
IN THE MATTER OF
LEBANON KNITTING MILL, INC., ET AL.

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

Docket C-1575. Complaint, Aug. 6, 1969—Decision, Aug. 6, 1969

Consent order requiring a Pawtucket, R.I., knitting mill to cease misbranding the fiber content of its wool products.

COMPLAINT

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Trade Commission Act and the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939, and by virtue of the authority vested in it by said Acts, the Federal Trade Commission, having reason to believe that Lebanon Knitting Mill, Inc., a corporation, and Clinton Grossman and Stanley Grossman, individually and as officers of said corporation, hereinafter referred to as respondents, have violated the provisions of said Acts and the Rules and Regulations promulgated under the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939, and it appearing to the Commis-

sion 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 Lebanon Knitting Mill, Inc., is a corporation organized, existing and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Rhode Island. Its office and principal place of business is located at 721 School Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Respondents Clinton Grossman and Stanley Grossman are officers of said corporate respondent. They formulate, direct and control the acts, practices and policies of said corporation. Their address is the same as that of said corporation.

Respondents are manufacturers of wool products.

PAR. 2. Respondents, now and for some time last past, have manufactured for introduction into commerce, introduced into commerce, sold, transported, distributed, delivered for shipment, shipped and offered for sale, in commerce, as "commerce" is defined in the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939, wool products as "wool product" is defined therein.

PAR. 3. Certain of said wool products were misbranded by respondents within the intent and meaning of Section 4(a) (1) of the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, in that they were falsely and deceptively stamped, tagged, labeled, or otherwise identified with respect to the character and amount of the constituent fibers contained therein.

Among such misbranded wool products, but not limited thereto, were certain wool products which were stamped, tagged, labeled, or otherwise identified as containing "Wool and Rabbit Hair," whereas in truth and in fact, said wool products contained other fiber than represented.

PAR. 4. Certain of said wool products were further misbranded by respondents in that they were not stamped, tagged, labeled, or otherwise identified as required under the provisions of Section 4(a) (2) of the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 and in the manner and form as prescribed by the Rules and Regulations promulgated under said Act.

Among such misbranded wool products, but not limited thereto, were certain wool products which failed to disclose the percentage of the total fiber weight of the wool product, exclusive of ornamentation not exceeding 5 per centum of said total fiber

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weight, of (1) wool; (2) reprocessed wool; (3) reused wool; (4) each fiber other than wool, when said percentage by weight of such fiber was 5 per centum or more; and (5) the aggregate of all other fibers.

PAR. 5. The acts and practices of the respondents as set forth above were, and are in violation of the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, and constituted, and now constitute, unfair and deceptive acts and practices and unfair methods of competition in commerce, within the intent and meaning of the Federal Trade Commission Act.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Federal Trade Commission having initiated an investigation of certain acts and practices of the respondents named in the caption hereof, and the respondents having been furnished thereafter with a copy of a draft of complaint which the Bureau of Textiles and Furs proposed to present to the Commission for its consideration and which, if issued by the Commission, would charge respondents with violation of the Federal Trade Commission Act and the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939; and

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

The Commission having thereafter considered the matter and having determined that it had reason to believe that the respondents have violated the said Acts, and that complaint should issue stating its charges in that respect, and having thereupon accepted the executed consent agreement and placed such agreement on the public record for a period of thirty (30) days, now in further conformity with the procedure described in § 2.34(b) of its Rules, the Commission hereby issues its complaint, makes the following jurisdictional findings, and enters the following order:

1. Respondent Lebanon Knitting Mill, Inc., is a corporation organized, existing and doing business under and by virtue of the

laws of the State of Rhode Island, with its office and principal place of business located at 721 School Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Respondents Clinton Grossman and Stanley Grossman are officers of corporate respondent and their address is the same as that of said corporation.

2. The Federal Trade Commission has jurisdiction of the subject matter of this proceeding and of the respondents, and the proceeding is in the public interest.

ORDER

It is ordered, That respondents Lebanon Knitting Mill, Inc., a corporation, and its officers, and Clinton Grossman, and Stanley Grossman, individually and as officers of said corporation, and respondents' representatives, agents and employees, directly or through any corporate or other device, in connection with the introduction, or the manufacture for introduction, into commerce, or the offering for sale, sale, transportation, distribution, delivery for shipment, in commerce, as wool products, as "commerce" and "wool product" are defined in the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939, do forthwith cease and desist from misbranding such products by:

1. Falsely or deceptively stamping, tagging, labeling, or otherwise identifying such products as to the character or amount of the constituent fibers contained therein.

2. Failing to securely affix to or place on, each such product a stamp, tag, label or other means of identification correctly showing in a clear and conspicuous manner each element of information required to be disclosed by Section 4(a) (2) of the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939.

It is further ordered, That the respondent corporation shall forthwith distribute a copy of this order to each of its operating divisions.

It is further ordered, That the respondents herein shall, within sixty (60) days after service upon them of this order, file with 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

CARPETVILLE, INC., ET AL.

CONSENT ORDER, ETC., IN REGARD TO THE ALLEGED VIOLATION
OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION AND THE TEXTILE FIBER
PRODUCTS IDENTIFICATION ACTS

Docket 8764. Complaint, July 3, 1968—Decision, August 7, 1969

Consent order requiring a Penndel, Pa., former retailer of carpeting to cease misbranding, falsely advertising, and deceptively guaranteeing its textile fiber products.

COMPLAINT

Pursuant to the Federal Trade Commission Act and the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act, and by virtue of the authority vested in it by said Acts, the Federal Trade Commission having reason to believe that Carpetville, Inc., a corporation, and Broadloom Distributors, Inc., a corporation, and Sidney Soifer and Philip Bohm, individually and as officers of Carpetville, Inc., and Broadloom Distributors, Inc., and Allan Portnoy and Burton Snyder, individually and as officers of Broadloom Distributors, Inc., hereinafter referred to as respondents, have violated the provisions of said Acts and the Rules and Regulations promulgated under the Textile Fiber Products Identification 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 Carpetville, Inc., is a corporation which was organized, existed and did business under and by virtue of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and was engaged in the retail sale of carpeting with its office and principal place of business located at 2026 Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Respondent Broadloom Distributors, Inc., is a corporation which was organized, existed and did business under and by virtue of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and was engaged in the retail sale of carpeting, with its office and principal place of business located at 397 West Lincoln Highway, Pennndel, Pennsylvania.

Respondents Sidney Soifer and Philip Bohm are officers of Carpetville, Inc., a corporation, and of Broadloom Distributors, Inc.,