FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Carey, FTC/H–374, Washington, DC 20580. (202) 326–3741.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Monday, December 16, 1996, there was published in the **Federal Register**, 61 FR 66041, a proposed consent agreement with analysis In the Matter of J.C. Penney Company, Inc., et al., for the purpose of soliciting public comment. Interested parties were given sixty (60) days in which to submit comments, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed form of the order.

No comments having been received, the Commission has ordered the issuance of the complaint in the form contemplated by the agreement, made its jurisdictional findings and entered an order to divest, as set forth in the proposed consent agreement, in disposition of this proceeding.

(Sec. 6, 38 Stat. 721; 15 U.S.C. 46. Interpret or apply sec. 5, 38 Stat. 719, as amended; sec. 7, 38 Stat. 731, as amended; 15 U.S.C. 45, 18)

Benjamin I. Berman,

Acting Secretary.

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[Dkt. C–3721]

J.C. Penney Company, Inc., et al.; Prohibited Trade Practices, and Affirmative Corrective Actions

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Consent order.

SUMMARY: In settlement of alleged violations of federal law prohibiting unfair or deceptive acts or practices and unfair methods of competition, this consent order requires, among other things, J.C. Penney and Thrift Drugs, its wholly-owned subsidiary, to divest by March 21, 1997, to a Commission-approved acquirer, a total of 161 drug stores in North and South Carolina. The consent order settles allegations that J.C. Penney's proposed acquisition of Eckerd Corporation, and 190 Rite Aid drug stores in these two states, violated antitrust laws by substantially reducing drug store competition.

DATES: Complaint and Order issued February 28, 1997.[1]

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Carey, FTC/H–374, Washington, D.C. 20580. (202) 326–3741.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Monday, December 16, 1996, there was published in the **Federal Register,** 61 FR 66041, a proposed consent agreement with analysis In the Matter of J.C. Penney Company, Inc., et al., for the purpose of soliciting public comment. Interested parties were given sixty (60) days in which to submit comments, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed form of the order.

No comments having been received, the Commission has ordered the issuance of the complaint in the form contemplated by the agreement, made its jurisdictional findings and entered an order to divest, as set forth in the proposed consent agreement, in disposition of this proceeding.

(Sec. 6, 38 Stat. 721; 15 U.S.C. 46. Interpret or apply sec. 5, 38 Stat. 719, as amended; sec. 7, 38 Stat. 731, as amended; 15 U.S.C. 45, 18)

Benjamin I. Berman,

Acting Secretary.

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[Dkt. C–3720]

Premier Products, Inc, et al.; Prohibited Trade Practices, and Affirmative Corrective Actions

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Consent order.

SUMMARY: In settlement of alleged violations of federal law prohibiting unfair or deceptive acts or practices and unfair methods of competition, this consent order prohibits, among other things, the New Jersey-based corporations, that advertise ''Miracle Thaw'' food thawing trays, the their officers from misrepresenting, with respect to any product involving the storage or preparation of food, the risk of buildup of harmful and unsafe levels of bacteria on food items defrosted, thawed, prepared, or stored using the product; the amount of time it may take to defrost, thaw, or prepare food items using the product; the process by which the product achieves any claimed defrosting, thawing, or preparation times; or the existence, contents, validity, results, conclusions, or interpretations of any test, study, or research.

DATES: Complaint and Order issued February 26, 1997.[1]

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phoebe Morse, Federal Trade Commission, Boston Regional Office, 101 Merrimac Street, Suite 810, Boston, MA. 02114–4719. (617) 424–5960.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Monday, December 16, 1996, there was published in the **Federal Register,** 61 FR 66043, a proposed consent agreement with analysis In the Matter of Premier Products, Inc., et al., for the purpose of soliciting public comment. Interested parties were given sixty (60) days in which to submit comments, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed form of the order.

No comments having been received, the Commission has ordered the issuance of the complaint in the form contemplated by the agreement, made its juridicational findings and entered an order to cease and desist, as set forth in the proposed consent agreement, in disposition of this proceeding.

(Sec. 6, 38 Stat. 721; 15 U.S.C. 46, Interprets or applies sec. 5, 38 Stat. 719, as amended; 15 U.S.C. 45)

Benjamin I. Berman,

Acting Secretary.

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[1] Copies of the Complaint and the Decision and Order are available from the Commission's Public Reference Branch, H–130, 6th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

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GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE

Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board

AGENCY: General Accounting Office.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), as amended, notice is hereby given that the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, March 27, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in room 7C13 of the General Accounting Office building, 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the following issues: (1) Social insurance, (2) software development costs, (3) expense/expenditure, and (4) environmental liabilities.

Any interested person may attend the meeting as an observer. Board discussions and reviews are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wendy Comes, Executive Director, 750 First St., NE., Room 1001, Washington, DC 20002, or call (202) 512–7350.

Authority: Federal Advisory Committee Act. Pub. L. No. 92–463, Section 10(a)(2), 86 Stat. 770, 774 (1972) (current version at 5 U.S.C. app. section 10(a)(2) (1988); 41 CFR 101–6.1015 (1990).

Dated: March 14, 1997.

Wendy M. Comes,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Office on (404) 639–7090. Send written comments to CDC, Desk Officer; Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235; Washington, DC 20503. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

The following requests have been submitted for review since the last publication date on March 12, 1997.

Proposed Project

1. Examination of Barriers to Participant Compliance in a Flexible Sigmoidoscopy Screening Program. Kaiser Foundation, Oakland—New—With colorectal cancer comprising the second highest mortality rate among all U.S. cancers and ranked as the fourth most common form of cancer, the active promotion of population-based screening and early detection is becoming increasingly important. Recognizing the importance of screening, American Cancer Society guidelines and the new US Preventive Services Task Force guidelines recommend colorectal cancer screening for individuals over the age of 50. Still, although early detection of colorectal neoplasms has been effectively demonstrated to significantly reduce morbidity and mortality and associated economic costs, compliance is very low. This three-year study involving investigators at one of the nation's largest Health Maintenance Organizations'' research foundation (Kaiser Foundation of Northern California) seeks to identify barriers associated with low compliance in a colorectal cancer screening program utilizing flexible sigmoidoscopy.

Phase I will target and recruit participants from an existing pool of Health Maintenance Organization enrollees who are at a relatively high age-related risk (ages 50–64) for developing colorectal cancers via short survey and invitation to screening. In Phase II, investigators will conduct a telephone survey to identify the relative impact of economic, psychological, and related factors on participation and non-participation in the mass screening programs. In phase III, investigators will analyze and widely disseminate results of the study via publication in the professional literature. Results will also be made available to participants upon request. Interventions designed to mitigate the barriers identified through this study will be incorporated into future screening efforts and general health education/health promotion efforts.

Participation in this study is voluntary and subsequent follow-up and treatment, if indicated, will be provided at no cost to participants. Informed consent will be obtained where appropriate and oversight will be provided by federal and institutional review. The total annual burden hours are 2,141.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses/ respondent	Average burden/response (in hrs.)
HMO Enrollees	6165	1	.3473

2. Reliability and Validity Assessment of the Use of Scales of Stressful Life Events in Black Women of Reproductive Age (0920–0356)—Extension—A CDC review of studies of psychosocial factors and adverse pregnancy outcome supports the hypothesis that high levels of exposure to stressful life experiences put black women at increased risk for adverse reproductive outcome, particularly Preterm Delivery (PTD) and Very Low Birth Weight (VLBW). The purpose of this study is to evaluate the reliability and validity of existing instruments that measure stressful life events in black women of reproductive age. Respondents will consist of reproductive age residents who live in the Atlanta area and may attend a health care facility that has a behavioral prenatal unit. Approximately one half the women will be pregnant at the time of data collection.

Women enrolled in the study respond to a series of demographic and psychosocial questionnaires. They also ask that women provide a 24 hour urine sample and saliva sample. Both samples are used to correlate reported levels of stress with laboratory measures of stress.

Participation in this study is voluntary and participants will receive a reimbursement for their time. A written informed consent will be obtained and local institutional review will provide oversight.

The study is ongoing and by December 31, 1996, approximately two-thirds of data collected was completed. Approximately 130 women need to be interviewed. This leaves 130 women in the validity study, of which 30 women will repeat the process for the reliability study. The total annual burden hours are 1,134.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses/ respondent	Average burden/response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
Screening	300	1	.083	25
Validity study group—African-American Women for the ages of 18 to 45	100	1	7.07	707
Reliability study group—African-American Women for the ages of 18 to 45	30	1	13.4	402