

Crime Bill (15 U.S.C. 45a) governs the use of certain Made in USA claims. Section 320933 states, *inter alia*, that "Made in the U.S.A." or "Made in America" claims or their equivalent shall be consistent with decisions and orders of the Federal Trade Commission. The section further states that the section "shall be effective upon publication in the **Federal Register** of a Notice of the provisions of this section. The Commission shall publish such notice within six months after the enactment of this section."

The text of Section 320933 of the Crime Bill is as follows:

To the extent that any person introduces, delivers for introduction, sells, advertises, or offers for sale in commerce a product with a "Made in the U.S.A." or "Made in America" label, or the equivalent thereof, in order to represent that such product was in whole or substantial part of domestic origin, such label shall be consistent with decisions and orders of the Federal Trade Commission issued pursuant to section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act. This section only applies to such labels. Nothing in this section shall preclude the application of other provisions of law relating to labeling. The Commission may periodically consider an appropriate percentage of imported components which may be included in the product and still be reasonably consistent with such decisions and orders. Nothing in this section shall preclude use of such labels for products that contain imported components under the label when the label also discloses such information in a clear and conspicuous manner. The Commission shall administer this section pursuant to section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act and may from time to time issue rules pursuant to section 553 of Title 5, United States Code for such purpose. If a rule is issued, such violation shall be treated by the Commission as a violation of a rule under section 18 of the Federal Trade Commissions [sic] Act (15 U.S.C. 57a) regarding unfair or deceptive acts or practices. This section shall be effective upon publication in the **Federal Register** of a Notice of the provisions of this section. The Commission shall publish such notice within six months after the enactment of this section.

Section 320933 provides that Made in USA claims are to be consistent with section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 45 ("unfair or deceptive acts or practices"), and that the Commission may reexamine the application of its legal standard to particular facts as circumstances warrant. This provision authorizes the Commission to issue rules with respect to certain Made in USA claims. The Commission has made no determination whether rulemaking would be appropriate. However, the comments the Commission has received in response to a proposed consent agreement in *Hyde Athletic Industries,*

*Inc.*³ suggests that additional guidance may be appropriate in this area. Should the Commission so determine, further opportunity for public input will be considered.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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Depository Library Council to the Public Printer; Meeting

The Depository Library Council to the Public Printer (DLC) will hold its Spring 1995 meeting on Monday, April 10, 1995, through Wednesday, April 12, 1995, in Arlington, Virginia. The meeting sessions will take place from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Monday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, and from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday. The sessions will be held at the Rosslyn Westpark Hotel, 1900 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22209. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Federal Depository Library Program. The meeting is open to the public.

A limited number of hotel rooms have been reserved at the Rosslyn Westpark for anyone needing hotel accommodations. Telephone: 800-368-3408 or 703-527-4814; FAX: 703-522-8864. Please specify the Depository

³ File No. 922-3236 (accepted for public comment Sept. 20, 1994, Commissioners Azcuenaga and Owen dissenting). In that matter, the Commission alleged that the company falsely implied that all, or virtually all, of the component parts of its product and all, or virtually all, of the labor used in assembling its product was domestic when, in fact, a substantial portion of the firm's product line was assembled overseas of foreign component parts, and a substantial portion of the products assembled in the United States was composed of foreign component parts. The proposed order provided that unqualified Made in USA claims will be permitted "so long as all, or virtually all, of the component parts of the footwear are made in the United States and all, or virtually all, of the labor in assembling the footwear is performed in the United States." 59 FR 48892, 48893 (1994). After reviewing the comments received, the Commission will issue a public notice of its disposition in *Hyde*. (A consent agreement that the Commission has accepted subject to final approval is placed on the public record for a 60-day comment period, after which the Commission decides whether to make the agreement final. See Rule 2.34 of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 16 CFR 2.34).

At the same time that it published its proposed consent agreement with *Hyde*, the Commission also issued a complaint against New Balance Athletic Shoe, Inc., Docket No. 9268 (Commissioner Azcuenaga dissenting). That matter is currently in litigation before an administrative law judge.

Library Council when you contact the hotel. Room cost per night is \$87.

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The Federal Register Online Via GPO Access; Public Meeting for Federal, State and Local Agencies, and Others Interested in a Demonstration of GPO Access, the Online Service Providing the Federal Register and Other Federal Databases

The Superintendent of Documents will hold two public meetings for Federal, state and local government agencies, and others interested in an overview and demonstration of the Government Printing Office's online service GPO Access, provided under the Government Printing Office Electronic Information Access Enhancement Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-40).

Two sessions are available on Wednesday, March 29, 1995, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Both sessions will be held at the University of Illinois-Chicago, Chicago Illini Union, 828 Walcott, Chicago, Illinois 60612.

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Other databases currently available online through GPO Access include the Congressional Record; Congressional Record Index, including the History of Bills; Congressional Bills; Public Laws; and U.S. Code.

Individuals interested in attending either session should contact the GPO's Office of Electronic Information Dissemination Services, John Berger, Product Manager, on 202-512-1525; (FAX) 202-512-1262; or by Internet e-mail at help@eids05.eids.gpo.gov. Seating reservations will be accepted through Friday, March 24, 1995.

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