

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551
STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any matters carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; 202-452-3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.bog.frb.fed.us> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: March 26, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 962-3063]

Altmeyer Home 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.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 29, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159, 6th St. and Pa. Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: C. Steven Baker of John C. Hallerud, Chicago Regional Office, 55 East Monroe Street, Suite 1860, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 960-5634.

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 24, 1998), 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, Sixth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580, either in person or by calling (202) 326-3627. Public comment is invited. 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 an agreement, subject to final approval, to a proposed consent order from respondent Altmeyer Home Stores, Inc. ("Altmeyer").

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 order.

This matter concerns notification requirements under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1681. That statute required at the time of the alleged violations, among other things, that employment applicants who are denied employment, either in whole or in part, because of information in consumer reports obtained from consumer reporting agencies, be provided with the name and address of the agency making the consumer report. The failure to provide the notice required by the statute lessens consumers' access to information that may have led to the denial of

employment. Proper notice assists consumers in discovering inaccurate or obsolete information in consumer reports that the consumers can subsequently dispute and correct. The use of consumer reports to assist in evaluating employment applications has become increasingly popular in recent years and, consequently, the significance of this notification requirement has heightened.

The Commission's complaint alleges that Altmeyer has denied employment applications based, in whole or in part, on information contained in consumer reports, failed to advise such job applicants that the denial was based in whole or in part on information contained in a consumer report, and failed to supply such applicants with the name and address of the agency making the report, as required by Section 615(a) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1681m(a), prior to the amendments effective September 30, 1997. The complaint also alleges that the failure to advise these job applicants constitutes a violation of Section 615(a) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1681m(a). The complaint further alleges that, pursuant to Section 621(a) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1681s, a violation of Section 615(a) constitutes an unfair or deceptive act or practice in violation of Section 5(a)(1) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45(a)(1).

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

Part I of the consent agreement prohibits violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act as it existed during the time of the investigation (*i.e.*, October 1, 1995), and prospectively requires compliance with Section 615, pursuant to amendments to the Fair Credit Reporting Act effective September 30, 1997, and as the Fair Credit Reporting Act may be amended in the future. Pursuant to Section 615(c) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, Part I provides that Altmeyer will not be held liable for violations of Section 615 if it shows by a preponderance of the evidence that it maintained reasonable procedures for complying with Section 615.

Part II is a five year record keeping provision. Part III requires that Altmeyer distribute copies of the order for five years. Part IV requires notice to the Commission of changes in corporate structure for the duration of the consent agreement. Part V provides for compliance reports. Finally, Part VI

terminates the consent agreement after twenty years.

The Fair Credit Reporting Act was extensively amended effective September 30, 1997 and now contains significant additional requirements for employers using consumer 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.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Program Support Center

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Program Support Center (PSC), publishes a list of information collections it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) and 5 CFR 1320.5. The following information collection was recently submitted to OMB:

1. Application Packets for Real Property for Public Health Purposes—0937-0191—Reinstatement.

The Department of Health and Human Services administers a program to convey or lease surplus real property to States and their political subdivisions and instrumentalities, to tax-supported institutions, and to nonprofit institutions to be used for health purposes. State and local governments and nonprofit organizations use these applications to apply for excess/surplus, underutilized/unutilized and off-site Government real property. Information in the application is used to determine eligibility to purchase, lease, or use property under the provisions of the surplus property program. The instructions have been reduced from six (6) packets to three (3) to streamline and consolidate the health and homeless application processes. The Environmental information form, used to evaluate potential environmental effects of a proposal as required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, is being revised to provide factual data to support the response to each

question and to leave no doubt about what conditions or adverse effects are being considered as well as to make it more user friendly. *Respondents:* State, Local or Tribal Governments; not-for-profit institutions; *Total Number of Respondents:* 55 per calendar year; *Number of Responses per Respondent:* one response per request; *Average Burden per Response:* 200 hours; *Estimated Annual Burden:* 11,000 hours.

OMB Desk officer: Allison Eydt.

Copies of the information collection package listed above can be obtained by calling the PSC Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-2045. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the OMB desk officer designated above at the following address: Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments may also be sent to Douglas F. Mortl, PSC Reports Clearance Officer, Room 17A-08, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received on or before April 29, 1998.

Dated: March 23, 1998.

Lynnda M. Regan,

Director, Program Support Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Meeting

The National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting:

Name: Current Status of the Vessel Sanitation Program (VSP) and Experience to Date with Program Operations—Public meeting between CDC and the cruise ship industry, private sanitation consultants, and other interested parties.

Time and Date: 9 a.m.–1 p.m., April 28, 1998.

Place: DoubleTree Grand Hotel, Biscayne Bay Miami, 1717 North Bayshore Drive, Miami, Florida 33132, telephone 305/372-0313, fax 305/539-9228.

Status: Open to the public, limited by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

Purpose: During the past 12 years, as part of the revised VSP, CDC has conducted a series of public meetings with members of

the cruise ship industry, private sanitation consultants, and other interested parties.

This meeting is a continuation of that series of public meetings to discuss current status of the VSP and experience to date with program operations.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items will include a VSP Program Director Update; 1997 Program Review; Canadian/U.S. Harmonization Update; Revision of the "Final Recommended Shipbuilding Construction Guidelines for Cruise Vessels Destined to Call on U.S. Ports"; Update on Disease Surveillance and Outbreak Investigations; Revision of the VSP Operations Manual; Consultation Fees; and VSP Training Seminars.

For a period of 15 days following the meeting, through May 19, 1998, the official record of the meeting will remain open so that additional materials or comments may be submitted to be made part of the record of the meeting.

Advanced registration is encouraged. Please provide the following information: name, title, company name, mailing address, telephone number, facsimile number and E-mail address to Sharon Dickerson, Program Analyst, facsimile 770/488-4127 or E-mail: shd2@cdc.gov.

Contact Person for More Information: Daniel Harper, Chief, VSP, Special Programs Group, NCEH, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, M/S F-16, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3724, telephone 770/488-3524, E-mail: dmh2@cdc.gov, or David Forney, Public Health Advisor, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, telephone 770/488-7333 or E-mail: dlf1@cdc.gov.

Dated: March 23, 1998.

Carolyn J. Russell,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[Program Announcement No. 93631-98-01]

Developmental Disabilities: Request for Public Comments on Proposed Developmental Disabilities Funding Priorities for Projects of National Significance for Fiscal Year 1998

AGENCY: Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD), ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments on developmental disabilities tentative funding priority for Projects of National Significance for Fiscal Year 1998.

SUMMARY: The Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) announced that public comments are