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Analysis of Proposed Consent Order To Aid Public Comment

The Federal Trade Commission has accepted, subject to final approval, an agreement containing a consent order from Sharp Electronics Corporation ("Sharp").

The proposed consent order has been placed on the public record for thirty (30) days for receipt of comments by interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After thirty (30) 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.

Sharp advertises and sells the "Mobilon" line of hand-held personal computers ("HPCs"). Sharp's Mobilon HPCs, as well as similar devices from several other manufacturers, use the Microsoft Windows CE operating system. This operating system and several applications, including a word processor, a spreadsheet, and a database, are installed on these devices' ROM board. HPCs are designed to be upgradeable to newer versions of the operating system and/or applications through the purchase and installation of a new ROM board.

This matter concerns allegedly false and deceptive advertising of Sharp's Mobilon HPCs. The Commission's proposed complaint alleges that Sharp claimed that it would offer to its Mobilon customers an upgrade to a later version of the Microsoft Windows CE operating system when such a later version became available. In fact, Sharp never offered to its Mobilon customers an upgrade to a later version of the Microsoft Windows CE operating system when such a later version became available. Further, the company continued to represent that its Mobilon HPCs were upgradeable for several months after deciding not to offer an upgrade.

The proposed consent order contains provisions designed to prevent Sharp from engaging in similar acts and practices in the future. Part I of the proposed Order prohibits the company from misrepresenting the availability of any upgrade product. Part II of the proposed order requires Sharp to offer the promised upgrade to consumers who purchased a Mobilon 4100, 4500, or 4600 handheld PC. Under this provision, Mobilon owners may obtain

the upgrade for the payment of a shipping and handling charge of \$10. Parts III through VI of the proposed order are reporting and compliance provisions. Part VII is a provision "sunsetting" the order after twenty years, with certain exceptions.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the proposed 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 the direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Interest Rate on Overdue Debts

January 31, 2001.

Section 30.13 of the Department of Health and Human Services' claims collection regulations (45 CFR part 30) provides that the Secretary shall charge an annual rate of interest as fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury after taking into consideration private consumer rates of interest prevailing on the date that HHS becomes entitled to recovery. The rate generally cannot be lower than the Department of Treasury's current value of funds rate or the applicable rate determined from the "Schedule of Certified Interest Rates with Range of Maturities." This rate may be revised quarterly by the Secretary of the Treasury and shall be published quarterly by the Department of Health and Human Services in the **Federal Register**.

The Secretary of the Treasury has certified a rate of 14 $\frac{1}{8}$ % for the quarter ended December 31, 2000. This interest rate will remain in effect until such time as the Secretary of the Treasury notifies HHS of any change.

Dated: January 31, 2001.

George Strader,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Finance.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 639-7090.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques for other forms of information technology. Send comments to Anne O'Connor, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

Evaluating HIV Prevention Programs in Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)—New—The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP) proposes to develop and test a model of HIV prevention community-based organization (CBO) functioning using a one time data collection questionnaire. Each CBO will be asked to answer questions related to the existence and importance of factors affecting their HIV prevention interventions. This data collection is necessary for CDC to better (a) assess CBO applications systematically for funding, (b) develop materials CBOs can use to assess their own programmatic needs and create a social map of their target populations, including a CBO profile of organizational, environmental, target population, intervention program