

paper copies of each comment should be filed, and should be accompanied, if possible by a 3½ inch diskette containing an electronic copy of the comment. 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 Rule 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 Pharmaceutical Formulations, Inc. ("PFI").

The proposed consent order has been placed on the public record for thirty (30) days for reception 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 and take other appropriate action or make final the agreement's proposed order.

This matter concerns "Made in U.S.A." claims on packaging and labeling for PFI's aspirin and acetaminophen tablets sold at retail bearing private brand names. The Commission's complaint alleges that respondent misrepresented on packaging and labeling that certain of these products, manufactured for customers such as Kmart, Duane Reade, Eckerd, and Harris Teeter, are all or virtually all made in the United States. According to the complaint, these products are actually made with significant foreign content. The products' active ingredients, bulk aspirin and acetaminophen compounds, that respondent processed into aspirin and acetaminophen tablets, are or were made outside the United States. The imported bulk aspirin and acetaminophen comprise a substantial percentage of total manufacturing costs and impart the crucial analgesic quality to the OTC products at issue. The Commission's complaint does not allege that all of PFI's private label aspirin and acetaminophen brands or products are mislabeled, but only that certain products for certain customers have been improperly labeled.

The proposed consent order contains a provision that is designed to remedy the charges and to prevent the respondent from engaging in similar acts and practices in the future. Part I of the proposed order prohibits PFI from

misrepresenting the extent to which any non-prescription drug product containing an analgesic is made in the United States. The order defines "analgesic" as an agent used to alleviate pain. The proposed order would allow PFI to represent that such products are made in the United States as long as all, or virtually all, of the ingredients or component parts of such products are made in the United States and all, or virtually all, of the labor in manufacturing such products is performed in the United States. The proposed order also would allow PFI to represent that a product containing imported active ingredient(s) is "Processed in the United States with Foreign Ingredients" when describing a product that has been "significantly processed" in the United States.

The draft order also includes a provision that would allow PFI to use its current packaging inventory until December 31, 2001.

Part II of the proposed order requires the respondent to maintain materials relied upon in disseminating any representation covered by the order. Part III of the proposed order requires the respondent to distribute copies of the order to certain company officials and employees. Part IV of the proposed order requires the respondent to notify the Commission of any change in the corporation that may affect compliance obligations under the order. Part V of the proposed order requires the respondent to file one or more compliance reports. Part VI of the proposed order is a provision whereby the order, absent certain circumstances, terminates twenty years from the date of issuance.

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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SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the appointment of members of the updated OGE Senior Executive Service (SES) Performance Review Board.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 14, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Dunning, Deputy Director for Administration and Information Management, Office of Government Ethics, Suite 500, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005-3917; Telephone: 202-208-8000; TDD: 202-208-8025; FAX: 202-208-8037.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 5 U.S.C. 4314(c) requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management at 5 CFR part 430, subpart C and § 430.310 thereof in particular, one or more Senior Executive Service performance review boards. As a small executive branch agency, OGE has just one board. In order to ensure an adequate level of staffing and to avoid a constant series of recusals, the designated members of OGE's SES Performance Review Board are being drawn, as in the past, primarily from the SES ranks of other agencies because OGE itself currently has four SES members. The board shall review and evaluate the initial appraisal of each OGE senior executive's performance by his or her supervisor, along with any recommendations in each instance to the appointing authority relative to the performance of the senior executive. This notice updates the membership of OGE's SES Performance Review Board as it was last published at 61 FR 30927 (June 18, 1996).

Approved: November 7, 2001.

Amy L. Comstock,
Director, Office of Government Ethics.

The following have been selected as regular members of the SES Performance Review Board of the Office of Government Ethics:

Dan D. Dunning [Chair], Deputy Director for Administration and Information Management, Office of Government Ethics;

Joseph E. Gangloff, Senior Counsel, Office of International Affairs, Department of Justice;

James H. Thessin, Deputy Legal Adviser, Department of State;

Steven Y. Winnick, Deputy General Counsel, Department of Education.

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Updated OGE Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

ACTION: Notice.