

C. This Order if such complaint is filed after the Order has terminated pursuant to this paragraph.

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 paragraph as though the complaint was never 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.

Analysis of Proposed Consent Order To Aid Public Comment

The Federal Trade Commission has accepted an agreement, subject to final approval, to a proposed consent order from Benckiser Consumer Products, Inc. ("Benckiser").

The proposed consent order has been placed on the public record for sixty (60) days for reception of comments by interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After sixty days, the Commission will again review the agreement and the comments received and will decide whether it should withdraw from the agreement or make final the agreement's proposed order.

The Commission's complaint in this matter charges Benckiser with engaging in unfair or deceptive acts or practices in connection with the advertising and promotion of EarthRite household cleaning products. According to the complaint, Benckiser falsely represented that it donates some portion of the revenue from the sale of EarthRite products to non-profit environmental organizations. The complaint also alleges that Benckiser falsely represented that, at the times it made the donation claim, it relied upon a reasonable basis which substantiated the claim.

The consent order contains provisions designed to remedy the violations charged and to prevent Benckiser from engaging in similar deceptive acts or practices in the future.

Part I of the order prohibits Benckiser from representing that any portion of the revenue from the sale of any Benckiser household cleaning product is donated to any organization unless Benckiser discloses, clearly, prominently, and in close proximity to such representation, the method of calculating the amount of such donation.

Part II of the order requires Benckiser to maintain copies of all materials relied

upon in making any representation covered by the order.

Part III of the order requires Benckiser to distribute copies of the order to its operating divisions and to various officers, agents, representatives and employees of Benckiser.

Part IV of the order requires Benckiser to notify the Commission of any changes in corporate structure that might affect compliance with the order.

Part V of the order is a "sunset" provision, dictating that the order will terminate twenty years from the date it is issued or twenty years after a complaint is filed in federal court, by either the United States or the FTC, alleging any violation of the order.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the proposed order, and it is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the agreement and proposed order, or to modify any of their terms.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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Physicians Group, Inc., et al.; Prohibited Trade Practices, and Affirmative Corrective Actions

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Consent order.

SUMMARY: In settlement of alleged violations of federal law prohibiting unfair acts and practices and unfair methods of competition, this consent order prohibits, among other things, a Virginia physicians' group, and its seven board members from attempting to engage in an agreement or agreeing with other physicians to negotiate or refuse to negotiate with a third party payor. In addition, it requires dissolution of the group within 120 days.

DATES: Complaint and Order issued August 11, 1995.¹

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Horoschak or Rendell Davis, FTC/S-3115, Washington, DC 20580. (202) 326-2756 or (202) 326-2894.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Thursday, May 11, 1995, there was published in the Federal Register, 60 FR 25223, a proposed consent agreement with analysis In the Matter of Physicians Group, Inc., et al., for the

¹ Copies of the Complaint and the Decision and Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, H-130, 6th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20580.

purpose of soliciting public comment. Interested parties were given sixty (60) days in which to submit comments, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed form of the order.

A comment was filed and considered by the Commission. The Commission has ordered the issuance of the complaint in the form contemplated by the agreement, made its jurisdictional findings and entered an order to cease and desist, as set forth in the proposed consent agreement, in disposition of this proceeding.

(Sec. 6, 38 Stat. 721; 15 U.S.C. 46. Interprets or applies sec. 5, 38 Stat. 719, as amended; 15 U.S.C. 45)

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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The Scotts Company; Prohibited Trade Practices, and Affirmative Corrective Actions

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Consent order.

SUMMARY: In settlement of alleged violations of federal law prohibiting unfair acts and practices and unfair methods of competition, this consent order requires, among other things, Scotts, an Ohio-based corporation, to divest its Peters Consumer Water Soluble Fertilizer Business and related assets to Alljack & Company or another Commission-approved buyer by no later than December 31, 1995. If the divestiture is not completed on time, the consent order permits the Commission to appoint a trustee to complete the transaction. In addition, the Commission substituted a 10-year prior-notice provision for the 10-year prior-approval provision contained in the proposed consent agreement as it was published for public comment.

DATES: Complaint and Order issued September 8, 1995.¹

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Howard Morse or Robert Cook FTC/S-3627, Washington, DC 20580. (202) 326-2949 or 326-2771.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Thursday, June 15, 1995, there was published in the Federal Register, 60 FR 31470, a proposed consent agreement with analysis In the Matter of The Scotts Company, for the purpose of soliciting

¹ Copies of the Complaint, the Decision and Order, and Commissioner Azcuenaga's statement are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, H-130, 6th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20580.

public comment. Interested parties were given sixty (60) days in which to submit comments, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed form of the order.

A comment was filed and considered by the Commission. The Commission has ordered the issuance of the complaint in the form contemplated by the agreement, made its jurisdictional findings and entered an order to cease and desist, as modified since the proposed consent agreement, in disposition of this proceeding.

(Sec. 6, 38 Stat. 721; 15 U.S.C. 46. Interpret or apply sec. 5, 38 Stat. 719, as amended; sec. 7, 38 Stat. 731, as amended; 15 U.S.C. 45, 18) Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.

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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: General Accounting Office.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, March 28, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in room 7C13 of the General Accounting Office, 441 G Street NW., Washington, DC.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the *Supplementary Stewardship Reporting and Accounting for Revenue and Other Financing Sources* exposure drafts and also to hear a presentation on the progress and results of agency audits of financial statements and upgrades of financial systems.

Any interested person may attend the meeting as an observer. Board discussions and reviews are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ronald S. Young, Executive Staff Director, 750 First Street NE., Room 1001, Washington, DC 20002, or call (202) 512-7350.

Authority: Federal Advisory Committee Act. Pub. L. No. 92-463, Section 10(a)(2), 86 Stat. 770, 774 (1972) (current version at 5 U.S.C. app. section 10(a)(2) (1988)); 41 CFR 101-6.1015 (1990).

Dated: March 7, 1996.

Ronald S. Young,
Executive Director.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Change in Solicitation Procedures Under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program

AGENCY: Office Acquisition Policy, GSA.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Title VII of the "Business Opportunity Development Reform Act of 1988" (Pub. L. 100-656) established the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program and designated nine (9) agencies, including GSA, to conduct the program over a four (4) year period from January 1, 1989 to December 31, 1992. The Small Business Opportunity Enhancement Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-366) extended the demonstration program until September 1996 and made certain changes in the procedures for operation of the demonstration program. The law designated four (4) industry groups for testing whether the competitive capabilities of the specified industry groups will enable them to successfully compete on an unrestricted basis. The four (4) industry groups are: construction (except dredging); architectural and engineering (A&E) services (including surveying and mapping); refuse systems and related services (limited to trash/garbage collection); and non-nuclear ship repair. Under the program, when a participating agency misses its small business participation goal, restricted competition is reinstated only for those contracting activities that failed to attain the goal. The small business goal is 40 percent of the total contract dollars awarded for construction, trash/garbage collection services, and non-nuclear ship repair and 35 percent of the total contract dollars awarded for architect-engineer services. This notice announces modifications to GSA's solicitation practices under the demonstration program based on a review of the agency's performance during the period from January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995. Modifications to solicitation practices are outlined in the Supplementary Information section below and apply to solicitations issued on or after April 1, 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Wisnowski, Office of GSA Acquisition Policy, (202) 501-1224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Procurements of construction or trash/garbage collection with an estimated value of \$25,000 or less will be reserved for emerging small business concerns in

accordance with the procedures outlined in the interim policy directive issued by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (58 FR 13513, March 11, 1993).

Procurements of construction or trash/garbage collection with an estimated value that exceeds \$25,000 by GSA contracting activities will be made in accordance with the following procedures:

Construction Services in Groups 15, 16, and 17

Procurements for all construction services (except solicitations issued by GSA contracting activities in Regions 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9 in SIC Group 15, shall be conducted on an unrestricted basis.

Procurements for construction services in SIC Group 15 issued by GSA contracting activities in Regions 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9 shall be set aside for small business when there is a reasonable expectation of obtaining competition from two or more small businesses. If no expectation exists, the procurements will be conducted on an unrestricted basis.

Region 3 encompasses the states of Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia, Maryland (except Montgomery and Prince Georges counties), and Virginia (except the city of Alexandria and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William).

Region 4 encompasses the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

Region 5 encompasses the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

Region 6 encompasses the states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

Region 8 encompasses the states of Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

Region 9 encompasses the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada.

Trash/Garbage Collection Services in PSC S205

Procurements for trash/garbage collection services in PSC S205 will be conducted on an unrestricted basis.

Architect-Engineer Services (all PSC Codes Under the Demonstration Program)

Procurements for all architect-engineer services (except procurements issued by contracting activities in GSA Regions 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, and the National Capital Region) shall be conducted on an unrestricted basis.

Procurements for architect-engineer services issued by contracting activities