

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Product Act of 1993—Actuarial Standards Board**

Notice is hereby given that, on September 20, 2004, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), Actuarial Standards Board ("ASB") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the name and principal place of business of the standards development organization and (2) the nature and scope of its standards development activities. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances.

Pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act, the name and principal place of business of the standards development organization is: Actuarial Standards Board, Washington, DC. The nature and scope of ASB's standards development activities are: Development of technical standards of practice for actuaries practicing in the United States.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities**

Notice is hereby given that, on September 14, 2004, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities ("AAAASF") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the name and principal place of business of the standards development organization and (2) the nature and scope of its standards development activities. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act's provisions limiting

the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances.

Pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act, the name and principal place of business of the standards development organization is: American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, Gurnee, IL. The nature and scope of AAAASF's standards development activities are: the development of standards by which single-specialty and multi-specialty outpatient surgery facilities are accredited. The standards for accreditation of such surgery facilities are developed continually revised by AAAASF's committee of medical professionals.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists**

Notice is hereby given that, on September 13, 2004, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists ("AATCC") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the name and principal place of business of the standards development organization and (2) the nature and scope of its standards development activities. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances.

Pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act, the name and principal place of business of the standards development organization is: American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists, Research Triangle Park, NC. The nature and scope of AATCC's standards development activities are: to increase knowledge of the application of dyes and chemicals in the textile industry; encouragement of research on chemical processes and materials of important interest to the textile industry; and establishment of channels for information exchange among members. AATCC develops test

methods and evaluation procedures through research committees composed of volunteers from the following sectors: primary textile industry; fiber and yarn suppliers; chemical and dyes suppliers; machinery and instrument suppliers; retail, government, and independent testing laboratories; and academicians. Methods are grouped into the following categories: biological properties; colorfastness; dyeing properties; identification and analysis; and physical properties. AATCC test methods do not set pass/fail criteria or standards for performance. They provide a standard means for testing, often with an evaluation scale.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Antitrust Division****Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians**

Notice is hereby given that, on September 17, 2004, pursuant to section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.* ("the Act"), the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians ("ACOEP") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the name and principal place of business of the standards development organization and (2) the nature and scope of its standards development activities. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act's provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances.

Pursuant to section 6(b) of the Act, the name and principal place of business of the standards development organization is: American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians, Chicago, IL. The nature and scope of ACOEP's standards development activities are: To develop, plan, establish, coordinate and publish voluntary consensus standards applicable to the fields of emergency medicine, emergency medical services, and toxicology. Specifically, ACOEP develops, plans, establishes, coordinates, and publishes voluntary consensus standards in the form of basic standards for residency training in