

uses the data to identify lenders subject to Regulation U (which now incorporates Regulation G), to verify compliance with Regulations T, U, and X, and to monitor margin credit.

The revisions update the reports for recent modifications in the applicable regulations. The Federal Reserve amended Regulations G, T, U, and X effective April 1, 1998, to reflect changes in the Federal Reserve's statutory authority made by the National Securities Markets Improvement Act of 1996. None of the modifications result in substantive changes in the information collections.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 11, 1999.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 992-3025]

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company; 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 draft complaint that accompanies the consent agreement 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 May 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to: FTC/Office of the Secretary, Room 159, 6th St. and Pa. Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joel Winston or Beth Grossman, FTC/S-4002, Washington, DC 20580. (202) 326-3153 or 326-3019.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C. 46 and Section 2.34 of the Commission's Rules of Practice (16 CFR 2.34), 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 sixty (60) 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 March 3, 1999), on the World Wide Web, at "http://www.ftc.gov/os/actions97.htm." A paper copy can be obtained from the FTC Public Reference Room, Room H-130, Sixth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, either in person or by calling (202) 326-3627. Public comment is invited. 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 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 an agreement to a proposed consent order from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company ("Reynolds").

The proposed consent order has been placed on the public record for sixty (60) days for receipt of comments by interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After sixty (60) 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 agreements' proposed order.

This matter involves an alleged deceptive representation for Winston cigarettes, that Reynolds has advertised do not contain additives. According to the FTC complaint, through these advertisements, Reynolds represented that smoking Winston cigarettes, because they contain no additives, is less hazardous to a smoker's health than smoking otherwise comparable cigarettes that contain additives. The complaint alleges that Reynolds did not have a reasonable basis for the representation at the time it was made. Among other reasons, according to the complaint, the smoke from Winston cigarettes, like the smoke from all cigarettes, contains numerous carcinogens and toxins.

The proposed consent order contains provisions designed to prevent Reynolds from engaging in similar acts and practices in the future.

Part I of the order requires Reynolds to include the following clear and prominent disclosure in certain advertising for its Winston cigarettes: No additives in our tobacco does NOT mean a safer cigarette. (The order requires a similar disclosure in advertising for other tobacco products

Reynolds advertises as having no additives.) The disclosure must be included in all advertising for Winston no-additive cigarettes, regardless of whether that advertising contains a "no additives" claim, for a period of one year beginning no later than July 15, 1999. The disclosure must be included in all Winston advertising that represents (through such phrases as "no additives" or "100% tobacco") that the product has no additives, for the duration of the order. This Part also contains certain exemptions from the disclosure requirement:

- Advertisements not required to bear the Surgeon General's health warning;
- Certain ads for bona fide events or teams sponsored by Winston which contain neither a "No additives" claim nor any other selling message or product description; and
- If Reynolds possesses scientific evidence demonstrating that its "no additives" cigarette poses materially lower health risks than other cigarettes of the same type.

Part I also specifies the manner in which the disclosure must be made, which is exemplified by two model advertisements attached to the order. In general, the disclosure must be within a rectangular box that is no less than 40% of the size of the box containing the Surgeon General's warning.

Part II of the order requires Reynolds to instruct each of its sales representatives to remove or sticker, with the applicable disclosure, any advertisement displayed in a retail establishment representing that Winston cigarettes have no additives. All such actions must be completed by July 15, 1999.

Part III-VII of the order require Reynolds to keep copies of relevant advertisements and materials substantiating claims made in the advertisements; to provide copies of the order to certain of its personnel; to notify the Commission of changes in the composition or formula of Winston cigarettes that may affect the order; to notify the Commission of changes in corporate structure; and to file compliance reports with the Commission. Part VIII provides that the order will terminate after twenty (20) years under certain circumstances.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the proposed order, and it is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the agreement and proposed order to modify in any way their terms.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.

Concurring Statement of Commissioner Orson Swindle

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., File No. 992-3025

I have voted to accept this consent agreement for public comment because the remedies, including corrective statement in Winston Advertisements for one year, are warranted by the facts of this case. The nationwide advertising campaign for "no additives" Winston cigarettes, launched in August 1997, is unusually extensive. Based on my reading of the record, I am convinced that many consumers interpret ads containing express "no additives" claims to mean that Winstons are not as harmful as other cigarettes, and such health claim is presumably important to consumers in their purchasing decisions. Based on the extent and magnitude of the ongoing ad campaign and the demonstrated strength of the implied health claim, I am willing to infer that the claim will linger in the minds of consumers for one year absent a corrective statement. I am particularly concerned about a lingering effect of the ads because of the well-recognized health risks of smoking. Under these circumstances, I support the corrective advertising remedy contained in the proposed consent order.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Notice of Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

The Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability will meet on Thursday, April 29, 1999 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday, April 30, 1999, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Holiday Inn Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. The meeting will be entirely open to the public.

At its meeting the Committee will examine the extend of the nation's reserves of blood and blood products. The committee will review information presented to it by representatives of consumers, industry and government agencies. At the conclusion of these presentations, the public will be invited

to comment. The committee will then discuss what, if any, recommendations to make to the Department on this matter. It will then consider old and new business as time permits.

Prospective speakers should notify the Executive Secretary of their desire to address the Committee and should plan for no more than 5 minutes of comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephen D. Nightingale, M.D., Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability, Office of Public Health and Science, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 736E, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201. Phone (202) 690-5560, FAX (202) 690-6584 e-mail SNIGHTIN@osophs.dhh.gov.

Dated: March 8, 1999.

Stephen D. Nightingale,
Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Education

Privacy Act of 1974; Deletion of a System of Records

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), Office of the Secretary (OS).

ACTION: Notification of Deletion of Department of Health and Human Services Privacy Act System of Records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552a, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services, is deleting from the agency's inventory the system of records entitled "National Long-Term Care Channeling Demonstration, HHS/OS/ASPE, 09-90-0088." This system or records is obsolete and the information is no longer collected or maintained.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 17, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joan Turek, ASPE Privacy Act officer, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, H.H.H. Building—Room 447D, 200 Independence Ave, SW, Washington, DC 20201, Telephone: (202) 690-5965.

Dated: March 8, 1999.

Margaret A. Hamburg,
Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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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 the Center for Disease Control and Prevention is providing opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection 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 Seleda Perryman, 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

1. Management of Occupational Blood Exposures and Antibiotic Prescription Practices Among United States Dentists—NEW—National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP). In U.S. health care facilities, both occupational transmission of bloodborne pathogens and antimicrobial resistance are important problems with significant morbidity and costs. Several public health initiatives have been undertaken or are being developed to increase compliance with recently published recommendations to reduce