

would not have to terminate: (1) physicians who refused to deal but attempt in good faith to reparticipate in Blue Shield for six months, and (2) physicians who rescind their notices of refusal to deal and continue to participate in Blue Shield for at least six months.

I do not believe that Paragraph III is needed. Prior to the refusal to deal with Blue Shield alleged in the complaint, the Tahoe IPA physicians who participated in Blue Shield had their own sufficient market incentives to participate. With the cessation of the refusal to deal and the prohibition in Paragraph II on future refusals to deal, these market incentives should revive. With the return of these incentives, the Tahoe IPA physicians who refused to deal presumably would choose once again to participate in Blue Shield even without the burdens imposed by Paragraph III.¹

The majority believes that government action beyond these market incentives is needed to make this market work better in the future. I disagree. Because Tahoe IPA physicians on their own have sufficient to return to Blue Shield, there is no reason to add a layer of government intervention intended to achieve the same result.

I dissent as to Paragraph III of the proposed consent order.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 9923007]

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.; Analysis to Aid Public Comment

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Proposed consent agreement.

SUMMARY: The consent agreement in this matter settles alleged violations of federal law prohibiting unfair or deceptive acts or practices or unfair methods of competition. The attached Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes both the allegations in the draft complaint that accompanies the consent agreement and the terms of the consent order—embodied in the consent agreement—that would settle these allegations.

¹ Twenty physicians have agreed to reparticipate in Blue Shield, while four have not. All this demonstrates is that physicians have reparticipated in Blue Shield while Paragraph III is in effect. It does not establish that Paragraph III was a cause of this reparticipation, or that market incentives would not have caused the physicians to reparticipate in the absence of Paragraph III.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Jennings, FTC/S-4302, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580, (202) 326-3010.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C. 46, and Section 2.34 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 16 CFR 2.34, notice is hereby given that the above-captioned consent agreement containing a consent order to cease and desist, having been filed with and accepted, subject to final approval, by the Commission, has been placed on the public record for a period of sixty (60) 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 March 16, 1999), on the World Wide Web, at "<http://www.ftc.gov/os/actions97.htm>." A paper copy can be obtained from the FTC Public Reference Room, Room H-130, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., 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 Secretary, Room 159, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. Two paper copies of each comment should be filed, and should be accompanied, if possible, by a 3½ inch diskette containing an electronic copy of the comment. Such comments or views will be considered by the Commission and will be available for inspection and copying at its principal office in accordance with Section 4.9(b)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 4.9(b)(6)(ii)).

Analysis of Proposed Consent Order to Aid Public Comment

The Federal Trade Commission has accepted, subject to final approval, an agreement to a proposed consent order from respondent Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

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 (60) days, the Commission will again review the agreement and the comments received

and will decide whether it should withdraw from the agreement and take other appropriate actions or make final the agreement's proposed order.

This matter concerns practices related to the sale of textile and wool products by means of an on-line Internet catalog. The Commission's compliant charges that respondent violated the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. 41 *et seq.*, the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act, 15 U.S.C. 70 *et seq.*, and the Wool Products Labeling Act, 15 U.S.C. 68 *et seq.*, by failing to disclose on its on-line catalog whether products offered for sale were made in the U.S.A. imported, or both.

Part I of the proposed consent order prohibits respondent from advertising any textile or wool product in any mail order catalog or mail order promotional material, including those disseminated on the Internet, without disclosing clearly and conspicuously that the product was made in the U.S.A., imported, or both.

Part II of the proposed order requires the respondent, for five years after the date of issuance of the Order, to maintain records demonstrating compliance with the Order, including: (a) copies of mail order catalogs and mail order promotional materials, as defined in 16 CFR 303.1(u) and 300.1(h), that offer textile and/or wool products for direct sale to consumers; and (b) complaints and other communications with consumers, government agencies, or consumer protection organizations, pertaining to country-of-origin disclosures for textile and/or wool products.

Part III of the proposed order requires the respondent to distribute copies of the order to certain company officials and employees. Part IV of the proposed order requires the respondent to notify the Commission of any changes in the corporation that may affect compliance obligations under the order. Part V of the proposed order requires the respondent to file one or more compliance reports. Part VI of the proposed order is a provision whereby the order, absent certain circumstances, terminates twenty years from the date of issuance.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the proposed consent order. It is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the agreement and proposed order or to modify in any way these terms.

By direction of the Commission.

Dated:

Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 9923003]

Woolrich, Inc.; Analysis To Aid Public Comment

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Proposed consent agreement.

SUMMARY: The consent agreement in this matter settles alleged violations of federal law prohibiting unfair or deceptive acts or practices or unfair methods of competition. The attached Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes both the allegations in the draft complaint that accompanies the consent agreement and the terms of the consent order—embodied in the consent agreement—that would settle these allegations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Jennings, FTC/S-4302, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580, (202) 326-3010.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C. 46, and Section 2.34 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 16 CFR 2.34, notice is hereby given that the above-captioned consent agreement containing a consent order to cease and desist, having been filed with and accepted, subject to final approval, by the Commission, has been placed on the public record for a period of sixty (60) 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 March 16, 1999), on the World Wide Web, at "<http://www.ftc.gov/os/actions97.htm>." A paper copy can be obtained from the FTC Public Reference Room, Room H-130, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580, either in person or by calling (202) 326-3627.

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Secretary, Room 159, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. Two paper copies of each comment should be filed, and should be accompanied, if possible, by a 3½ inch diskette containing an electronic copy of the comment. Such comments or views will be considered by the Commission and will be available for inspection and copying at its principal office in accordance with Section 4.9(b)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 4.9(b)(6)(ii)).

Analysis of Proposed Consent Order To Aid Public Comment

The Federal Trade Commission has accepted, subject to final approval, an agreement to a proposed consent order from respondent Woolrich, Inc.

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 (60) days, the Commission will again review the agreement and the comments received and will decide whether it should withdraw from the agreement and take other appropriate action or make final the agreement's proposed under.

This matter concerns practices related to the sale of textile and wool products by means of an on-line Internet catalog. The Commission's complaint charges that respondent violated the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. 41 *et seq.*, the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act, 15 U.S.C. 70 *et seq.*, and the Wool Products Labeling Act, 15 U.S.C. 68 *et seq.*, by failing to disclose in its on-line catalog whether products offered for sale were made in the U.S.A., imported, or both.

Part I of the proposed consent order prohibits future violations of the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act, the Wool Products Labeling Act, and Commission rules and regulations, found at 16 CFR parts 303 and 300, respectively, implementing the requirements of those statutes.

Part II of the proposed order requires the respondent, for five years after the date of issuance of the Order, to maintain records demonstrating compliance with the Order, including: (a) copies of mail order catalogs and mail order promotional materials, as defined in 16 CFR 303.1(u) and 300.1(h), that offer textile and/or wool products for direct sale to consumers; and (b) complaints and other communications with consumers, government agencies, or consumer protection organizations, pertaining to country-of-origin disclosures for textile and/or wool products.

Part III of the proposed order requires the respondent to distribute copies of the order to certain company officials and employees. Part IV of the proposed order requires the respondent to notify the Commission of any change in the corporation that may affect compliance obligations under the order. Part V of the proposed order requires the respondent to file one or more compliance reports. Part VI of the proposed order is a provision whereby the order, absent certain circumstances, terminates twenty years from the date of issuance.

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

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.

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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board

AGENCY: General Accounting Office.

ACTION: Notice of two-day meeting on April 12 and 13.

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 hold a two-day meeting on Monday, April 12 and Tuesday, April 13 from 9:00 to 4:30 PM in room 7C13, the Comptroller General's Briefing Room, of the General Accounting Office building, 441 G St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Discuss issues regarding Stewardship Reporting and Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), and
- Review FY 1998 Financial Reports, FASAB Projects Plans, and other miscellaneous items.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wendy Comes, Executive Director, 441 G St., N.W., Room 3B18, Washington, D.C. 20548, or call (202) 512-7350.

Authority: Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, Section 10(a)(2), 86