

Section 2.34 of its Rules, the Commission hereby issues its complaint, makes the following jurisdictional findings, and enters the following order:

1. Respondent Prince Lionheart, Inc., is a California corporation with its principal office or place of business at 2421 South Westgate Road, Santa Maria, California 93455.
2. Respondent Thomas E. McConnell is President of the corporation. Individually or in concert with others, he formulates, directs, or controls the policies, acts, or practices of the corporation. His principal office or place of business is the same as that of Prince Lionheart, Inc.
3. The Federal Trade Commission has jurisdiction of the subject matter of this proceeding and of the respondents, and the proceeding is in the public interest.

ORDER

DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this order, the following definitions shall apply:

1. “Competent and reliable scientific evidence” shall mean tests, analyses, research, studies, or other evidence based on the expertise of professionals in the relevant area, that have been conducted and evaluated in an objective manner by persons qualified to do so, using procedures generally accepted in the profession to yield accurate and reliable results.
2. Unless otherwise specified, “respondents” shall mean Prince Lionheart, Inc., a corporation, its successors and assigns and its officers; Thomas E. McConnell, individually and as President of the corporation; and each of the above’s agents, representatives, and employees.
3. “Commerce” shall mean as defined in Section 4 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. § 44.

I.

IT IS ORDERED that respondents, directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, in connection with the manufacturing, labeling, advertising, promotion, offering for sale, sale, or distribution of the Electronic Mosquito Repeller or “Love Bug,” or any substantially similar product, in or affecting commerce, shall not make any representation, in any manner, expressly or by implication, that:

- A. such product repels mosquitoes from a baby or any person;
- B. such product is an effective alternative to the use of chemical products formulated to repel mosquitoes; or

- C. use of such product protects babies or other persons against contracting the West Nile virus,

unless the representation is true and, at the time it is made, respondents possess and rely upon competent and reliable scientific evidence that substantiates the representation. For purposes of this Part, “substantially similar product” shall mean any product that uses or purports to use sonic or ultrasonic technology to repel mosquitoes from the user.

II.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondents, directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, in connection with the manufacturing, labeling, advertising, promotion, offering for sale, sale, or distribution of any consumer electronic product, in or affecting commerce, shall not make any representation, in any manner, expressly or by implication, about the benefits, performance, or efficacy of such product, unless, at the time the representation is made, respondents possess and rely upon competent and reliable evidence, which when appropriate must be competent and reliable scientific evidence, that substantiates the representation.

III.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent Prince Lionheart, Inc., and its successors and assigns, and respondent Thomas E. McConnell shall, within thirty (30) days after the date of service of this order, send, by first class certified mail, return receipt requested, to each catalog company or other wholesale or retail seller to which respondents have sold the “Love Bug” since January 1, 2002, a copy of this order together with the notice attached as Attachment A.

IV.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent Prince Lionheart, Inc., and its successors and assigns, and respondent Thomas E. McConnell shall, for three (3) years after the last date of dissemination of any representation covered by this order, maintain and upon request make available to the Federal Trade Commission for inspection and copying:

- A. All advertisements and promotional materials containing the representation;
- B. All materials that were relied upon in disseminating the representation; and
- C. All tests, reports, studies, surveys, demonstrations, or other evidence in their possession or control that contradict, qualify, or call into question the representation, or the basis relied upon for the representation, including complaints and other communications with consumers or with governmental or consumer protection organizations.

V.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent Prince Lionheart, Inc., and its successors and assigns, and respondent Thomas E. McConnell shall, within thirty (30) days after the date of service of this order, deliver a copy of this order to all principals, officers, directors, and managers, and to all employees, agents, and representatives having responsibilities with respect to the subject matter of this order, and shall secure from each such person a signed and dated statement acknowledging receipt of the order. Respondents shall retain the signed, dated statements acknowledging receipt of the order for a period of three (3) years and upon request make them available to the Federal Trade Commission for inspection and copying.

VI.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent Prince Lionheart, Inc., and its successors and assigns, shall notify the Commission at least thirty (30) days prior to any change in the corporation that may affect compliance obligations arising under this order, including but not limited to a dissolution, assignment, sale, merger, or other action that would result in the emergence of a successor corporation; the creation or dissolution of a subsidiary, parent, or affiliate that engages in any acts or practices subject to this order; the proposed filing of a bankruptcy petition; or a change in the corporate name or address. *Provided, however,* that, with respect to any proposed change in the corporation about which respondent learns less than thirty (30) days prior to the date such action is to take place, respondent shall notify the Commission as soon as is practicable after obtaining such knowledge. All notices required by this Part shall be sent by certified mail to the Associate Director, Division of Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580.

VII.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent Thomas E. McConnell, for a period of five (5) years after the date of issuance of this order, shall notify the Commission of the discontinuance of his current business or employment, or of his affiliation with any new business or employment. The notice shall include the respondent's new business address and telephone number and a description of the nature of the business or employment and his duties and responsibilities. All notices required by this Part shall be sent by certified mail to the Associate Director, Division of Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580.

VIII.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent Prince Lionheart, Inc., and its successors and assigns, and respondent Thomas E. McConnell shall, within sixty (60) days after the date of service of this order, and at such other times as the Federal Trade Commission may require, file

with the Commission a report, in writing, setting forth in detail the manner and form in which they have complied with this order. This report shall include a list of the names and addresses of respondents' customers who received the notice set forth in Attachment A, as required by Part III of this order.

IX.

This order will terminate on September 1, 2024, or twenty (20) years from the most recent date that the United States or the Federal Trade Commission files a complaint (with or without an accompanying consent decree) in federal court alleging any violation of the order, whichever comes later; *provided, however*, that the filing of such a complaint will not affect the duration of:

- A. Any Part in this order that terminates in less than twenty (20) years;
- B. This order's application to any respondent that is not named as a defendant in such complaint; and
- C. This order if such complaint is filed after the order has terminated pursuant to this Part.

Provided, further, that if such complaint is dismissed or a federal court rules that the respondent did not violate any provision of the order, and the dismissal or ruling is either not appealed or upheld on appeal, then the order will terminate according to this Part as though the complaint had never been filed, except that the order will not terminate between the date such complaint is filed and the later of the deadline for appealing such dismissal or ruling and the date such dismissal or ruling is upheld on appeal.

By the Commission.*

Donald S. Clark
Secretary

SEAL

ISSUED: September 1, 2004

* Former Commissioner Thompson registered a vote in the affirmative for the motion to accord final approval to this Decision and Order before he left the Commission.