Commission will convene a public forum on April 30–May 2, 2003. Email marketers, ''anti-spammers,'' ISPs, ISP abuse department personnel, spam filter operators, other email technology professionals, consumers, consumer groups, and law enforcement officials are especially encouraged to participate.

Panel #1 will consist of consumers, email marketers, anti-spammers, ISP abuse department personnel and filter programmers discussing their daily experiences with spam.

Panel #2 will focus on the email address gathering process and the implications that address gathering technology has on consumer participation in e-commerce and the Internet. The harvesting of email addresses from the Web, newsgroups and chat rooms will be discussed, along with lists available for sale. Panelists also will speak about the distribution of email to those lists through spamware. The panel also will address the issue of consent and disclosures in voluntarily obtaining consumers' email addresses.

Panel #3 will address the aspects of spam that can be falsified by senders, including false from and reply-to addresses, false routing information, deceptive subject lines, and fraudulent removal representations.

Panel #4 will explore the costs and benefits of spam to consumers, ISPs, and email marketers. Panelists will comment on the costs of sending spam relative to traditional forms of marketing. The amounts spent by ISPs on filtering, bandwidth, and customer service will be explored. How those ISP costs are passed onto consumers will be addressed, as well as consumers' costs in time and decreased Internet participation.

Panel #5 will cover security weaknesses inherent in email transfer technology and the way that spammers exploit these weaknesses. Open Relays, Open Proxies and FormMail Scripts will be discussed in terms of their legitimate purposes, costs to the open technology providers, use in sending spam, and processes for securing those weaknesses.

Panel #6 will address blacklists, which consist of lists of domain names or Internet Protocol (''IP'') addresses of suspected spammers. Maintained by private entities, the lists are used to block email from those names and IP addresses. Issues for the panel include standards for being placed on blacklists, how to remove one's IP address or domain name from a blacklist, and whether the use of such lists constitutes an unfair business practice.

Panel #7 will discuss nefarious files that are downloaded with the content of email messages, including viruses, Web beacons, and spyware.

Panel #8 will cover issues specific to wireless devices, including the nature of text-based messaging and wireless email. The economic burdens that recipients incur in per-message and per-minute service rates will be of particular interest, along with the international experience and forecasts for increased wireless messaging.

Panel #9 will explore current and proposed legislation, including U.S. federal and state bills. Consumer and ISP private right of action clauses and the preemption of state law by federal law will be issues of prominence, as well as the effect legislation might have on email marketing. The panel also will examine any constitutional limitations on legislation.

Panel #10 will examine proposed and current international spam legislation, including policy decisions behind those statutes. Panelists also will discuss their experience and plans for enforcing international laws.

Panel #11 will discuss recent private and governmental spam law enforcement actions and the challenges of litigating spam cases. Some of the challenges that will be discussed include cost-effectiveness, tracking spammers, collecting evidence across borders, and effecting relief against international entities.

Panel #12 will focus on best practices for e-mail senders and receivers. E-mail recipient topics will include keeping e-mail addresses private, evaluating privacy policies and consent terms, using filters and responding to removal requests. E-mail sender topics include providing removal mechanisms, providing valid ''from'' addresses, and using opt-in or confirmed recipient lists.

Panel #13 will explore evolving technologies that aim to eliminate spam or offset its negative effects. The technologies include filtering technology, such as white lists and bonded sender programs, among others.

Panel #14 will discuss possible structural changes to the way e-mail is sent and delivered, including new mail transfer protocols and proposals to reverse the cost model of e-mail.

Requests To Participate as a Panelist in the Forum

Those parties who wish to participate as panelists in the forum must notify the FTC in writing of their interest by March 25, 2003, either by mail to the Secretary of the FTC or by e-mail to *SpamForum@ftc.gov*. Requests to participate as a panelist should be captioned ''Spam Forum—Request to Participate, P024407.'' Parties are asked to include in their requests the name and number of the panel on which they would like to participate, a statement setting forth their expertise in or knowledge of the issues on which the panel will focus, and their contact information, including a telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address. If requesting by mail, please submit an original and two copies of each document. Panelists will be notified by April 8, 2003, whether they have been selected.

Using the following criteria, FTC staff will select a limited number of panelists to participate in the forum:

1. The party has expertise in or knowledge of the issues that are the focus of the forum.

2. The party's participation would promote a balance of interests being represented at the forum.

3. The party has been designated by one or more interested parties as a party who shares group interests with the designator(s).

In addition, there will be time during the forum for those not serving as panelists to comment or ask questions.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Docket No. 9303]

Lentek International, Inc., et al.; 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 complaint 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 March 5, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments filed in paper form should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159–H, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580. Comments filed in electronic form should be directed to: *consentagreement@ftc.gov*, as prescribed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elena Paoli or Carol Jennings, FTC,

Bureau of Consumer Protection, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580, (202) 326–2974 or (202) 326–3010.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and § 3.25(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 16 CFR 3.25(f), 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 thirty (30) 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 February 4, 2003), on the World Wide Web, at *http://www.ftc.gov/os/2003/02/index.htm*. A paper copy can be obtained from the FTC Public Reference Room, Room 130–H, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580, either in person or by calling (202) 326–2222.

Public comments are invited, and may be filed with the Commission in either paper or electronic form. Comments filed in paper form should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159–H, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580. If a comment contains nonpublic information, it must be filed in paper form, and the first page of the document must be clearly labeled ''confidential.'' Comments that do not contain any nonpublic information may instead be filed in electronic form (in ASCII format, WordPerfect, or Microsoft Word) as part of or as an attachment to e-mail messages directed to the following e-mail box: *consentagreement@ftc.gov*. Such comments 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, subject to final approval, an agreement to a proposed consent order by respondents Lentek International, Inc., Joseph Durek, individually, and Lou Lentine, individually and as an officer of the corporation.

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 practices related to the advertising, offering for sale, sale, and distribution of various air cleaning products and ultrasonic/electromagnetic pest control devices. The Commission's complaint charged that respondents violated the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. 41 *et seq.*, by making numerous representations that were false and/or for which they lacked a reasonable basis of substantiation. These representations concerned the following: the ability of Lentek's Sila Air Cleaning Products to eliminate various pollutants from indoor air; the health benefits of using the Sila Air Cleaning Products; the ability of Lentek's PestContro products to repel or eliminate various animal or insect pests from a user's home or outdoor space; the ability of various PestContro products to eliminate animal or insect pests within a space of a given size; the ability of the electromagnetic devices to drive away pests by altering the electromagnetic field inside the walls and wiring of a home; the ability of Lentek's MosquitoContro Products to repel mosquitoes from a user's body; and that the MosquitoContro Products are an effective alternative to the use of chemical pesticides or other products formulated to kill or repel mosquitoes in the prevention of West Nile Virus.

Part I of the proposed order prohibits any representation that any air cleaning product will eliminate, remove, clear, clean, neutralize, sanitize, oxidize, control, or reduce any indoor air pollutant, or that use of such product will prevent, reduce the incidence of, or provide relief from any medical or health-related condition, unless respondents possess competent and reliable scientific evidence that substantiates the representation.

Part II of the proposed order prohibits any representation that PestContro products (or similar pest control products utilizing sonic, ultrasonic, and/or electromagnetic technology) will repel, control, or eliminate, temporarily or indefinitely, any rodent, insect, or other animal pest, or that they will do so in an area of a certain size, unless respondents possess competent and reliable scientific evidence that substantiates the representation.

Part III of the proposed order prohibits any representation that PestContro products, or substantially similar products, will alter the electromagnetic field inside the walls or wiring of a home in a manner that drives away insects, rodents, and other animal pests, unless the representation is true and respondents possess competent and reliable scientific evidence that substantiates the representation.

Part IV of the proposed order prohibits any representation that MosquitoContro products, or substantially similar products, will repel mosquitoes from a user's body, or that such products are an effective alternative to the use of chemical pesticides or other products formulated to kill or repel mosquitoes, unless the representation is true and respondents possess competent and reliable scientific evidence that substantiates the representation.

Part V of the proposed order prohibits unsubstantiated representations about the benefits, performance, or efficacy of any product.

Part VI of the proposed order is a record keeping provision that requires the respondents to maintain certain records for five (5) years after the last date of dissemination of any representation covered by the order. These records include: (1) All advertisements and promotional materials containing the representation; (2) all materials relied upon in disseminating the representation; and (3) all evidence in respondents' possession or control that contradicts, qualifies, or calls into question the representation or the basis for it.

Part VII of the proposed order requires distribution of the order to current and future principals, officers, directors, and managers, and to current and future employees, agents, and representatives having responsibilities with respect to the subject matter of the order.

Part VIII of the proposed order requires that the Commission be notified of any change in the corporation that might affect compliance obligations under the order. Part IX of the proposed order requires that for a period of ten (10) years, each individual respondent notify the Commission of the discontinuance of his current business or employment or of his affiliation with any new business or employment involving the sale of consumer products or services.

Part X of the proposed order requires the respondents to file a compliance report with the Commission.

Part XI of the proposed order states that, absent certain circumstance, the order will terminate twenty (20) years from the date it is issued.

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 their terms in any way.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day–03–42]

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) 498–1210.

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 or 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

Potential Reproductive and Neurological Effects of Exposure to Acrylamide—NEW—The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The mission of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is to promote safety and health at work for all people through research and prevention. Consistent with this mission, NIOSH is undertaking a study of the reproductive and neurobehavioral effects of occupational exposure to acrylamide. Acrylamide workers and control workers (n=100 per group) will be recruited from manufacturing, end-user, and non-exposed settings. Exposure will be characterized by acrylamide hemoglobin adduct and urinary metabolite levels, ambient area, personal air, and dermal sampling. Reproductive effects will be evaluated by examining semen quality, sperm DNA integrity, reproductive hormone levels, and prostate specific antigen levels (PSA).

Neurobehavioral effects will be assessed using sensation-tactile, postural stability, grooved pegboard, and simple reaction time tests. Two questionnaires will be administered on one occasion. Questionnaire information will be collected concurrently to augment test interpretation, adjust for potential confounders and covariates during regression analysis, correlate specific jobs and job activities with exposure measurements, and for validation purposes. Findings from this study will clarify if the adverse reproductive effects observed in animal studies are also present in acrylamide-exposed workers, and if preclinical neurobehavioral deficits are present at acrylamide doses currently considered to be within safe limits. This study is scheduled for implementation during 2003 and 2004. There are no costs to respondents.

Survey questionnaires	Number of respondents	Number of responses/ respondent	Average burden/response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
Medical & Reproductive History Questionnaire	200	1	13/60	43
Occupational History Questionnaire	200	1	34/60	113
Non-participant Questionnaire	50	1	2/60	2
Total				158

Dated: February 4, 2003.

Thomas Bartenfeld,

Acting Associate Director for Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS–4051–N]

Medicare Program; Renewal of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education (APME) and Notice of Meeting of the Advisory Panel—February 27, 2003

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of renewal and notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the renewal of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education (APME or the Panel). The Panel advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on opportunities to enhance the effectiveness of consumer education strategies concerning the Medicare program. This notice announces the signing of the APME charter renewal by the Secretary on January 21, 2003. The charter will terminate on January 21, 2005, unless renewed by the Secretary.

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, section 10(a) (Pub. L. 92–463) this notice also announces a meeting of the Advisory Panel on Medicare Education (the Panel) on