

IN THE MATTER OF

BRISTOL-MYERS COMPANY, ET AL.

Docket 8917. Order, Apr. 1, 1975

Rejection of administrative law judge's certification of respondents' requests for confidential treatment for documents produced under discovery demands.

Appearances

For the Commission: *Lynne C. McCoy.*

For the respondents: *Gilbert Weil* and *Gerald Guttman*, New York City.

ORDER REJECTING CERTIFICATION OF REQUESTS FOR
CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

By order of Mar. 18, 1975, the administrative law judge certified to the Commission the motion of respondent Bristol-Myers, in which respondents Ted Bates & Company, Inc., and Young & Rubicam International, Inc., join, requesting: (1) that certain materials which they submit to complaint counsel be deemed unavailable for public inspection pursuant to Section 4.10(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and (2) that respondents be notified ten days prior to the release of such materials under the procedures of Section 4.11 of the rules. Respondents request such treatment for all materials which they designate as "confidential" and which were denied protection in the Law Judge's order of Jan. 31, 1975.

The Commission, in its discretion, will agree to give advance notice before disclosing certain materials voluntarily submitted in connection with an investigation. However, this matter has gone past the investigation stage into adjudication. Once a matter enters adjudication the Commission will not consider requests for advance notice before disclosure where the ALJ has denied protective status for said materials, nor will it consider a request for advance determination that materials will be withheld from the public. Accordingly,

It is ordered, That the certification of respondents' requests for confidential treatment be, and it hereby is, rejected.

Complaint

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IN THE MATTER OF

GRAND FURS LTD., ET AL.

CONSENT ORDER, ETC., IN REGARD TO ALLEGED VIOLATION OF
THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION AND FUR PRODUCTS
LABELING ACTS*Docket C-2654. Complaint, Apr. 3, 1975 - Decision, Apr. 3, 1975*

Consent order requiring a Las Vegas, Nev., furrier, among other things to cease misbranding and falsely invoicing its fur products.

Appearances

For the Commission: *Gerald E. Wright.*

For the respondents: *John Peter Lee, Lee & Beasey, Las Vegas, Nev.*

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 Grand Furs, Ltd., a corporation, and Harry Brown, individually and as an officer of said corporation, hereinafter referred to as respondents, have 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 Grand Furs Ltd., is a corporation organized, existing and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Nevada, with its principal office and place of business located at 3645 Las Vegas Blvd., South, Las Vegas, Nev.

Respondent Harry Brown is an officer of the corporate respondent. He formulates, directs and controls the acts and practices of the corporate respondent including those hereinafter set forth. His address is the same as that of the corporate respondent.

PAR. 2. Respondents are retailers of fur products operating establishments at 3645 Las Vegas Blvd., S. Las Vegas, Nev., 3650 Las Vegas Blvd., S. Las Vegas, Nev. and 2901 Las Vegas Blvd., S. Las Vegas, Nev. The last two establishments operate under the name Harry Brown Furs.

PAR. 3. Respondents are now and for some time last past have been engaged in the introduction into commerce, and in the sale, advertising, and offering for sale in commerce, and in the transportation and