

sixty (60) days after service upon him. The Commission a report in writing setting forth in detail the manner and form in which they have complied with this order.

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IN THE MATTER OF

APOSTOLOS SKAPERDAS TRADING AS APOSTOLOS  
SKAPERDAS

CONSENT ORDER, ETC., IN REGARD TO THE ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THE  
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION AND THE FUR PRODUCTS LABELING ACTS

*Docket C-298. Complaint, Jan. 11, 1963—Decision, Jan. 11, 1963*

Consent order requiring a manufacturer of mink plates in New York City to cease violating the Fur Products Labeling Act by failing to disclose on invoices the true name of the animal that produced the fur, the country of origin of imported furs and when fur was artificially colored or natural; and by failing to set forth required item numbers.

COMPLAINT

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Trade Commission Act and the Fur Products Labeling Act and by virtue of the authority vested in it by said Acts, the Federal Trade Commission having reason to believe that Apostolos Skaperdas, an individual trading as Apostolos Skaperdas, hereinafter referred to as respondent, has violated the provisions of said Acts and the Rules and Regulations promulgated under the Fur Products Labeling Act, and it appearing to the Commission that a proceeding by it in respect thereof would be

in the public interest, hereby issues its complaint stating its charges in that respect as follows:

PARAGRAPH 1. Respondent Apostolos Skaperdas is an individual trading as Apostolos Skaperdas with his office and principal place of business located at 236 West 27th Street, New York, N.Y. Respondent manufactures mink plates.

PAR. 2. Subsequent to the effective date of the Fur Products Labeling Act on August 9, 1952, respondent has been and is now engaged in the introduction into commerce, and in the manufacture for introduction into commerce, and in the sale, advertising and offering for sale, in commerce, and in the transportation and distribution, in commerce, of fur products and has manufactured for sale, sold, advertised, offered for sale, transported and distributed fur products which have been made in whole or in part of fur which had been shipped and received in commerce, as the terms "commerce", "fur" and "fur product" are defined in the Fur Products Labeling Act.

PAR. 3. Certain of said fur products were falsely and deceptively invoiced by respondent in that they were not invoiced as required by Section 5(b)(1) of the Fur Products Labeling Act and in the manner and form prescribed by the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.

Among such falsely and deceptively invoiced fur products but not limited thereto, were fur products covered by invoices which failed:

1. To disclose the true name of the animal that produced the fur.
2. To disclose that the fur contained in the fur product was bleached, dyed, or otherwise artificially colored, when in fact such fur products were bleached, dyed, or otherwise artificially colored.
3. To disclose the name of the country or origin of the imported furs contained in fur products.

PAR. 4. Certain of said fur products were falsely invoiced in violation of the Fur Products Labeling Act in that they were not invoiced in accordance with the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder in the following respects:

1. Fur products which were not pointed, bleached, dyed, tipped or otherwise artificially colored, were not described as natural, in violation of Rule 19(g) of said Rules and Regulations.
2. Required item numbers were not set forth on invoices, in violation of Rule 40 of said Rules and Regulations.

PAR. 5. The aforesaid acts and practices of respondent, as herein alleged, are in violation of the Fur Products Labeling Act and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder and constitute un-

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fair and deceptive acts and practices and unfair methods of competition in commerce under the Federal Trade Commission Act.

## DECISION AND ORDER

The Commission having heretofore determined to issue its complaint charging the respondent named in the caption hereof with violation of the Federal Trade Commission Act and the Fur Products Labeling Act, and the respondent having been served with notice of said determination and with a copy of the complaint the Commission intended to issue, together with a proposed form of order; and

The respondent and counsel for the Commission having thereafter executed an agreement containing a consent order, an admission by respondent of all the jurisdictional facts set forth in the complaint to issue herein, a statement that the signing of said agreement is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by respondent that the law has been violated as set forth in such complaint, and waivers and provisions as required by the Commission's rules; and

The Commission, having considered the agreement, hereby accepts same, issues its complaint in the form contemplated by said agreement, makes the following jurisdictional findings, and enters the following order:

1. Respondent Apostolos Skaperdas is an individual trading as Apostolos Skaperdas with his office and principal place of business located at 236 West 27th Street, New York, N.Y.
2. The Federal Trade Commission has jurisdiction of the subject matter of this proceeding and of the respondent, and the proceeding is in the public interest.

## ORDER

*It is ordered*, That respondent Apostolos Skaperdas, an individual trading as Apostolos Skaperdas or under any other trade name, and respondent's representatives, agents and employees, directly or through any corporate or other device, in connection with the introduction, manufacture for introduction, or the sale, advertising or offering for sale in commerce, or the transportation or distribution in commerce of fur products, or in connection with the sale, manufacture for sale, advertising, offering for sale, transportation or distribution of fur products which have been made in whole or in part of fur which has been shipped and received in commerce, as "commerce", "fur" and "fur product" are defined in

the Fur Products Labeling Act, do forthwith cease and desist from:

1. Falsely or deceptively invoicing fur products by:

A. Failing to furnish invoices to purchasers of fur products showing in words and figures plainly legible all the information required to be disclosed by each of the subsections of Section 5(b)(1) of the Fur Products Labeling Act.

B. Failing to describe fur products as natural when such fur products are not pointed, bleached, dyed, tip-dyed, or otherwise artificially colored.

C. Failing to set forth on invoices the item number or mark assigned to a fur product.

*It is further ordered*, That the respondent herein shall, within sixty (60) days after service upon him of this order, file with the Commission a report in writing setting forth in detail the manner and form in which he has complied with this order.

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