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Dated: July 30, 2008.

Deborah Y. Dietrich,

*Director, Office of Emergency Management,
Office of Solid Waste and Emergency
Response.*

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, August 6, 2008, 1 p.m. Eastern Time.

Place: Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. Conference Room on the Ninth Floor of the EEOC Office Building, 1801 "L" Street, NW., Washington, DC 20507.

Status: Part of the meeting will be open to the public and part of the meeting will be closed.

Matters To Be Considered

Open Session

1. Announcement of Notation Votes, and
2. Sole Source Subscription Renewal to LRP's CyberFEDS on the Web.

Closed Session

Agency Adjudication and Determination on Federal Agency Discrimination Complaint Appeals.

Note: In accordance with the Sunshine Act, the open session of the meeting will be open to public observation of the Commission's deliberations and voting. The remainder of the meeting will be closed. Any matter not discussed or concluded may be carried over to a later meeting. (In addition to publishing notices on EEOC Commission meetings in the **Federal Register**, the Commission also provides a recorded announcement a full week in advance on future Commission sessions.)

Please telephone (202) 663-7100 (voice) and (202) 663-4074 (TTY) at any time for information on these meetings. The EEOC provides sign language interpretation at Commission meetings for the hearing impaired. Requests for other reasonable accommodations may be made by using the voice and TTY numbers listed above.

Contact Person for More Information: Stephen Llewellyn, Executive Officer on (202) 663-4070.

Dated: July 30, 2008.

Stephen Llewellyn,

Executive Officer, Executive Secretariat.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 081 0045]

McCormick & Company, Incorporated; Analysis of the Proposed Consent Orders 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 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 August 28, 2008

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments. Comments should refer to "McCormick, File No. 081 0045," to facilitate the organization of comments. A comment filed in paper form should include this reference both in the text and on the envelope, and should be mailed or delivered to the following address: Federal Trade Commission/Office of the Secretary, Room 135-H, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. Comments containing confidential material must be filed in paper form, must be clearly labeled "Confidential," and must comply with Commission Rule 4.9(c). 16 CFR 4.9(c) (2005).¹ The FTC is requesting that any comment filed in paper form be sent by courier or overnight service, if possible, because U.S. postal mail in the Washington area and at the Commission is subject to delay due to heightened security precautions. Comments that do not contain any nonpublic information may

¹ The comment must be accompanied by an explicit request for confidential treatment, including the factual and legal basis for the request, and must identify the specific portions of the comment to be withheld from the public record. The request will be granted or denied by the Commission's General Counsel, consistent with applicable law and the public interest. See Commission Rule 4.9(c), 16 CFR 4.9(c).

instead be filed in electronic form by following the instructions on the web-based form at (<http://secure.commentworks.com/ftc-McCormick>). To ensure that the Commission considers an electronic comment, you must file it on that web-based form.

The FTC Act and other laws the Commission administers permit the collection of public comments to consider and use in this proceeding as appropriate. All timely and responsive public comments, whether filed in paper or electronic form, will be considered by the Commission, and will be available to the public on the FTC website, to the extent practicable, at www.ftc.gov. As a matter of discretion, the FTC makes every effort to remove home contact information for individuals from the public comments it receives before placing those comments on the FTC website. More information, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, may be found in the FTC's privacy policy, at (<http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/privacy.shtm>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill M. Frumin, FTC Bureau of Competition, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580, (202) 326-2758.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and § 2.34 of the Commission 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 thirty (30) 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 July 30, 2008), on the World Wide Web, at (<http://www.ftc.gov/os/2008/07/index.htm>). A paper copy can be obtained from the FTC Public Reference Room, Room 130-H, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580, either in person or by calling (202) 326-2222.

Public comments are invited, and may be filed with the Commission in either paper or electronic form. All comments should be filed as prescribed in the **ADDRESSES** section above, and must be received on or before the date specified in the **DATES** section.

Analysis of Agreement Containing Consent Order to Aid Public Comment

I. Introduction

The Federal Trade Commission ("Commission") has accepted subject to final approval, an Agreement Containing Consent Orders ("Consent Agreement") from McCormick & Company, Incorporated ("McCormick" or "Respondent"), which is designed to remedy the anticompetitive effects that would otherwise result from McCormick's proposed acquisition of Unilever's Lawry's and Adolph's brands of seasoned salt products. Under the terms of the proposed Consent Agreement, McCormick is required to divest its entire Season-All business to an up-front buyer, Morton International, Inc ("Morton" or "Purchaser").

The proposed Consent Agreement has been placed on the public record for thirty (30) days to solicit comments from interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After thirty (30) days, the Commission will again review the proposed Consent Agreement and will decide whether it should withdraw from the proposed Consent Agreement, modify it, or make final the Decision and Order ("Order").

Pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement dated November 13, 2007 (the "Acquisition Agreement"), McCormick proposes to acquire the Lawry's and Adolph's brands of marinades, spice, and seasoning products ("Lawry's") from Unilever N.V., a Netherlands corporation, for approximately \$605 million in cash. The Commission's complaint alleges that the Proposed Acquisition, if consummated, would violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 18, and Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. § 45, by lessening competition in the market for branded seasoned salt in the United States.

II. Description of the Parties

McCormick is a corporation organized, existing, and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Maryland. The company manufactures, markets, and sells spices, seasonings, and flavors to grocery retailers and the food industry. In 2006, McCormick's sales were approximately \$2.7 billion.

Unilever N.V., a Netherlands corporation, is an international manufacturer of leading brands in the food, home care, and personal care industry, including Lawry's and Adolph's. In 2006, Lawry's and

Adolph's brands combined sales were approximately \$153 million.

III. Branded Seasoned Salt

The relevant product market in which to assess the competitive effects of the proposed Acquisition is the manufacture and sale of branded seasoned salt products. Branded seasoned salt products include several different types of spices, including seasoned salt, garlic salt, and reduced sodium varieties. The evidence indicates that consumers, if faced with a five to ten percent increase in the price of branded seasoned salt, would not switch to other spice blends or seasoning products.

The relevant geographic market in which to assess the impact of the Proposed Acquisition is the United States. Brand equity plays a critical role in determining the competitive strength of a seasoned salt product. Consistent with Commission findings in previous branded consumables cases, the need for distribution, infrastructure, and a U.S. sales force creates significant impediments to the ability of foreign firms to successfully and competitively sell branded seasoned salt into the United States.

The United States market for branded seasoned salt is highly concentrated. Today, this approximately \$100 million market consists of two significant branded products: Lawry's line of seasoned salt products and McCormick's Season-All products. The Proposed Acquisition would significantly increase market concentration and eliminate substantial competition between the only two significant suppliers of branded seasoned salt products in the United States. As a result of the acquisition, McCormick would account for nearly 80% of the sales of branded seasoned salt products in the United States.

Consumers have benefitted from the competition between McCormick and Lawry's on pricing, discounts, promotional trade spending, and product innovation. Thus, unremedied, the proposed acquisition likely would cause significant anticompetitive harm by enabling McCormick to profit by unilaterally raising the prices of one or both products above pre-merger levels, as well as reducing its incentives to innovate and develop new products.

IV. Entry

Entry into this market would require the investment of high sunk costs to, among other things, develop products, establish a brand name, and provide promotional funding and advertising to support the product(s), which would be

difficult to justify given the market structure and sales opportunities in the affected markets. Even if a new entrant were willing to take on such investments, it would also face the difficult task of convincing retailers to carry its products. As a result, new entry into any of these markets sufficient to achieve a significant market impact within two years is unlikely.

V. The Terms of the Agreement Containing Consent Orders

The proposed Consent Agreement will remedy the Proposed Acquisition's anticompetitive effects in the relevant market. The Consent Agreement preserves competition in the branded seasoned salt market by requiring McCormick to divest its Season-All (seasoned salt spice blends) business to an up-front buyer, Morton. The Season-All assets include: Season-All seasoned salt, Garlic Season-All seasoned salt, Pepper Season-All seasoned salt, Spicy Season-All seasoned salt, 25% Less Sodium Season-All seasoned salt, and Season-All coating mix.

The Commission is satisfied that Morton is a well-qualified acquirer of the Season-All business. Morton supplies an extensive variety of salt products to the food service industry. These products currently include table salt, kosher salt, French fry salt, as well as disposable shakers, portion packets, water softening salts, and ice control salts. Morton has the resources, technical skills, and experience to ensure the continued success of the Season-All business.

The proposed Consent Agreement requires that the divestitures occur no later than ten (10) business days after the acquisition is consummated. However, if McCormick divests the Season-All business to Morton during the public comment period, and if, at the time the Commission decides to make the order final, the Commission notifies Respondent that Purchaser is not an acceptable acquirer or that the asset purchase agreement with Purchaser is not an acceptable manner of divestiture, then Respondent must immediately rescind the transaction in question and divest those assets to another buyer within three (3) months of the date the order becomes final. At that time, Respondent must divest those assets only to an acquirer that receives the prior approval of the Commission and only in a manner that receives the prior approval of the Commission.

The proposed Consent Agreement also enables the Commission to appoint a trustee to divest any assets identified in the order that Respondent has not divested to satisfy the requirements of

the order. In addition, the order enables the Commission to seek civil penalties against Respondent for non-compliance with the order.

The proposed Consent Agreement further requires McCormick to maintain the viability of the assets identified for divestiture. Among other requirements related to maintaining operations of the assets, the proposed Consent Agreement requires McCormick to: (1) maintain the viability, competitiveness, and marketability of the assets to be divested; (2) not cause the wasting or deterioration of the assets to be divested; (3) not sell, transfer, encumber, or otherwise impair the assets' marketability or viability; (4) maintain the assets consistent with past practices; (5) use best efforts to preserve the assets' existing relationships with suppliers, customers, and employees; and (6) keep and maintain the assets at inventory levels consistent with past practices.

The proposed Consent Agreement prohibits McCormick, for ten (10) years, from acquiring, without providing the Commission with prior notice, any other seasoned salt product, or any interest in any other spice blends business. The provisions regarding prior notice are consistent with prior Orders. The proposed Consent Agreement does not restrict McCormick from expanding its line of spices.

McCormick is required to file compliance reports with the Commission, the first of which is due within thirty (30) days of the date on which Respondent signed the proposed Consent Agreement, and every thirty (30) days thereafter until the divestitures are completed, and annually for ten (10) years.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the proposed Consent Agreement, and it is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the proposed Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets, or to modify their terms in any way.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel: Impact of Cultural and Socioeconomic Factors on Post-Treatment Surveillance Among African Americans With Colorectal Cancer, Potential Extramural Project 2008-R-03

Notice of Cancellation: This notice was published in the **Federal Register** on July 22, 2008, Volume 73, Number 141, page 42576. The meeting previously scheduled to convene on August 6, 2008 has been cancelled.

Contact Person for More Information: Linda Shelton, Program Specialist, Coordinating Center for Health and Information Service, Office of the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., MS E21, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone (404) 498-1194.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: July 28, 2008.

Elaine L. Baker,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request Proposed Projects

Title: Compassion Capital Fund Impact Evaluation.

OMB No.: 0970-0293.

Description: This proposed information collection activity is an extension of the follow-up survey of faith-based and community organizations participating in the Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) Impact Evaluation. The currently approved information collection will expire on December 31, 2008. This information collection request will include the agency's request for an extension of the initial survey instruments for an additional three years.

The CCF evaluation is an important opportunity to examine the effectiveness of the Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration program in meeting its objective of improving the capacity of faith-based and community organizations. The evaluation includes selected CCF-funded intermediary organizations that provide capacity-building services and the faith-based and community organizations that sought those services. The follow-up survey will be used to collect information from the faith-based and community based organizations on various areas of organizational capacity.

The study design includes the random assignment of faith based and community organizations to either a treatment group that receives capacity-building services from a CCF intermediary grantee or to a control group that does not. The impact of the services provided by intermediaries, primarily through sub-awards and/or technical assistance (TA), will be determined by comparing the changes reported through the survey in organizational and service capacity of the recipient organizations with those of the control group.

Respondents: Faith-based and community organizations included in the CCF impact evaluation.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
Follow-up Survey	455	1	.42	191
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:				191