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Dear Sample A Sample,

Sterling Brands is writing to notify you of an issue that involves certain of your personal information.

We recently learned that a device that we took out of service in 2012 and subsequently sold to a third party was not fully wiped prior to the sale. As a result, the device contained files with information about certain Sterling Brands employees and former employees. In June 2020, we worked with the relevant third party to secure the return of the device and took steps to determine what personal information may have been affected by this issue. Based on our review of the device, the personal information involved in this issue included your name and Social Security number.

We have since destroyed the relevant device and do not believe the third party copied, used, disclosed or retained any information contained on the device. Based on our investigation, we have no evidence that any of the information stored on the device has been misused as a result of this issue. Nevertheless, we have arranged to provide affected individuals with two years of identity protection and credit monitoring services at no cost to them.

We take our obligation to safeguard personal information very seriously and are alerting you about this issue so you can take steps to help protect yourself, including:

- Register for Credit Monitoring Services. We have arranged to offer identity protection and credit monitoring services to affected individuals for two years at no cost to them.
- Order a Credit Report. You are entitled under U.S. law to one free credit report annually from each of the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228.
- Review the Attached Reference Guide. The attached Reference Guide provides information on registration for identity protection and credit monitoring services and recommendations by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission on the protection of personal information.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please call (866) 904-6214 Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. EST, and Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST.

We regret that this issue may affect you and we hope this information is useful to you.

Sincerely,

*Peter Mundy*

Peter Mundy, Chief Financial Officer, Sterling Brands

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## Reference Guide

We encourage affected individuals to take the following steps:

**Register for Identity Protection and Credit Monitoring Services.** We have arranged with Experian to help you protect your identity and your credit information for two years at no cost to you. To activate your membership and start monitoring your personal information please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you enroll by: **11/30/2020** (Your code will not work after this date.)
- Visit the Experian® IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup> website to enroll: **<https://www.experianidworks.com/credit>**
- Provide your activation code: **ABCDEFGHI**

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at (866) 904-6214 by November 30, 2020. Be prepared to provide engagement number DB21844 as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

### **Additional Details Regarding Your 24-month Experian IdentityWorks Membership:**

A credit card is not required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks.

You can contact Experian immediately regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks:

- **Experian credit report at signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.\*
- **Credit Monitoring:** Actively monitors Experian file for indicators of fraud.
- **Identity Restoration:** Identity Restoration agents are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE<sup>TM</sup>:** You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- **Up to \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance<sup>\*\*</sup>:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent at (866) 904-6214. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is determined that Identity Restoration support is needed, then an Experian Identity Restoration agent is available to work with you to investigate and resolve each incident of fraud that occurred (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity to its proper condition).

Please note that this Identity Restoration support is available to you for two years from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at [www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration](http://www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration). You will also find self-help tips and information about identity protection at this site.

\* Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling

\*\* The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

**Order Your Free Credit Report.** To order your free credit report, visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com), call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228, or complete the Annual Credit Report Request Form on the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC") website at [www.consumer.ftc.gov](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov) and mail it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. The three consumer reporting agencies provide free annual credit reports only through the website, toll-free number or request form.

When you receive your credit report, review it carefully. Look for accounts you did not open. Look in the "inquiries" section for names of creditors from whom you haven't requested credit. Some companies bill under names other than their store or commercial names. The consumer reporting agency will be able to tell you when that is the case. Look in the "personal information" section for any inaccuracies in your information (such as home address and Social Security number). If you see anything you do not understand, call the consumer reporting agency at the telephone number on the report. Errors in this information may be a warning sign of possible identity theft. You should notify the consumer reporting agencies of any inaccuracies in your report, whether due to error or fraud, as soon as possible so the information can be investigated and, if found to be in error, corrected. If there are accounts or charges you did not authorize, immediately notify the appropriate consumer reporting agency by telephone and in writing. Consumer reporting agency staff will review your report with you. If the information cannot be explained, then you will need to call the creditors involved. Information that cannot be explained also should be reported to your local police or sheriff's office because it may signal criminal activity.

**Report Incidents.** If you detect any unauthorized transactions in a financial account, promptly notify your financial institution. If you detect any incident of identity theft or fraud, promptly report the incident to law enforcement, the FTC and your state Attorney General. If you believe your identity has been stolen, the FTC recommends that you take these steps:

- Close the accounts that you have confirmed or believe have been tampered with or opened fraudulently. For streamlined checklists and sample letters to help guide you through the recovery process, please visit <https://www.identitytheft.gov/>.
- File a local police report. You have the right to obtain a copy of the police report. Submit it to your creditors and any others that may require proof of the identity theft crime.

You can contact the FTC to learn more about how to protect yourself from becoming a victim of identity theft and how to repair identity theft:

Federal Trade Commission  
Consumer Response Center  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20580  
1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338)  
[www.ftc.gov/idtheft/](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft/)

**Consider Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File.** To protect yourself from possible identity theft, consider placing a fraud alert on your credit file. A fraud alert helps protect you against the possibility of an identity thief opening new credit accounts in your name. When a merchant checks the credit history of someone applying for credit, the merchant gets a notice that the applicant may be the victim of identity theft. The alert notifies the merchant to take steps to verify the identity of the applicant. You can place a fraud alert on your credit report by calling any one of the toll-free numbers provided below. You will reach an automated telephone system that allows you to flag your file with a fraud alert at all three consumer reporting agencies. For more information on fraud alerts, you also may contact the FTC as described above.

Equifax	Equifax Information Services LLC P.O. Box 740241 Atlanta, GA 30374	1-800-525-6285	<a href="http://www.equifax.com">www.equifax.com</a>
Experian	Experian Inc. P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013	1-888-397-3742	<a href="http://www.experian.com">www.experian.com</a>

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TransUnion	TransUnion LLC P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19022-2000	1-800-680-7289	www.transunion.com
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**Consider Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File.** You may wish to place a “security freeze” (also known as a “credit freeze”) on your credit file. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential creditors from accessing your credit file at the consumer reporting agencies without your consent. *Unlike a fraud alert, you must place a security freeze on your credit file at each consumer reporting agency individually.* There is no charge to place or lift a security freeze. For more information on security freezes, you may contact the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies or the FTC as described above. As the instructions for establishing a security freeze differ from state to state, please contact the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies to find out more information.

The consumer reporting agencies may require proper identification prior to honoring your request. For example, you may be asked to provide:

- Your full name with middle initial and generation (such as Jr., Sr., II, III)
- Your Social Security number
- Your date of birth
- Addresses where you have lived over the past five years
- A legible copy of a government-issued identification card (such as a state driver’s license or military ID card)
- Proof of your current residential address (such as a current utility bill or account statement)