

**KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

ALBERT VIESSE, on behalf of himself and  
all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

SAAR'S INC., and DOES 1 through 100,  
inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 17-2-07783-6 SEA

Hon. Beth M. Andrus

**NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT AND SETTLEMENT**  
**READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY, YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS MAY BE  
AFFECTED**

You may be a part of a pending class action lawsuit against Saar's Inc. ("Saar's"), and your legal rights may be affected by the lawsuit and a proposed Settlement of the lawsuit. Please read the rest of this notice to find out more.

**What is this About?**

A class action lawsuit is pending against Saar's. The lawsuit alleges that Saar's willfully violated a federal law (known as the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act or FACTA, 15 U.S.C. §1681c(g)) by printing on customer credit transaction receipts the expiration date of its customer's credit card or debit card. Saar's disputes the class action allegations and denies that it willfully violated FACTA. The Court has not yet decided in favor of either the Class or Saar's. Instead, both sides have agreed upon a proposed Settlement of the class action lawsuit to avoid the uncertainty and cost of a trial, and to provide benefits to Class members. Saar's does not admit any violation of FACTA by agreeing to the proposed Settlement.

**What is a Class Action?**

In a class action, one or more people called Class Representatives sue on behalf of a group of people (referred to as the Class) who have similar claims. One court resolves the issues for all of the people who are a part of the Class (referred to as Class members), except for those people who exclude themselves from the Class. The Class Representative in this case is Albert Viesse.

### **Am I a Class Member?**

You are a member of the Class if you are an individual who used a personal credit card or debit card for a credit transaction at any Saar's or Super Saver Foods stores during the period July 20, 2014 through July 18, 2016, and you were provided an electronically printed receipt on which was printed the expiration date of your credit card or debit card.

The specific Saar's and Super Saver Foods stores (the "Saar's Stores") involved in this Settlement are as follows:

- i. Super Saver Foods  
1702 Auburn Way North,  
Auburn, WA 98002;
- ii. Saar's  
32199 State Route 20  
Oak Harbor, WA 98277;
- iii. Saar's Super Saver Food  
3208 NE Sunset Blvd.  
Renton, WA 98056;
- iv. Super Saver Foods  
10616 16th Ave. SW  
Seattle, WA 98146;
- v. Saar's  
13322 Pacific Ave.  
Tacoma, WA 98444;
- vi. Super Saver Foods  
3725 South 144th St.  
Tukwila, WA 98168.

### **Why Am I Receiving This Notice?**

If you are a member of the Class, your legal rights will be affected by the Settlement unless you exclude yourself from the Class. The King County Superior Court for the State of Washington authorized this notice to inform Class members about this case and proposed Settlement and Class members' options.

### **What are The Settlement Benefits and What Can I Get From the Settlement?**

If you are a Class member, you may be entitled to one Saar's Gift Card in an amount up to \$75.00.

Please refer to the section below entitled "How Can I Get A Saar's Gift Card?" to find out what you need to do to receive a Saar's Gift Card.

Each Saar's Gift Card shall be fully transferable (including saleable) to any and all other persons and shall not expire. The Saar's Gift Cards are not redeemable for cash and may only be used to make the purchase of any good or service from any of the Saar's Stores.

If the Court approves the proposed Settlement, Saar's shall also implement a written policy which states that it will not print more than the last five digits of the credit or debit card number nor the credit or debit card expiration date upon any printed receipt provided to any customer that uses a credit or debit card to transact business with Saar's.

### **How Can I Get A Saar's Gift Card?**

To obtain a Saar's Gift Card, in an amount up to \$75.00, you must complete and return a valid Claim Form. The Claim Form requires you to provide proof in either one of the following two ways:

**Option (1):** You may attach an original or a copy of your customer receipt that contains the expiration date of your credit or debit card and shows that you made a credit transaction from any Saar's or Super Saver Foods store at any time during the period July 20, 2014 through July 18, 2016;

**OR**

**Option (2):** You may attach an original or a copy of your credit or debit card statement showing that you made a credit transaction at any Saar's or Super Saver Foods store at any time during the period July 20, 2014 through July 18, 2016. Before providing your statement or copy of your statement, please redact (meaning you may white-out or mark-over) information contained in your credit or debit card statement to prevent it from showing things like your account numbers, your other purchases, etc. The only information that is required to show on your statement for purposes of making a claim under this Settlement is your name, address, and all of the details of your transaction from any Saar's or Super Saver Foods store, including the date and amount of your purchase.

You may make only one claim regardless of whether you have made one or more than one eligible credit transaction (either using a credit card or debit card). Accordingly, if you had more than one eligible transaction you only need to provide proof of either one receipt or one statement showing that you made one credit transaction at any Saar's or Super Saver Foods store at any time during the period July 20, 2014 through July 18, 2016.

Although you may submit either the original or a copy of either your receipt or card statement, if you decide to send an original, it is encouraged that you make and keep a copy for yourself. We will not be responsible for original documents that are lost.

If you are mailing the Claim Form, your completed Claim Form (together with the required documentation) must be mailed to the following address **postmarked no later than May 12, 2018:**

Saar's Settlement  
c/o JND Legal Administration  
P.O. Box 91343  
Seattle, WA 98111

You may also send your Claim Form (together with the required documentation) by facsimile to the following facsimile number 1-844-327-5615, **by no later than 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on May 12, 2018.**

You may also submit your claim by completing and submitting an electronic version of the Claim Form (and uploading and submitting the required documentation) on the internet at [www.SaarsSettlement.com](http://www.SaarsSettlement.com), **by no later than 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on May 12, 2018.**

Please visit [www.SaarsSettlement.com](http://www.SaarsSettlement.com) to get a copy of the Claim Form or to complete and submit the Claim Form on the internet.

If the Court approves the proposed Settlement and the decision becomes final, Saar's Gift Cards will be distributed no later than 60 days after the last day to submit Claim Forms or the Settlement Date, whichever is later. Please be patient.

**If I Submit a Valid and Timely Claim, What Will Be The Amount of My Saar's Gift Card?**

Saar's will establish a settlement fund in the amount of \$475,000 in Gift Card value (the "Settlement Fund"). The Settlement Fund will be divided by the total number of Settlement Class members who submit a valid and timely claim to determine each claiming Settlement Class member's pro-rata share (the "Pro-Rata Share"). In the event the Pro-Rata Share is equal to or exceeds \$75, each Settlement Class member who submits a valid and timely claim will be mailed a Saar's Gift Card in the amount of \$75, the value of which will be paid and deducted from the Settlement Fund. In the event the Pro-Rata Share is less than \$75, each Settlement Class member who submits a valid and timely claim will be mailed a Saar's Gift Card in the amount of the Pro-Rata Share, to be paid and deducted from the Settlement Fund.

The Parties have agreed on a plan that requires at least a minimum of 4,000 Saar's Gift Cards (valued at \$300,000) to be distributed and for the disposition of the anticipated residue. Thus, if a total of less than 4,000 valid claims are made by Settlement Class members, the number of valid claims shall be deducted from 4,000 and the resulting amount shall be the number of Gift Cards (at \$75 value per Gift Card) that shall be distributed in an appropriate *cy pres* distribution, over the course of a consecutive 6 year distribution period (with equal distributions made for each of the 6 consecutive years).

The *cy pres* distribution will consist of the distribution to the following charities in equal shares: White Center Emergency Food Association; North Whidbey Help House; Lake Stevens Community Food Bank Association; Auburn Food Bank; Bremerton Food Line; Nourish Pierce County (Nourish Mobile Food Bank).

All administration costs (including but not limited to card issuance, printing and envelope charges) will be paid for separately by Saar's.

### **What Am I Giving Up to Receive Settlement Benefits?**

Unless you exclude yourself, you are a Class member, and that means you will be legally bound by all orders and judgments of the Court, and you will not be able to sue, or continue to sue Saar's Inc. or any of the other persons or entities referenced in the "Release by the Settlement Class" paragraph below, about the issues in this case. You will not be responsible for any out-of-pocket costs or attorneys' fees concerning this case if you stay in the Class.

Staying in the Class also means that you agree to the following release of claims, which describes exactly the legal claims that you give up:

**Release by the Settlement Class.** As of the Settlement Date, and except as to such rights or claims created by the settlement, Viesse and each Settlement Class member who does not timely opt-out of the settlement forever discharge and release Saar's Inc. as well as its predecessors, successors, affiliates, and all of their officers, shareholders, directors, managers, members, partners, employees, attorneys, and agents, from any and all suits, claims, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, guarantees, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, actions or causes of action, in law or equity, of whatever kind or nature, direct or indirect, known or unknown, arising out of the facts or circumstances alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint from July 20, 2014 up to and including July 18, 2016 concerning the Saar's Stores.

### **Can I Exclude Myself From the Settlement and What Will That Mean For Me?**

If you don't want to receive benefits from this Settlement, but you want to keep the right to sue Saar's Inc. or any of the other persons or entities referenced in the "Release by the Settlement Class" paragraph above, about the issues in this case, then you must take steps to exclude yourself from the Settlement. To exclude yourself from the Settlement you must include your name, address, telephone number, and your signature on correspondence requesting that you be excluded as a Class member from *Viesse, et al. v. Saar's Inc., et al.*, Case No. 17-2-07783-6 SEA. To be effective, you must mail your request for exclusion, **postmarked no later than January 12, 2018**, to the Settlement Administrator at the following address:

Saar's Settlement  
c/o JND Legal Administration  
P.O. Box 91343

Seattle, WA 98111

If you request to be excluded from the Settlement, then: (a) you will not be a part of the Settlement; (b) you will have no right to receive any benefits under the Settlement; (c) you will not be bound by the terms of the Settlement; and (d) you will not have any right to object to the terms of the Settlement or be heard at the fairness hearing.

**If I Don't Exclude Myself, Can I Sue for the Same Thing Later?**

No. Unless you exclude yourself from the Settlement, you give up the right to sue Saar's Inc. and the other persons and entities referenced in the "Release by the Settlement Class" paragraph above, for the claims that this Settlement resolves. If you have a pending lawsuit against Saar's Inc. or any of the other persons or entities referenced in the "Release by the Settlement Class" paragraph above, for any of the claims that this Settlement resolves, speak to your lawyer in your case immediately. You must exclude yourself from this Settlement to continue your own lawsuit. Remember, the exclusion deadline is **January 12, 2018**.

**How Do I Tell the Court That I Don't Like the Settlement?**

If you are a Class member, you can object to the Settlement if you do not like any part of it. You must give reasons why you think the Court should not approve it. You can also object to the Class Representative's application for service (or incentive) award. You can also object to Class Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and costs. The Court will consider your views. To object, you must send a letter saying that you object to the proposed settlement of *Viessa, et al. v. Saar's Inc., et al.*, Case No. 17-2-07783-6 SEA. Your letter must include all of the following:

- a. A reference at the beginning to this matter, *Albert Viessa, et al. v. Saar's Inc., et al.*
- b. Your full name, address, and telephone number.
- c. Proof of Class membership consisting of the original or a copy of either: (1) your customer receipt containing the expiration date of your credit or debit card showing that you made a credit transaction at any time during the period July 20, 2014 through July 18, 2016 from any of the Saar's Stores, or (2) a credit or debit card statement showing that you made a credit transaction at any of the Saar's Stores at any time during the period July 20, 2014 through July 18, 2016.
- d. A written statement of all grounds for your objection, accompanied by any legal support for such objection.
- e. Copies of any papers, briefs, or other documents upon which your objection is based.

f. A list of all persons who will be called to testify in support of your objection.

g. A statement of whether you intend to appear at the fairness hearing. If you intend to appear at the fairness hearing through counsel, your objection must also state the identity of all attorneys representing you who will appear at the fairness hearing.

h. Regarding any counsel who represents you or has a financial interest in the objection: (1) a list of cases in which such counsel and/or counsel's law firm have objected to a class action settlement within the preceding five years, and (2) a copy of any orders concerning a ruling upon counsel's or the firm's prior objections that were issued by the trial and/or appellate courts in each listed case.

i. A statement by you under oath that: (1) you have read your objection in its entirety, (2) you are a member of the Class, (3) states the number of times in which you have objected to a class action settlement within the five years preceding the date that you file your objection, (4) identifies the caption of each case in which you have made such objection, (5) authenticates any orders concerning a ruling upon your prior such objections that were issued by the trial and/or appellate courts in each listed case, attaching such orders to the statement; and (6) states that you will personally appear at the fairness hearing.

You must mail your objection to the Court, Class Counsel, and Saar's Counsel, addressed to each of the respective addresses listed below. Objections to the Settlement must be postmarked no later than January 12, 2018. Objections to the Class Representative's application for service (or incentive) award, and/or to Class Counsel's motion for attorney's fees and costs must be postmarked no later than February 2, 2018.

| COURT  | CLASS COUNSEL   | SAAR'S COUNSEL   |
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| Clerk of the Court for the<br>Hon. Beth M. Andrus<br>King County Superior Court<br>For The State Of Washington,<br>516 3rd Ave., Room C-203<br>Seattle, WA 98104 | Chant Yedalian<br>CHANT & COMPANY<br>A Professional Law Corporation<br>1010 N. Central Ave.<br>Glendale, CA 91202 | Chelsea Petersen<br>PERKINS COIE LLP<br>1201 Third Ave., Suite 4900<br>Seattle, WA 98101 |

**What's the Difference Between Objecting to the Settlement  
And Excluding Yourself From the Settlement?**

Objecting is simply telling the Court that you don't like something about the Settlement. You can object only if you stay in the Class. Excluding yourself is telling the Court that

you don't want to be part of the Class. If you exclude yourself, you have no basis to object because the Settlement no longer affects you.

### **What Happens if I Do Nothing At All?**

If you do nothing, you will remain in the Class and be bound by the terms of the Settlement and all of the Court's orders. This also means that if the proposed Settlement is approved by the Court, you agree to the release of claims set forth under the heading "What Am I Giving Up to Receive Settlement Benefits?" above, which describes exactly the legal claims that you give up. You will not be responsible for any out-of-pocket costs or attorney fees concerning this lawsuit if you remain in the Class.

### **Do I Have a Lawyer in the Case?**

The Court appointed lawyers to represent you and other Class members. These lawyers are called Class Counsel. Class Counsel is Chant Yedalian of Chant & Company A Professional Law Corporation and James A. Sturdevant. You will not be charged for these lawyers. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

### **How Will Class Counsel and the Class Representatives Be Paid?**

Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve payment of up to \$140,000 for attorneys' fees and costs. The fees and costs would pay Class Counsel for investigating the facts, prosecuting the lawsuit, negotiating the Settlement, causing Saar's to change its practice and to implement a new written policy concerning FACTA, and implementing the Settlement. Class Counsel will also ask the Court to approve payment of up to \$5,000 to Albert Vieesse for his services as a Class Representative. These payments, if and when awarded by the Court, will be paid separately by Saar's.

### **When and Where Will the Court Decide Whether to Approve the Settlement?**

The Court will hold a fairness hearing at **9:00 a.m.** on **February 23, 2018**, at King County Superior Court, 516 3rd Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104, in Courtroom W-719, before Judge Beth M. Andrus. Please note that the Judge, time and Courtroom may change; therefore please refer to [www.SaarsSettlement.com](http://www.SaarsSettlement.com) for any updated information. At this hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and whether the Class Representative and Class Counsel have fairly, adequately, reasonably and competently represented and protected the interests of the Class. If there are objections, the Court will consider them. After the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Settlement, including fees and costs to Class Counsel and service payment to the Class Representative. Class Counsel does not know how long these decisions will take.

### **Do I Have to Come to the Fairness Hearing?**

No. Class Counsel will answer any questions that the Court may have. But you are

welcome to come to the hearing at your own expense. You may also pay your own lawyer to attend, but it's not necessary.

### **May I Speak at the Fairness Hearing?**

You may ask the Court for permission to speak at the fairness hearing. To do so, you must send a letter saying that it is your "Notice of Intention to Appear in *Viesse, et al. v. Saar's Inc., et al.*, Case No. 17-2-07783-6 SEA." Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number, and your signature. Your Notice of Intention to Appear must be sent to the Clerk of the Court, Class Counsel, and Saar's Counsel, at the three addresses listed above under the heading "How Do I Tell the Court That I Don't Like the Settlement?" To be timely, a Notice of Intention to Appear concerning Class Counsel's motion for an award of attorney's fees and costs and/or the Class Representative's motion for service (or incentive) award must be postmarked no later than February 2, 2018. To be timely, a Notice of Intention to Appear concerning any other matter about the Settlement must be postmarked no later than January 12, 2018.

You cannot speak at the fairness hearing if you exclude yourself from the Class.

### **Are There More Details About the Settlement and How Do I Get More Information?**

This notice summarizes the proposed Settlement. More details are contained in a Settlement agreement that you may obtain through the Settlement Administrator. For more information, you may: (1) visit the website [www.SaarsSettlement.com](http://www.SaarsSettlement.com); (2) write the Settlement Administrator at the following address: Saar's Settlement, c/o JND Legal Administration, P.O. Box 91343, Seattle, WA 98111; or (3) call the Settlement Administrator at 1-844-877-5831.