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Plaintiff Playboy Enterprises International, Inc. ("Playboy"), upon knowledge
 as to itself of its own acts and upon information and belief as to all other matters,
 alleges as follows for its Complaint against defendant Fashion Nova, Inc. ("Fashion
 Nova").

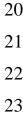
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

6 1. When people think of Playboy, one of America's most famous and
7 recognizable brands, one of the first things that comes to mind is the Playboy Bunnies
8 and their iconic costumes, which include cuffs, a collar, a bowtie, a corset, a ribbon
9 name tag, bunny ears and a tail. Playboy's BUNNY COSTUME design registered
10 trademark (the "BUNNY COSTUME®") is one of Playboy's most renowned
11 trademarks.

Recently, Playboy learned that Fashion Nova, an online purveyor of
 "fast-fashion" apparel, is selling blatant copies of the BUNNY COSTUME® (the
 "Infringing Products"), in direct competition with Playboy. Indeed, throughout the
 peak of the Halloween costume season, Fashion Nova prominently featured its
 Infringing Products on the landing page of its website to attract consumers not only
 to its Infringing Products, but to its holiday costume line more generally, as shown in
 this screenshot from its website, www.fashionnova.com:

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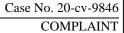


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FALL SUPER SALE

HALLOWEEN

Side-by-side images of Playboy's genuine BUNNY COSTUME® and
 Fashion Nova's infringing knock-off show Fashion Nova's blatant copying:



4. Fashion Nova's marketing and sale of the Infringing Products is plainly
an attempt to piggyback off of the popularity and renown of Playboy's iconic BUNNY
COSTUME®, which Playboy has cultivated for more than six decades.

19 5. In a further attempt to confuse and mislead consumers about an
20 association between the Infringing Products and Playboy, and to trade off of
21 Playboy's goodwill and reputation, Fashion Nova is also advertising some of its
22 Infringing Products using the description "Bunny of the Month." This is a clear and
23 unauthorized reference to Playboy's famous PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH
24 trademark, which Playboy began using in 1954 in connection with the *Playboy*25 magazine.

26 6. Despite Playboy's warning to Fashion Nova to cease and desist its
27 unlawful behavior, Fashion Nova continues to market and sell the Infringing
28 Products, thus requiring the filing of this Complaint. Playboy brings this Complaint

because Fashion Nova's infringements challenge Playboy's most valuable and well recognized marks, because Fashion Nova's conduct threatens to deceive (and indeed
 already has deceived) the public, and because Fashion Nova's business model is built
 on disregarding trademark protections, which are of critical importance to Playboy's
 brand. By this lawsuit, Playboy seeks to protect its brand and put an end to Fashion
 Nova's latest attempt to copy the famous designs and trademarks of others.

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THE PARTIES

8 7. Plaintiff Playboy Enterprises International, Inc. is a corporation
9 organized and existing under the laws of Delaware with its principal place of business
10 at 10960 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 2200, Los Angeles, California 90024.

8. Defendant Fashion Nova, Inc. is a corporation organized and existing
under the laws of California with its principal place of business at 2801 East 46th
Street, Vernon, California 90058.

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JURISDICTION AND VENUE

9. This is an action arising under the Trademark Act of 1946, 15 U.S.C.
§ 1051, *et seq.* (the "Lanham Act") and the laws of the State of California.

17 10. This Court has original jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action
18 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1121 and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a) and (b). This Court
19 has supplemental jurisdiction over all other claims asserted herein under 28 U.S.C.
20 § 1367(a).

11. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Fashion Nova because a
substantial part of the unlawful acts giving rise to Playboy's claims occurred and
continues to occur in this District, and because Fashion Nova can be found in this
District.

12. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and (c)
and 28 U.S.C. § 1400(a) because a substantial part of the unlawful acts giving rise to
Playboy's claims occurred and continues to occur in this District, and because Fashion
Nova can be found in this District.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. <u>The Playboy Brand and the Famous BUNNY COSTUME® and</u> <u>PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH Trademarks</u>

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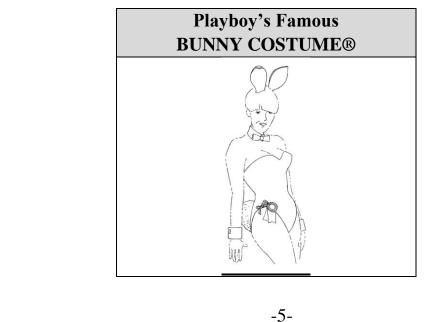
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13. 4 Playboy has been a leading global lifestyle and entertainment brand for 5 Playboy, directly and through authorized licensees, sells more than 65 years. consumer products and services in more than 180 countries and creates content for 6 distribution via television networks, websites, and mobile platforms. In doing so, 7 Playboy provides a platform for new ideas, free expression, and diverse perspectives. 8 9 Playboy has been on the front lines of the sexual revolution, advocating for civil 10 rights, reproductive rights, LGBTQ rights, and cannabis reform. Playboy has curated 11 expressions of art, music, and culture, and has collaborated with some of the most iconic brands in the fashion world. As a result—and through extensive marketing 12 13 efforts, media projects, and product-licensing initiatives-Playboy has become 14 famous and well-known in the United States and around the world.

14. At the forefront of Playboy's activities and success are its world-famous
trademarks, which are federally registered with the United States Patent & Trademark
Office. Among Playboy's most recognizable marks, and the central mark at issue in
this lawsuit, is the Playboy BUNNY COSTUME®, with its iconic bunny ears, tail,
ribbon name tag, wrist cuffs, corset, and bowtie collar, as depicted below:



15. The origins of the BUNNY COSTUME® date back to the 1960s. When 1 2 the Playboy Club in Chicago was about to open, the late Hugh Hefner, the founding 3 editor and publisher of the Playboy magazine, Victor Lownes III, the magazine's 4 promotions director, and Arnold Morton, a seasoned Chicago restaurateur, ran into a 5 problem: they didn't have a costume for the club's servers. Lownes' girlfriend, Ilsa Taurins, urged the trio to use the magazine's icon: the rabbit. Although the rabbit in 6 7 the Playboy logo was typically male, the men decided that feminizing the rabbit was 8 worth a shot, and after seeing the first version of the costume, they agreed the fluffy 9 cottontail and the long ears affixed to a headband were a nice touch.

10 16. On the Chicago Playboy Club's opening night in 1960, the Playboy Club
11 servers, often referred to as Playboy Bunnies, wore a strapless one-piece satin-and12 rayon garment mounted on a merry widow corset, dyed to match three-inch heels, and
13 a fluffy yarn tail. Soon afterwards, a collar, bow tie, and cuffs were added, and the
14 BUNNY COSTUME® was born. Playboy has used the BUNNY COSTUME®
15 continuously since, leading it to become one of the most unique and recognized
16 costumes and trade dress in the world.

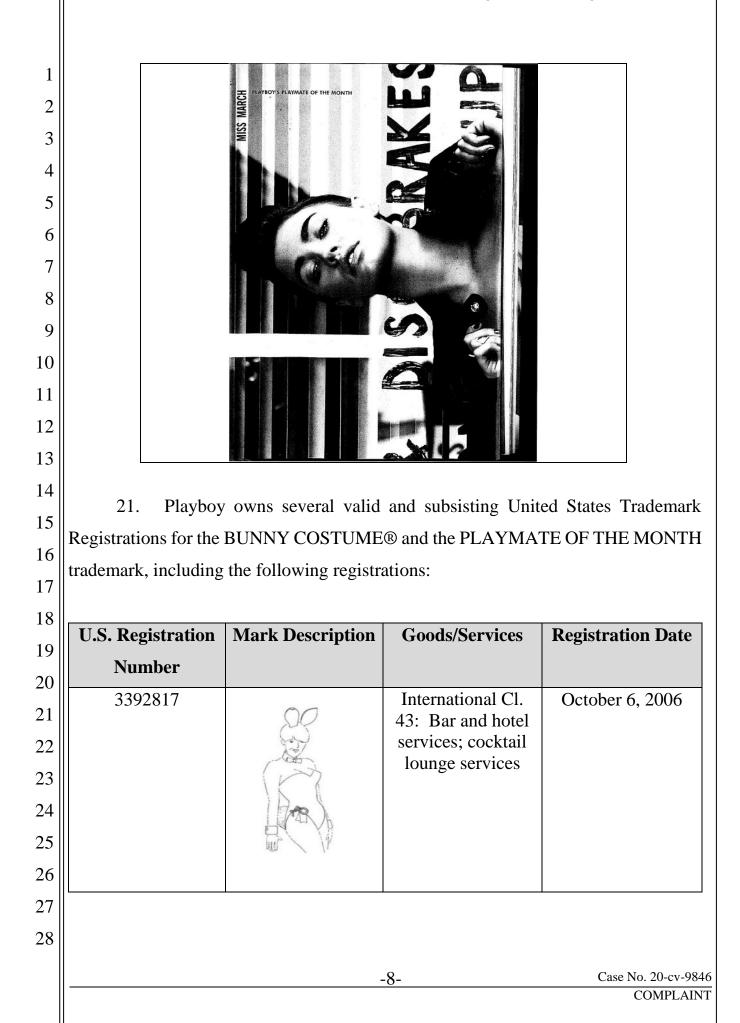
17 17. Over the past 60 years, the BUNNY COSTUME® has become a staple
of the Playboy brand. The BUNNY COSTUME® has been donned by Dolly Parton,
Gloria Steinem, Kate Moss, and even the comedian Flip Wilson. The BUNNY
COSTUME® was the first service uniform registered with the United States Patent
& Trademark Office. A complete BUNNY COSTUME® can be found in the
collection of the Smithsonian. And the BUNNY COSTUME® has been featured in
major motion pictures like *The House Bunny* (2008).

18. Today, Playboy Bunnies wear the BUNNY COSTUME® when
representing Playboy at its various clubs, events, and experiences as brand
ambassadors. And Playboy sells multiple version of the BUNNY COSTUME® on
its website (playboy.com), one of which is depicted below:



From its inception decades ago, and throughout its continuous use, the 19. BUNNY COSTUME® has been non-functional and has served to distinguish Playboy's goods and services from those of its competitors and to identify Playboy as the source of those goods or services. Indeed, the Federal Circuit and the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board have recognized "the ubiquitous Playboy bunny suit, which include[s] cuffs, a collar and bowtie, a corset, and a set of bunny ears." In re Chippendales USA, Inc., 622 F.3d 1346, 1350 (2010) (citing In re Chippendales USA, Inc., 90 U.S.P.Q.2d (BNA) 1535, 1538 (T.T.A.B. Mar. 25, 2009)).

20 20. In addition to the BUNNY COSTUME®, Playboy is well-known for its
 21 PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark, which Playboy began using in 1954 in
 22 connection with the *Playboy* magazine and has continued to use since. An example
 23 of Playboy's use of the PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark is depicted below:



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3	3319643	<u> </u>	International Cl.	October 6, 2006
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3			featuring images and video clips of	
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7			fashion, restaurants,	
8			entertainment,	
			television, movies,	
9			sports, music,	
20			health, lifestyle,	
21			sex, relationships, politics and other	
22			areas of general	
			interest; providing	
23			online commentary	
24			and articles on the	
25			subjects of art, entertainment,	
26			television	
			entertainment,	
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			music	
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			stationary, videos,	
			cd's, DVD's home	
			accessories,	
			smoker's articles,	
			electronics, food	
			and drinks,	
			sporting goods,	
			travel accessories,	
			cosmetics, game	
			equipment	
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Copies of the trademark registrations for Registration Nos. 3392817, 22. 21 3319643, 3353308, 3234488, and 3388248 are attached hereto as Exhibit A. Two of 22 these registrations (Registration Nos. 3392817 and 3388248) have become 23 incontestable pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1065 because they "ha[ve] been in continuous 24 use for five consecutive years subsequent to the date of such registration and [are] still 25 in use in commerce." Playboy also owns and maintains common-law trademark rights 26 in the BUNNY COSTUME® and the PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark by 27 28

virtue of their extensive and continuous use in commerce throughout the United States 1 2 for decades.

3 23. Playboy has expended significant resources in carefully and closely 4 monitoring and policing the use of its iconic marks and in enforcing its trademark 5 rights throughout the United States. Playboy does not permit third parties to use the BUNNY COSTUME® or the PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark absent a 6 license, which it selectively grants to a very limited number of licensees. Playboy 7 8 actively enforces its federal and common law trademark rights to protect the immense value and consumer goodwill Playboy has engendered in its marks and to preserve 9 10 the exclusivity of the marks to Playboy.

11 **B**. Fashion Nova's Willful Misappropriation of Playboy's BUNNY

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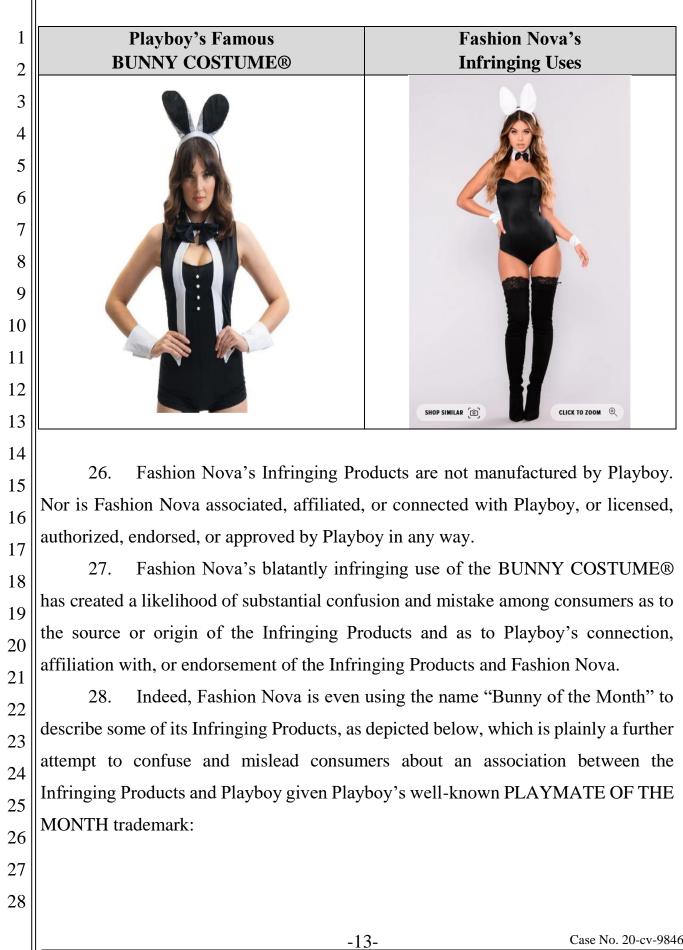
COSTUME® and PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH Trademarks

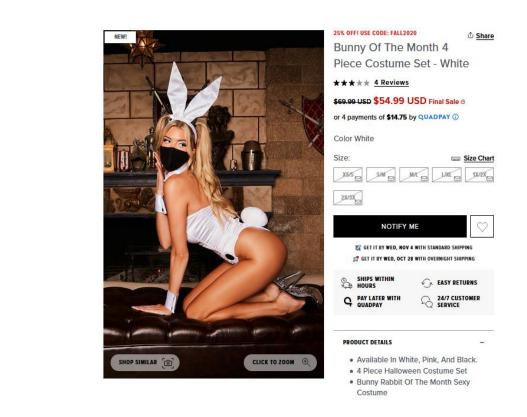
13 24. Fashion Nova was founded in 2006 as a chain of stores in Los Angelesarea malls that sold low-price "clubwear." In 2013, Fashion Nova launched an e-14 commerce site (fashionnnova.com) to sell "fast-fashion" apparel-inexpensive 15 16 clothing produced rapidly to meet new fashion trends. Fashion Nova's ability to 17 churn out new clothing so quickly is due in large part to its willingness to copy the 18 designs of other companies, piggybacking on their creative efforts to boost Fashion 19 Nova's bottom line.

20 25. In blatant disregard to Playboy's rights, and in direct competition with 21 Playboy, Fashion Nova is marketing, distributing, promoting, and offering for sale 22 and selling in interstate commerce multiple versions of the BUNNY COSTUME® on its website (the "Infringing Products"), with names such as "Bunny of the Month 4 23 24 Piece Costume Set," "Bunny Hop 3 Piece Costume Kit," and "Miss B Bunny Costume." Fashion Nova has even displayed the Infringing Products on the landing 25 26page of its website, using Playboy's BUNNY COSTUME® as a way to attract customers to Fashion Nova's products. The Infringing Products are materially 27 28 indistinguishable from Playboy's BUNNY COSTUME® and include all, or

substantially all, the features that make the BUNNY COSTUME® iconic: bunny ears
 and tail, ribbon, wrist cuffs, corset, and bowtie collar. Examples of Fashion Nova's
 Infringing Products, as compared to versions of the BUNNY COSTUME® offered
 for sale on playboy.com, are depicted below:

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29. Fashion Nova's infringing uses of Playboy's trademarks have already
resulted in consumer confusion. For example, members of the public are offering
Fashion Nova's Infringing Products for resale with descriptions such as "Playboy
Bunny Costume," "FashionNova Pink Satin Playboy Bunny Suit Costume
Halloween," and "FASHION NOVA playboy bunny NEW costume."

30. Fashion Nova's infringing uses of the BUNNY COSTUME® and the PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark diminishes the distinctiveness of the trademarks insofar as they reduce the exclusivity that the trademarks carry by virtue of their association with Playboy. Fashion Nova's uses of the trademarks also dilute the value of the trademarks by associating them with Fashion Nova, a purveyor of inexpensive "fast-fashion" apparel. And Fashion Nova's failure to implement appropriate quality controls further diminishes the value of the trademarks, as evidenced by complaints from its own consumers such as "[r]uns too small," "[t]hreading was loose," and "it's nothing like the picture."

Upon information and belief, Fashion Nova's infringement of the
 BUNNY COSTUME® and the PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark was and
 continues to be willful and intended to cause confusion and mistake among
 consumers, for the benefit of Fashion Nova. Fashion Nova's acts in deceiving
 consumers into believing that Playboy products could be purchased from Fashion
 Nova is not an innocent coincidence.

7 32. Fashion Nova's willfulness to infringe the BUNNY COSTUME® and 8 the PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark is evident not only from its blatant copying of the BUNNY COSTUME® and the designs of other brands, but also from 9 10 its continued sale of the Infringing Products even after Playboy notified Fashion Nova that its use of the BUNNY COSTUME® was unlawful. Specifically, on or about 11 12 October 13, 2020, Playboy wrote to Fashion Nova to demand that Fashion Nova cease 13 and desist its infringement of the BUNNY COSTUME®. Playboy requested a response on or before October 18, 2020, but Fashion Nova has yet to provide any 14 15 response, and by all accounts continues to market and sell the Infringing Products.

16 33. Fashion Nova's failure to respond is an intentional delay tactic designed
17 to avoid taking responsibility for its infringing conduct, while continuing to sell and
18 profit from the Infringing Product at a time—immediately before Halloween—when
19 demand for the BUNNY COSTUME® is at a peak.

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34. The foregoing allegations are incorporated as if re-alleged herein.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Infringement of Registered Trademarks Under Section 32 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1114

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36. In the sale, offering for sale, distribution, and advertising of the Infringing Products, Fashion Nova uses in commerce a reproduction, counterfeit, copy, or colorable imitation of the BUNNY COSTUME® and the PLAYMATE OF

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THE MONTH trademark, which are registered by Registration Nos. 3392817,
 3319643, 3353308, 3234488, and 3388248.

3 37. Upon information and belief, Fashion Nova's sale, offering for sale,
4 distribution, and advertising of the Infringing Products are likely to continue to cause,
5 have caused, and are intended to cause confusion and mistake among, or to deceive,
6 consumers and the trade.

7 38. Fashion Nova's marketing and sale of the Infringing Products constitutes
8 infringement of the BUNNY COSTUME® registered by Registration Nos. 3392817,
9 3319643, 3353308, and 3234488 and the PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark
10 registered by Registration No. 3388248, all in violation of Section 32 of the Lanham
11 Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1114.

39. Fashion Nova's acts of trademark infringement have caused and, unless
restrained, will continue to cause great and irreparable injury to Playboy and to the
substantial consumer goodwill that Playboy has engendered in an amount that cannot
be ascertained at this time, leaving Playboy with no adequate remedy at law.

40. Accordingly, Playboy is entitled to injunctive relief against Fashion
Nova, restraining it from any further infringement of the BUNNY COSTUME®
registered by Registration Nos. 3392817, 3319643, 3353308, and 323448, and the
PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark registered by Registration No. 3388248,
and, after trial, recovery of any damages proven to have been caused by reason of
Fashion Nova's infringement of the BUNNY COSTUME® and the PLAYMATE OF
THE MONTH trademark.

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SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

Trademark Infringement and False Designation of Origin Under Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)

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41. The foregoing allegations are incorporated as if re-alleged herein.

42. Fashion Nova's actions, including, but not limited to, its unauthorized
 use of the BUNNY COSTUME® and the PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark

in commerce in connection with the Infringing Products, constitute a false designation
 of origin, false and misleading representations of fact, and false and misleading
 descriptions of fact, which have caused and are likely to cause confusion, mistake,
 and deception in violation of Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a).

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43. Fashion Nova's promotion, distribution, sale, and offering for sale of the Infringing Products is intended to cause, has caused, and is likely to cause, confusion, mistake, or deceit as to the affiliation, connection, or association of Fashion Nova and the Infringing Products with Playboy, or as to the origin, sponsorship, approval of Fashion Nova's goods, services, or commercial activities.

44. Fashion Nova's deceptive promotion, distribution, sale, and offering for
sale of the Infringing Products constitute a false designation of origin and false and
misleading descriptions and representations of fact in violation of Section 43(a) of the
Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a).

45. Accordingly, Playboy is entitled to injunctive relief against Fashion
Nova, restraining it from any further infringement of the BUNNY COSTUME® and
the PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark and, after trial, recovery of any
damages proven to have been caused by reason of Fashion Nova's infringement of
the BUNNY COSTUME® and the PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark.

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THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

Trademark Dilution, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(c)

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46. The foregoing allegations are incorporated as if re-alleged herein.

47. Playboy is the exclusive owner of the BUNNY COSTUME® and the
PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark in the United States, which are inherently
distinctive and have acquired a high degree of distinctiveness through Playboy's use
of the BUNNY COSTUME® and the PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark in
commerce for over six decades.

48. The BUNNY COSTUME® and the PLAYMATE OF THE MONTHtrademark have achieved wide recognition and fame among the general consuming

public of the United States as a designation of source of the goods or services of
 Playboy.

3 49. Fashion Nova's use of the BUNNY COSTUME® and the PLAYMATE 4 OF THE MONTH trademark in connection with the marketing and sale of the Infringing Products, without Playboy's authorization, is likely to cause dilution by 5 blurring and tarnishment of, and does in fact dilute and detract from the 6 distinctiveness of, the famous BUNNY COSTUME® and the famous PLAYMATE 7 8 OF THE MONTH trademark, with consequent damage to Playboy and to its substantial business and goodwill in violation of the Trademark Dilution Revision Act 9 10 of 2006, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(c).

11 50. Upon information and belief, Fashion Nova willfully intended to trade
12 on the recognition of the BUNNY COSTUME® and the PLAYMATE OF THE
13 MONTH trademark.

14 51. Fashion Nova's willful acts of trademark dilution have caused and,
15 unless restrained, will continue to cause great and irreparable injury to Playboy and
16 to the substantial consumer goodwill that Playboy has engendered in an amount that
17 cannot be ascertained at this time, leaving Playboy with no adequate remedy at law.

18 52. Accordingly, Playboy is entitled to injunctive relief against Fashion
19 Nova, restraining it from any further acts of trademark dilution and, after trial,
20 recovery of any damages proven to have been caused by reason of Fashion Nova's
21 acts of trademark dilution.

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<u>FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION</u> Common Law Trademark Infringement

53. The foregoing allegations are incorporated as if re-alleged herein.

54. In the sale, offering for sale, distribution, and advertising of the
Infringing Products, Fashion Nova uses the BUNNY COSTUME® and the
PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark without Playboy's authorization.

55. Fashion Nova's actions, including but not limited to its unauthorized use
 of the BUNNY COSTUME® and the PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark in
 commerce in connection with the Infringing Products, constitute trademark
 infringement which has caused, and is likely to cause, confusion, mistake, and
 deception in violation of Playboy's common law rights to the BUNNY COSTUME®
 PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark.

56. Fashion Nova's promotion, distribution, sale, and offering for sale of the
Infringing Products is intended to cause, has caused, and is likely to cause confusion,
or mistake, or deceive as to the affiliation, connection, or association of Fashion Nova
and the Infringing Products with Playboy, or as to the origin, sponsorship, approval
of Fashion Nova's goods, services, or commercial activities by Playboy.

12 57. Fashion Nova's acts, as described above, constitute common law13 trademark infringement.

14 58. Accordingly, Playboy is entitled to injunctive relief against Fashion
15 Nova, restraining it from any further infringement of the BUNNY COSTUME® and
16 the PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark and, after trial, recovery of any
17 damages proven to have been caused by reason of Fashion Nova's infringement of
18 the BUNNY COSTUME® and the PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark.

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FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Trademark Dilution, California Business & Professions Code § 14247

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59. The foregoing allegations are incorporated as if re-alleged herein.

60. Playboy is the exclusive owner of the BUNNY COSTUME® and the
PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark in California, which have achieved wide
recognition by the general consuming public of California as a designation of source
of the goods or services of Playboy through Playboy's long-time and extensive
promotion and use of the BUNNY COSTUME® and the PLAYMATE OF THE
MONTH trademark in California in connection with substantial sales of Playboy
products and services in California.

61. Fashion Nova's intentional use of the BUNNY COSTUME® and the
 PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark in commerce in connection with the
 marketing and sale of the Infringing Products, without Playboy's authorization, is a
 commercial use of the BUNNY COSTUME® and the PLAYMATE OF THE
 MONTH trademark that is likely to cause dilution of the trademarks, with consequent
 damage to Playboy and its substantial business and goodwill symbolized by the
 BUNNY COSTUME® and the PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark.

8 62. Fashion Nova's acts constitute trademark dilution under California
9 Business & Professions Code § 14247.

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Unfair Competition Under California Common Law and California Business & Professions Code § 17200, et seq.

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63. The foregoing allegations are incorporated as if re-alleged herein.

64. By the conduct alleged above, Fashion Nova has intentionally and
willfully engaged in unlawful, unfair, and/or fraudulent methods of competition and
unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of California Business & Professional
Code § 17200 and the common law.

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65. Fashion Nova's actions, including but not limited to its unauthorized use of the BUNNY COSTUME® and the PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark in commerce in connection with the marketing and sale of the Infringing Products, constitute an unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent business act or practice and unfair, deceptive, untrue, or misleading advertising.

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24 25 66. Fashion Nova's actions are likely to cause confusion, misrepresentation, and/or to cause mistake or to deceive the public as to the affiliation, approval, sponsorship or connection between Fashion Nova and Playboy, and constitute unfair competition at common law and under California Business & Professions Code § 17200.

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1	67.	Upon information and belief, unless restrained by this Court, Fashion			
2	Nova will	continue to infringe Playboy's BUNNY COSTUME® and the			
3	PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH trademark and trade unfairly in connection				
4	therewith, such that money damages will not afford Playboy adequate relief for the				
5	injury to Pla	ayboy's goodwill sustained by such actions.			
6	68.	Upon information and belief, Fashion Nova has the purpose or intent to			
7	injure Playb	oy, a competitor, or to destroy competition.			
8	69. Fashion Nova's actions have resulted in direct and proximate damage to				
9	Playboy.				
10	70.	Fashion Nova has been unjustly enriched as a direct result of its wrongful			
11	acts, and Playboy is entitled to restitution, in an amount to be determined a trial.				
12	PRAYER FOR RELIEF				
13	WHEREFORE, Playboy prays for judgment and relief against Fashion Nova				
14	as follows:				
15	1.	Injunctive relief where appropriate;			
16	2.	An accounting by Fashion Nova of its profits for all infringement of			
17	Playboy's	BUNNY COSTUME® and the PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH			
18	trademark;				
19	3.	Actual damages in an amount to be proven at trial;			
20	4.	Punitive or exemplary damages where appropriate;			
21	5.	Reasonable costs and attorneys' fees pursuant to applicable law;			
22	6.	Pre- and post-judgment interest as applicable; and			
23	7.	Any other relief the Court deems appropriate.			
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25		DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL			
26	Playb	oy hereby demands a trial by jury of all issues so triable.			
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