, NC, ND, OR, RI, SC, SD, TN, UT, VT, VA, WV and WI.

Indirect Commercial Class – *indirectly* purchased packaged tuna products produced in packages of 40 ounces or more that were manufactured by any Defendant (or any current or former subsidiary or any affiliate thereof) and that were purchased directly from DOT Foods, Sysco, US Foods, Sam’s Club, Wal-Mart or Costco (other than inter-company purchases among these distributors) from June 1, 2011 through December 31, 2016. Potential Indirect Commercial Class Members may include, but is not limited to, restaurants and other retail food service establishments, caterers and institutional food services like schools and company cafeterias.

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SUMMARY

Total Settlements Reached:
Various

Purchase Date Range(s):
Various

Filing deadline(s):
Various

**Specific information about the class
action(s) listed below**

“Defendants”:

“Defendants”: The following is a list of Defendants included in at least one of the class action complaints:

1) Tri-Union Seafoods LLC d/b/a Chicken of the Sea International and Thai Union Group PCL (collectively, “COSI”); 2) Lion Capital LLC, Lion Capital (Americas), Inc. and Big Catch Cayman LP (collectively, “Lion Capital”); 3) Starkist Company; 4) Del Monte Corporation; and 5) Dongwon Industries Co., Ltd.

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Case History

In 2015, several class action lawsuits were filed by direct and various indirect purchasers of packaged tuna products alleging the Defendants conspired to raise, fix, stabilize and/or maintain prices for packaged tuna products in violation of U.S. federal antitrust laws. These lawsuits are currently pending in the Southern District of California. At this time, COSI has entered into settlements with the Indirect Commercial Class for approximately \$6.5 million (the deadline to file a claim for this settlement was June 21, 2023), the Indirect Class for approximately \$15 million (the deadline to file a claim for this settlement was August 22, 2022) and the Direct Class for approximately \$13 million (which is 3.2% of the combined COSI sales of packaged tuna products sold during the Direct Class Period; the deadline to file a claim for this settlement was January 6, 2023). The settlements received final approval. It is impossible to predict the outcome of the remaining litigations; however, it is possible that more money may become available to eligible class members if additional settlements are reached with the remaining Defendants.

Class Counsel or the Settlement Administrator may be contacted for additional settlement information.

You also may visit the Court-approved websites.

Please understand that you have the right to file on your own.

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