

experience of members of the public who use the product or program, unless the representation is true, and competent and reliable scientific evidence substantiates that claim, or respondents clearly and prominently disclose either: (1) What the generally expected results would be for users or the product or program; or (2) the limited applicability of the endorser's experience to what consumers may generally expect to achieve, that is, that consumers should not expect to experience similar results.

Paragraph VII of the proposed order provides that proposed respondents are not prohibited from making representations which are specifically permitted by regulations of the Food and Drug Administration pursuant to the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act of 1990. Paragraph VIII of the proposed order provides that proposed respondents are not prohibited from making representations for a drug that are permitted under tentative final or final standards issued by the Food and Drug Administration or under any new drug application approved by that agency.

Paragraph IX of the proposed order requires that proposed respondents: (1) Not disseminate to any distributor any material containing any representations prohibited by the order; (2) not authorize any distributor to make any representations prohibited by the order; (3) send a required notice to each distributor with whom proposed respondents have done business since January 1, 1996, requesting that the distributor cease using advertising or promotional materials containing unsubstantiated claims for CMO, requesting distributors not to make unsubstantiated oral representations, informing the distributor of this settlement, and not including any other documents in the mailing; (4) for a period of three (3) years following service of the order, send the required notice to each distributor who has not previously received the notice; the notices shall be sent with the first shipment of respondents' products to the distributor; (5) require distributors to submit to suits.

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approved, by the Commission, has been placed on the public record for a period of thirty (30) days. The following Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes the terms of the consent agreement, and the allegations in the complaint. An electronic copy of the full text of the consent agreement package can be obtained from the FTC Home Page (for April 5, 2000), on the World Wide Web, at "http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/formal.htm." A paper copy can be obtained from the FTC Public Reference Room, Room H-130, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580, either in person or by calling (202) 326-3627.

Public comment is invited. Comments should be directed to: FTC/Office of the

