

organization named subscribes to the facts and opinions stated therein. Part IV of the proposed order requires respondent to disclose, in close proximity to any representation regarding the use or potential use of an automatic telephone dialing system, that federal law prohibits the use of an automatic telephone dialing system to initiate a telephone call to any residential telephone line using an artificial or prerecorded voice to transmit an unsolicited advertisement for commercial purposes without the prior express consent of the called party unless a live operator introduces the message.

The remaining parts of the proposed consent order require the respondent to maintain materials relied upon to substantiate claims covered by the order, to distribute copies of the order to each of its operating divisions and to certain company officials, to notify the Commission of any changes in corporate structure that might affect compliance with the Order, and to file one or more compliance reports.

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.

Donald S. Clark,  
*Secretary.*

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[Dkt. C-3689]

**Fresenius AG, 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 or deceptive acts or practices and unfair methods of competition, this consent order requires, among other things, the California-based subsidiary of Fresenius AG to divest its Lewisberry, Pennsylvania hemodialysis concentrate production facility to Di-Chem, Inc., of Maple Grove, Minnesota, or to another Commission-approved acquirer, if the Di-Chem deal falls through.

**DATES:** Complaint and Order issued October 15, 1996.<sup>1</sup>

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On Thursday, August 1, 1996, there was published in the Federal Register, 61 FR 40220, a proposed consent agreement with analysis In the Matter of Fresenius AG, et al. for the 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.

No comments having been received, 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 divest, as set forth in 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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**Koninklijke Ahold nv, 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 or deceptive acts or practices and unfair methods of competition, this consent order requires, among other things, a Georgia-based supermarket chain to divest a total of 30 supermarkets or supermarket properties, within 30 days, to Commission-approved acquirers. If the transactions are not completed as required, the Commission may appoint a trustee to divest the properties.

**DATES:** Complaint and Order issued September 30, 1996.<sup>1</sup>

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marimichael Skubel, Federal Trade Commission, 6th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room S-2105, Washington, DC 20580, (202) 326-2611.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On Thursday, July 25, 1996, there was published in the Federal Register, 61 FR 38741, a proposed consent agreement

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with analysis In the Matter of Koninklijke Ahold nv, et al., for the 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.

Comments were 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 divest, as set forth in 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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**The Loewen 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 or deceptive acts or practices and unfair methods of competition, this consent order requires, among other things, a Kentucky-based company to divest a funeral home in Castlewood, Virginia, within nine months, to a Commission-approved acquirer. If the transaction is not completed as required, the Commission may appoint a trustee to divest the property.

**DATES:** Complaint and Order issued July 29, 1996.<sup>1</sup>

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Carter or Gary Kennedy, Dallas Regional Office, Federal Trade Commission, 1999 Bryan St., Suite 2150, Dallas, TX 75201. (214) 979-0907.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On Wednesday, May 22, 1996, there was published in the Federal Register, 61 FR 25672, a proposed consent agreement with analysis In the Matter of The Loewen Group Inc., et al., for the 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

No comments having been received, 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 divest, as set forth in 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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**The Loewen 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 or deceptive acts or practices and unfair methods of competition, this consent order requires, among other things, a Kentucky-based company to divest one of its three funeral homes in Brownsville, Texas and either a large funeral home in San Benito, Texas, or two smaller funeral homes in Harlingen, Texas, within 12 months, to Commission-approved acquirers. If the transactions are not completed as required, the Commission may appoint a trustee to divest the properties.

**DATES:** Complaint and Order issued July 29, 1996.<sup>1</sup>

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Carter, Dallas Regional Office, Federal Trade Commission, 1999 Bryan St., Suite 2150, Dallas, TX 75201. (214) 979-0907.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On Wednesday, May 22, 1996, there was published in the Federal Register, 61 FR 25677, a proposed consent agreement with analysis in the Matter of The Loewen Group Inc., et al., for the 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.

No comments having been received, 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 divest, as set forth in 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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**The May Department Stores Co.; 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 or deceptive acts or practices and unfair methods of competition, this consent order requires, among other things, a Missouri-based company to cease unwarranted collection activity on certain acquired credit card accounts, to correct the inaccurate or obsolete credit data it sent to credit reporting agencies concerning these accounts, and to take steps to ensure that the information maintained and reported with respect to the acquired accounts is accurate. In addition, the consent order prohibits the respondent from sending credit cards to consumers, except: in response to an oral or written request or application for the credit card; or as a renewal of, or substitute for, an accepted credit card.

**DATES:** Complaint and Order issued July 9, 1996.<sup>1</sup>

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher W. Keller, FTC/S-4429, Washington, DC 20580. (202) 326-3159.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On Tuesday, April 30, 1996, there was published in the Federal Register, 61 FR 19064, a proposed consent agreement with analysis in the Matter of The May Department Stores Company, for the 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.

No comments having been received, 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. Interpret or apply sec. 5, 38 Stat. 719, as amended; 82 Stat. 146, 147; 15 U.S.C. 45, 1601, *et seq.*)

Donald S. Clark,

*Secretary.*

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**Synchronys Softcorp, 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 or deceptive acts or practices and unfair methods of competition, this consent order prohibits, among other things, the California-based computer software manufacturer and three of its officers from making performance claims regarding their software programs or any substantially similar product unless the claims are true and substantiated. The consent order also prohibits the respondents from making any claims that a product intended to improve computer performance is licensed, endorsed, authorized, or certified by any person or organization, unless those claims are true.

**DATES:** Complaint and Order issued October 7, 1996.<sup>1</sup>

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Bloom or Robin Eichen, Federal Trade Commission, New York Regional Office, 150 William St., Suite 1300, New York, N.Y. 10038. (212) 264-1201.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On Thursday, July 25, 1996, there was published in the Federal Register, 61 FR 38747, a proposed consent agreement with analysis in the Matter of Synchronys Softcorp, et al., for the 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.

No comments having been received, 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.

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