

## **DISCLOSURE MATERIALS**

Certified B Corporations must complete a Disclosure Questionnaire to identify potentially sensitive issues related to the company (e.g. historical fines, sanctions, material litigation, or sensitive industry practices).

This component does not affect the company's score on the B Impact Assessment. If the company answers affirmatively to any items in the Disclosure Questionnaire and B Lab deems them to be material, the company must:

- 1) Be transparent about the disclosure issues identified on the company's public B Impact Report
- 2) Describe how the company has addressed this issue.
- 3) Demonstrate that management systems are in place to avoid similar issues from arising in the future.

In all cases, the Standards Advisory council reserves the right to refuse certification if the company is ultimately deemed not to uphold the spirit of the community.

In addition to the voluntary indication of sensitive issues in the Disclosure Questionnaire, companies pursuing Certification also are subject to background checks by B Lab staff. Background checks include a review of public records, news sources, and search engines for company names, brands, executives/founders, and other relevant topics.

Sensitive issues identified through background checks may or may not be within the scope of questions in the Disclosure Questionnaire, but undergo the same review process and are subject to the same possible review by the Standards Advisory Council, including ineligibility for B Corp Certification, required remediation, or disclosure.

This document contains a copy of the company's completed Disclosure Questionnaire and related disclosure documentation provided by the company.



## **DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Company Name: Clover Stornetta Farms, Inc. Date Submitted: 9/30/2016

Disclosure Industries	Yes	No
Please indicate if the company is involved in produc any the following. Select Yes for all options that app		ade in
Any product or activity deemed illegal under host country laws or regulations or international conventions and agreements		√
Alcohol (excluding beer and wine)		<b>V</b>
Commercial loggings and logging equipment		V
Firearms, weapons or munitions		V
Genetically modified organisms		√
Fossil fuel-based oil or coal utility		<b>V</b>
Ozone depleting substances subject to international phase out		√
Persistent organic pollutants (POPs) that are banned or scheduled to be phased out of production		√
Pesticides/herbicides subject to international phase out or bans		√
Pharmaceuticals subject to international phase-outs or bans		√
Payday lending		V
Pornography		V
Radioactive materials		<b>V</b>
Tobacco		V
Unbonded asbestos		V
Wildlife or wildlife products regulated under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)		√

Disclosure Penalties	Yes	No
Please indicate if the company has had any formal regulatory agency or been assessed any fine or sar years for any of the following practices or policies.	nction in the	past five
Diversity and equal opportunity		$\sqrt{}$
Employee safety or workplace conditions		V
Environmental issues		V
Financial reporting		V
Geographic operations or international affairs	•	V
Investments or Loans		V
Labor issues (internal and supply chain)		V
Marketing		V
Political contributions		<b>V</b>
Taxes		<b>V</b>
Animal Welfare	İ	V
Bribery, Fraud or corruption		V

	True		False
Please indicate if the following statements are true	e regarding	wheth	er or not
the company engages in the following practices.			
statement is true, select "True." If false, select "Fa	alse."	iai appi	y. 11 ti 10
Company is not formally registered in accordance			٠
with domestic regulations			V
Company has reduced or minimized taxes through the use of corporate shells or structural means			
Company facilities are located adjacent to or in			
sensitive ecosystems			٧
Company employs workers under the age of 15 (or			
other minimum work age covered by the International Labour Organization Convention No.			1
138) and/or company does not keep personnel			V
records that include evidence of the date of birth of			
each Overtime work for hourly workers is compulsory			
			V
Company uses workers who are prisoners			
Company prohibits workers from freely associating			
and bargaining collectively for the terms of one's			
employment Animal testing is conducted			
-			V
Company exploitatively operates in conflict zones			√
Company employs individuals on zero-hour			V
contracts			<b>v</b>
Disclosure Outcomes	True		False
Please indicate if the following statements are true	•	r if the	
has experienced any of the following in the past 5			
f the statement is true, select "True." If false, select			ilat apply
Company has had an operational or on-the-job			٠
fatality			V
Company sites have experiences accidental discharges to air, land or water of hazardous			2/
substances			٧
Construction or operation of company facilities			
resulted in physical resettlement or economic displacement involving 5,000 or more people near			
your facility			
Material recalls due to quality control issues			V
Material litigation or arbitration against company	2		
Company has filed for bankruptcy	V		- 1
Company has filed for bankruptcy	V		√
Company has filed for bankruptcy  Company has had material breaches of individual's confidential information	V		√ √
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## **B Corp Certification - Disclosure Questionnaire Documentation**

PROVIDED BY: **Clover Stornetta Farms, Inc.** 

**UPDATED AS OF:** 12.16.2016

**CATEGORY** 

**Material Litigation** 

**ISSUE DATE** 

April 4th, 2013

**ISSUE DESCRIPTION** 

Allegations of misleading ingredient information on product labeling.

Clover Stornetta is party to a potential class action lawsuit over claims of misleading consumers over the ingredient, 'evaporated cane juice'. SUMMARY OF ISSUE The plaintiffs argue that this should be labeled as 'sugar' or 'cane syrup' to make clear that products with this ingredient do in fact contain

sugar.

SIZE/SCOPE OF ISSUE (e.g. \$, # of individuals affectected)

Two plaintiffs filed the lawsuit. The plaintiffs are seeking class action status. Clover Stornetta is the only named defendant in this case. (Numerous (at least 34) other similiar cases regarding the use of 'evaporated cane juice' and other misbranding claims were filed around the same time period by the plaintiffs' attorneys.) The claim involves 14 different flavors of Clover Organic cream on top (blueberry, forest berry, mocha, peach, strawberry, tropical, vanilla) and lowfat yogurts (black cherry, blueberry, forest berry, peach, raspberry, strawberry, vanilla bean).

IMPACT N/A

**RESOLUTION** 

Legal proceedings ongoing. B Lab will review the outcome of the case at the time of recertification.

While the case is still ongoing, Clover Stornetta has relabeled all IMPLEMENTED MGT PRACTICES products with this ingredient to be more clear certain ingredients are derived from cane sugar.

**REPORT** 

**OTHER MANAGEMENT COMMENTS** 

**RELATED INCIDENTS (YES/NO**