

Analysis of Proposed Consent Order to Aid Public Comment

The Federal Trade Commission ("the Commission") has accepted an agreement to a proposed consent order from the Korean Video Stores Association of Maryland, Chang Hyun Cho, Bong Soo Ha, Yoo Kwan Jun, Dae Yong Kang, Yong Hoon Kang, Mi La Kim, Ki Sik Kim, Suk C. Kim, Ju Young Lee, Kyeong Hae Lee, Chang Jin Park, Mi Hwa Park, Young Min Ro, Chae Sul Song, Tae Eung Yu, and Seung Man Yun ("Respondents").

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 or make final the agreement's proposed order.

The Commission's investigation of this matter concerns the Respondents' joint retail video tape rental pricing activity in 1993. The Commission alleges in its proposed complaint that the Respondents agreed to increase the retail price of Korean language video tape rentals in the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. area; and, in furtherance of the joint price increase agreement, the Respondents announced the price increase to the general public by displaying at each Respondent's place of business a poster setting forth the joint price increase agreement and signed in the name of the Korean Video Stores Association of Maryland ("Video Association"). The Commission alleges that the Respondents' acts and practices constitute unfair methods of competition in violation of Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act.

The order, accepted for public comment, prohibits the Respondents from directly or indirectly entering into a price fixing agreement in the retail video tape rental business. The order also prohibits the Respondents from taking any other actions that may harm price competition in the retail video tape rental business. In addition, the order requires the individual Respondents to either discontinue or leave a meeting of the Respondents if a person or persons make impermissible statements concerning retail video tape rental fees.

The order would also prohibit the Video Association from interfering with its individual members' pricing decisions and from acting as a forum for discussion or agreement on retail video tape rental fees. The order further

requires the Respondents to display a corrective poster at each Respondent's place of business, and requires the Video Association to publish the Korean text (translated to Korean by Commission staff from the English version approved by the Commission) of the corrective poster in three major local Korean language daily newspapers.

Under the order, the Respondents are required to file written compliance reports with the Commission. The order terminates automatically twenty years from the date of issuance.

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 in any way their terms.

Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.

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Louis Bass, Inc.; 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 Wisconsin corporation, doing business as Crestwood Company, from making false or unsubstantiated performance claims about any communication aid it offers in the future, and from making representations concerning the efficacy of the communication devices in enabling individuals with disabilities to communicate through facilitated communication, unless the respondent possesses competent and reliable scientific evidence to substantiate the representation.

DATES: Complaint and Order issued March 13, 1995.¹

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Klurfeld or Kerry O'Brien, San Francisco Regional Office, Federal Trade Commission, 901 Market St., Suite 570, San Francisco, CA. 94103. (415) 744-7920.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Wednesday, January 4, 1995, there was published in the **Federal Register**, 60 FR 467, a proposed consent agreement with

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.

analysis in the Matter of Louis Bass, Inc., 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. Interprets or applies sec. 5, 38 Stat. 719, as amended; 15 U.S.C. 45, 52)

Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.

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Wright Medical Technology, 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 requires, among other things, a Tennessee-based research and development corporation to transfer to the Mayo Foundation, the licensor of the implant technology to Orthomet, Inc., a complete copy of all assets relating to Orthomet's business of researching and developing orthopaedic implants for use in human hands, and also requires Wright Medical Technology to obtain Commission approval before acquiring any interest in any firm that has received, or has applied for, Food and Drug Administration approval to market orthopaedic hand implants in the United States.

DATES: Complaint and Order issued March 23, 1995.¹

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard B. Dagen, FTC/S-2627, Washington, DC. 20580. (202) 326-2628.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Wednesday, January 4, 1995, there was published in the **Federal Register**, 60 FR 460, a proposed consent agreement with analysis in the Matter of Wright Medical Technology, Inc., et al, for the purpose

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