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19 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
20 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

21 FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,
22 Plaintiff,

23 v.

24 HERBALIFE INTERNATIONAL OF
25 AMERICA, INC., a corporation;
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27 HERBALIFE INTERNATIONAL, INC.,
a corporation; and
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Case No. 2:16-cv-05217

**STIPULATION TO ENTRY OF
ORDER FOR PERMANENT
INJUNCTION AND
MONETARY JUDGMENT**

1 HERBALIFE, LTD., a corporation,
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3 Defendants.

4 Plaintiff, the Federal Trade Commission (“Commission”), filed its
5 Complaint for Permanent Injunction and Other Equitable Relief (“Complaint”) in
6 this matter, pursuant to Section 13(b) of the Federal Trade Commission Act (“FTC
7 Act”), 15 U.S.C. § 53(b). The Commission and Defendants stipulate to entry of a
8 Stipulated Order for Permanent Injunction and Monetary Judgment (“Order”),
9 lodged concurrently with this Stipulation, with the following terms and provisions:

10 **THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** as follows:

11 **FINDINGS**

12 Plaintiff and Defendants stipulate to the following findings:

- 13 1. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 14 2. The Complaint charges that Defendants participated in unfair and
15 deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C.
16 § 45, by: promoting participation in a multi-level marketing program with a
17 compensation structure that causes or is likely to cause harm to participants;
18 making false or misleading income representations; making unsubstantiated claims
19 regarding the retail sales income earned by participants in Defendants’ program;
20 and providing participants in Defendants’ program with the means and
21 instrumentalities to engage in deceptive acts and practices.
- 22 3. Defendants neither admit nor deny any of the allegations in the
23 Complaint, except as specifically stated in this Order. Only for purposes of this
24 action, Defendants admit the facts necessary to establish jurisdiction.
- 25 4. Defendants waive any claim that they may have under the Equal
26 Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, concerning the prosecution of this action
27 through the date of this Order, and agree to bear their own costs and attorney fees.
- 28 5. Defendants waive all rights to appeal or otherwise challenge or

1 contest the validity of this Order.

2 **DEFINITIONS**

3 For the purpose of this Order, the following definitions apply:

- 4 A. **“Business Opportunity Participant”** or **“Participant”** means any
5 individual who is participating in a Multi-Level Marketing Program.
6 **“Business Opportunity Participant”** or **“Participant”** does not include
7 Preferred Customers.
- 8 B. **“Business Venture”** means any written or oral business arrangement,
9 however denominated, whether or not covered by 16 C.F.R. Part 437, that
10 consists of the payment of any consideration for the right or means to offer,
11 sell, or distribute goods or services (whether or not identified by a
12 trademark, service mark, trade name, advertising or other commercial
13 symbol). The definition of **“Business Venture”** includes Multi-Level
14 Marketing Programs.
- 15 C. **“Defendants”** means all of the Defendants and their successors and assigns,
16 individually, collectively, or in any combination.
- 17 D. **“Downline”** refers to the collection of all Business Opportunity Participants
18 whom a Business Opportunity Participant has personally recruited or
19 sponsored (first level), all Participants and Preferred Customers recruited or
20 sponsored by first level Participants (second level), all Participants and
21 Preferred Customers recruited or sponsored by second level Participants
22 (third level), and so forth, however denominated (including, but not limited
23 to, **“downline,” “tree,” “cooperative,”** or **“income center”**), whose activities
24 are the basis, in whole or part, for any payment or compensation from
25 Defendants to the Business Opportunity Participant.
- 26 E. **“Multi-Level Compensation”** means any payment or compensation
27 (including, but not limited to, **“wholesale profit,” “commissions,”**
28 **“royalties,” “overrides,”** and **“bonuses”**) in a Multi-Level Marketing

1 Program from Defendants to a Business Opportunity Participant that is
2 based, in whole or in part, on the activities of the Participant's Preferred
3 Customers and the Participant's Downline.

4 F. "**Multi-Level Marketing Program**" or "**Program**" means any marketing
5 program in which Business Opportunity Participants have the right to (1) sell
6 goods or services; (2) recruit others into the Program; and (3) receive
7 payment or other compensation that is based, in whole or in part, upon the
8 Product purchases, sales, or other activities of the Participant's Downline.

9 G. "**Net Rewardable Sales**" for Defendants means the annual total of

- 10 1. Net Sales generated by Preferred Customer Sales and Product sales
11 that result in Profitable Retail Sales; and
- 12 2. Net Sales generated by Rewardable Personal Consumption,
13 determined pursuant to Subsection I.E.

14 *Provided, however,* that if the total of G.2 would exceed one-third of the
15 combined total of G.1 and G.2, then Net Rewardable Sales shall equal
16 one-and-a-half times the total of G.1.

17 H. "**Net Sales**" means gross Product sales in the United States by Defendants,
18 including packaging and handling, freight recovery, and surcharges, and net
19 of any returns, refunds, Product Discounts, and allowances, including
20 Wholesale Commissions.

21 I. "**Preferred Customer**" means an individual who joins or registers with a
22 Multi-Level Marketing Program as a customer only, and who does not have
23 the right to (1) sell goods or services; (2) recruit others into the Program; or
24 (3) receive Multi-Level Compensation.

25 J. "**Preferred Customer Sales**" or "**Sales to Preferred Customers**" means
26 sales of Products made directly from Defendants to Preferred Customers.

27 K. "**Product**" means any good sold by Defendants that can potentially generate
28 Multi-Level Compensation pursuant to Defendants' compensation plan.

1 L. **“Product Discount”** refers to the difference between Defendants’ suggested
2 retail price for a Product and the Product price charged by Defendants to the
3 purchaser in a purchase made directly from Defendants.

4 M. **“Profitable Retail Sale”** means a sale of Product by a Business Opportunity
5 Participant to a Retail Customer or a Preferred Customer that is a genuine
6 sale made at a price above the Business Opportunity Participant’s average
7 wholesale cost over the preceding twelve (12) months for the items sold
8 (including tax and the actual or approximate cost of shipping, handling, and
9 any similar fees) and for which retail sale information is collected and
10 maintained by Defendants.

11 N. **“Retail Customer”** means a purchaser of Products sold through a Multi-
12 Level Marketing Program who is not a Business Opportunity Participant or a
13 Preferred Customer, is not registered with the Program, and is not otherwise
14 participating in the Program.

15 O. **“Rewardable Personal Consumption”** means sales of Product by
16 Defendants to a Business Opportunity Participant, for his own or his
17 household’s use, that can potentially be used to generate Multi-Level
18 Compensation as set forth in Subsection I.E.

19 P. **“Total Net Sales”** for Defendants means the total of Net Sales in a fiscal
20 year.

21 Q. **“Wholesale Commissions”** means Multi-Level Compensation generated by
22 a Product purchase from Defendants that, in total for the transaction, equals
23 the difference between the purchaser’s Product Discount and the lesser of
24 either the maximum Product Discount for the Product under Defendants’
25 compensation plan or 50% of the suggested retail price of the Product, and is
26 paid by Defendants to Participants whose Product Discount is greater than
27 that of the purchaser and who have such purchaser either in their Downline
28 or as a Preferred Customer whom they recruited or sponsored.

1 **ORDER**

2 **I.**

3 **PROHIBITED BUSINESS PRACTICES**

4 **IT IS ORDERED** that Defendants, Defendants’ officers, agents, employees,
5 and all other persons in active concert or participation with any of them, who
6 receive actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or indirectly, are
7 permanently restrained and enjoined from advertising, marketing, promoting, or
8 offering any Multi-Level Marketing Program unless such program has the
9 following characteristics:

10 **A. Limitations on Multi-Level Compensation.** The program shall include,
11 and Defendants shall enforce, the following provisions:

- 12 1. Any Multi-Level Compensation paid to a Participant for a given
13 period shall be generated solely by the following categories of
14 transactions (“Rewardable Transactions”) occurring in the same
15 period or, during such Participant’s first six months as a Business
16 Opportunity Participant, the three months prior to that period:
- 17 a. Sales to Preferred Customers whom the Participant has
 - 18 personally recruited or sponsored;
 - 19 b. Sales to Preferred Customers in the Participant’s Downline;
 - 20 c. Profitable Retail Sales of the Participant’s Downline, as
 - 21 calculated by Defendants using the information collected
 - 22 pursuant to Subsection I.C; and
 - 23 d. All or a portion of Rewardable Personal Consumption
 - 24 transactions, determined pursuant to Subsection I.E., of the
 - 25 Participant’s Downline; *provided that* the Rewardable Personal
 - 26 Consumption transactions included in a Participant’s
 - 27 Rewardable Transactions shall be limited such that no more
 - 28 than one-third of the total value of the Participant’s Multi-Level

1 Compensation may be attributable to or generated by such
2 transactions.

- 3 2. If a Participant has transactions that are not Rewardable Transactions
4 (“Non-Rewardable Transactions”) in his or her Downline, the amount
5 of any Multi-Level Compensation that the Participant may receive
6 shall not vary from the amount of Multi-Level Compensation that the
7 Participant would be entitled to receive if such Non-Rewardable
8 Transactions were not in his or her Downline; *i.e.*, the total amount of
9 a Participant’s Multi-Level Compensation shall not be increased
10 because the Non-Rewardable Transactions were in the Participant’s
11 Downline rather than in any other Participant’s Downline.
- 12 3. Any point system or other method used to measure Rewardable
13 Transactions shall assign the same value to a given Product regardless
14 of whether the Product was sold to a Preferred Customer, to a Retail
15 Customer, or to a Business Opportunity Participant. Any system that
16 calculates Multi-Level Compensation shall not vary the compensation
17 for a Rewardable Transaction based on whether the Product was sold
18 to a Preferred Customer, to a Retail Customer, or to a Business
19 Opportunity Participant for personal consumption.
- 20 4. For any fiscal year, if the total of Net Rewardable Sales is less than
21 80% of Total Net Sales, the sum of Multi-Level Compensation
22 payments excluding Wholesale Commissions by Defendants to
23 Participants may not exceed forty-one point seven five percent
24 (41.75%) of the amount of Net Rewardable Sales, which reflects a
25 ten-percent (10%) increase over the percentage of Multi-Level
26 Compensation excluding Wholesale Commissions paid by Defendants
27 in fiscal year 2015.
- 28 5. No compensation shall be paid solely for enrolling or recruiting a

1 Participant or a Preferred Customer into the Program.

2 **B. Preferred Customer Category.** The program shall differentiate between
3 Preferred Customers and Business Opportunity Participants, including
4 through the following requirements:

- 5 1. A Preferred Customer's classification cannot change to Business
6 Opportunity Participant except upon the Preferred Customer's written
7 request or application or other written expression of intent made
8 directly to and approved by Defendants.
- 9 2. A Business Opportunity Participant's classification cannot change to
10 Preferred Customer except upon the Participant's written request or
11 application or other written expression of intent made directly to and
12 approved by Defendants.
- 13 3. A Preferred Customer who becomes a Business Opportunity
14 Participant may not receive any benefit or status that depends in any
15 way on that individual's activity as a Preferred Customer, except that
16 any discount that the individual obtained as a Preferred Customer may
17 continue to be used to purchase Product that is designated, at the time
18 of purchase, as being for the individual's own or household use.
- 19 4. All individuals who are registered with or participating in the Program
20 as of the Effective Date of this Section and who have not affirmatively
21 elected to be classified as Preferred Customers pursuant to Subsection
22 I.B.2, above, shall be classified as Business Opportunity Participants.

23 **C. Collection of Retail Sales Information.** Defendants shall collect from
24 Business Opportunity Participants and maintain in a standardized format the
25 following information for any claimed Profitable Retail Sale:

- 26 1. the method of payment;
- 27 2. the Products and quantities sold;
- 28 3. the date;

- 1 4. the price paid by the purchaser;
- 2 5. the first and last name of the purchaser;
- 3 6. contact information for the purchaser, including at least two of the
- 4 following: telephone number, address or e-mail address; and
- 5 7. for any paper receipt submitted to Defendants, the signature of the
- 6 Retail Customer or Preferred Customer.

7 **D. Verification of Retail Sales and Preferred Customer Sales.** The

8 following requirements shall apply regarding Profitable Retail Sales and

9 Preferred Customer Sales:

- 10 1. Defendants shall take all reasonable steps, including both random and
- 11 targeted audits, to monitor Profitable Retail Sales and Preferred
- 12 Customer Sales in order to ensure that they are genuine sales of
- 13 Products, rather than an attempt to manipulate the Program's
- 14 compensation plan.
- 15 2. Defendants shall take all reasonable steps, including both random and
- 16 targeted audits, to monitor Profitable Retail Sales in order to ensure
- 17 that they in fact occurred as reported in the information collected and
- 18 maintained pursuant to Subsection I.C.
- 19 3. If the total amount of Product claimed by any Business Opportunity
- 20 Participant as Profitable Retail Sales exceeds the total amount of
- 21 Product purchased by the Participant subsequent to the Effective Date
- 22 of this Section, less any amount designated at the time of purchase as
- 23 being for the Participant's own or household use, Defendants shall not
- 24 pay any Multi-Level Compensation on the excess amount of claimed
- 25 Profitable Retail Sales.

26 **E. Limitations on Rewardable Personal Consumption.** The Rewardable

27 Personal Consumption of a Business Opportunity Participant in a given

28 period shall be limited to purchases in that period that are designated by the

1 Business Opportunity Participant at the time of purchase as being for the
2 Business Opportunity Participant's own or household use. Rewardable
3 Personal Consumption shall also be subject to the following additional
4 limitations:

- 5 1. For the first twelve (12) months following the date this Subsection
6 becomes effective, an individual Business Opportunity Participant's
7 own purchases in a given month may be Rewardable Personal
8 Consumption in an amount not to exceed \$200 of wholesale Product
9 expenditures (including tax and actual or approximate shipping,
10 handling, and similar fees).
- 11 2. Beginning twelve (12) months after the date this Subsection becomes
12 effective, an individual Business Opportunity Participant's own
13 purchases (including tax and actual or approximate shipping,
14 handling, and similar fees) in a given month may be Rewardable
15 Personal Consumption in an amount not to exceed the greater of:
 - 16 a. \$125 in wholesale Product expenditures; or
 - 17 b. the 75th percentile of average monthly wholesale Product
18 expenditures among Preferred Customers over the prior twelve
19 (12) months (the "measurement window"). The population of
20 Preferred Customers from which the 75th percentile shall be
21 computed shall consist exclusively of all Preferred Customers
22 who had the status of Preferred Customer for at least six (6)
23 months of the measurement window and who purchased
24 product directly from Defendants at least once during each of
25 the calendar quarters in which they had the status of Preferred
26 Customer during the measurement window. Each Preferred
27 Customer's "average monthly wholesale Product expenditure"
28 shall be calculated by summing up all Product expenditures

1 (including tax and shipping, handling, and similar fees) made
2 by the Preferred Customer directly from Defendants during the
3 measurement window and made while he or she had the status
4 of Preferred Customer, and dividing that sum by the total
5 number of months in the measurement window for which he or
6 she had the status of Preferred Customer, regardless of whether
7 he or she made purchases in any of those months. This latter
8 limit option shall be available only if the population of
9 Preferred Customers being ranked consists of not less than
10 20,000 individuals.

- 11 3. The limitation of Subsection I.E.2 shall be re-set annually, based on
12 the prior twelve (12) months of activity, through the procedure set
13 forth in that Subsection.

14 **F. Limitations on Thresholds, Targets, and Requirements.** The Program
15 shall include, and Defendants shall enforce, the following policies:

- 16 1. Business Opportunity Participants shall not be required to purchase a
17 minimum quantity of products, except that Defendants may require
18 Business Opportunity Participants to purchase an initial start-up
19 package or its equivalent, provided that no Multi-Level Compensation
20 is generated or paid on the purchase.
- 21 2. To the extent the Program requires that a Participant meet a threshold
22 or target in order to (a) obtain or maintain a level or designation
23 necessary to receive any particular type or amount of Multi-Level
24 Compensation; (b) qualify or become eligible to receive Multi-Level
25 Compensation; (c) otherwise increase the Participant's amount of
26 Multi-Level Compensation; or (d) obtain, maintain, increase, or
27 qualify for a discount or rebate on Product purchased for resale; such
28 threshold or target shall be met exclusively through Profitable Retail

1 Sales and Sales to Preferred Customers.

- 2 3. Business Opportunity Participants are prohibited from participating in
3 any auto-shipment program or any similar program involving standing
4 orders of product.

5 **G. Refund Policies.** The program shall include, and Defendants shall enforce,
6 the following policies related to product refunds or buybacks:

- 7 1. For at least the first twelve (12) months after becoming a Business
8 Opportunity Participant, Participants are entitled to a full refund from
9 Defendants of the cost of any start-up package or its equivalent. If
10 Defendants require, as part of their refund procedure, that any part of
11 the start-up package or its equivalent be returned, Defendants will pay
12 for any shipping costs associated with such return.
- 13 2. Business Opportunity Participants are entitled to a full refund from
14 Defendants of the cost, including tax and any fees, of any unopened
15 products purchased from Defendants within the previous twelve (12)
16 months. If Defendants require, as part of their refund procedure, that
17 refundable products be returned, Defendants will pay for any shipping
18 costs associated with such return.
- 19 3. Defendants shall take effective steps to notify Participants of both
20 (i) the right to return unopened product for a full refund and (ii)
21 contact information, including a telephone number, that may be used
22 to promptly initiate a product return for refund. Such steps shall
23 include, at a minimum, providing clear and conspicuous notice of the
24 same on the following:
- 25 a. Every product purchase invoice or receipt sent from Defendants
26 to a Participant;
- 27 b. Any websites maintained by Defendants that promote or
28 otherwise provide information about the Program;

1 c. Any application to join the Program as a Business Opportunity
2 Participant; and

3 d. Any of Defendants' booklets, brochures, or similar printed
4 materials promoting the Program.

5 4. Preferred Customers are entitled to product refunds on terms and
6 through procedures that are at least as generous as those for Retail
7 Customers.

8 **H. Required Training for Business Opportunity Participants.** Defendants

9 shall not pay Multi-Level Compensation to any Participant, and shall
10 prohibit and prevent such Participant from recruiting or sponsoring other
11 Participants, until such Participant has successfully completed a training
12 course conducted by Defendants that is focused on the following topics:

13 (a) the importance of purchasing only the amount of product that the
14 Participant expects to sell in the near future; (b) how to document retail
15 sales; (c) prohibitions on and consequences for falsifying retail sales
16 documentation; (d) how to identify and account for business-related
17 expenses and calculate profit or loss; (e) how to create a business budget and
18 manage income and expenses; (f) prohibited and permissible representations
19 to Participants and potential Participants; (g) how to receive a refund or
20 buyback for unwanted product; and (h) how to submit a complaint about the
21 business opportunity to Defendants and to law enforcement.

22 **I. Policies Relating to Leased or Purchased Business Locations.** The
23 program shall include, and Defendants shall enforce, the following policies
24 relating to leased or purchased business locations:

25 1. Participants are prohibited from entering into any lease, sublease, or
26 purchase of a physical location or a portion of a physical location
27 (other than their homes or dwellings) for their Program-related
28 businesses until they have:

- 1 a. been Business Opportunity Participants for at least twelve (12)
2 consecutive months;
- 3 b. successfully completed a training course conducted by
4 Defendants that focuses on the following topics as related to the
5 operation of a leased or purchased business location: (i) how to
6 identify and account for all business-related expenses and
7 calculate profit or loss; (ii) how to create a budget and manage
8 income and expenses; (iii) how to learn about and comply with
9 local laws that may affect the Participant's business; and
10 (iv) how to create a business plan meeting the requirements set
11 forth in Subsection I.I.c, below; and
- 12 c. prepared a written business plan that such Participant must
13 retain and make available to Defendants or to the Independent
14 Compliance Auditor upon request, and that (i) identifies the
15 facilities and equipment that will be used for business
16 operations and the costs of acquiring such facilities and
17 equipment; (ii) identifies applicable city, county, and state
18 regulations and the steps and costs necessary for the Participant
19 to operate in compliance therewith; (iii) estimates start-up costs
20 and identifies the source of funding for such costs; (iv) presents
21 a promotional plan for attracting customers to the location; (v)
22 estimates the monthly and annual volume of customers and
23 sales necessary for the Participant's retail business to operate
24 profitably; and (vi) forecasts income, overhead, and operating
25 expenses by month for the first two years of operation.

26 **II.**

27 **PROHIBITED MISREPRESENTATIONS**

28 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants, Defendants' officers,

1 agents, and employees, and all other persons in active concert or participation with
2 any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or
3 indirectly, in connection with the advertising, marketing, promoting, or offering of
4 any Business Venture, are permanently restrained and enjoined from
5 misrepresenting or assisting others in misrepresenting, including by providing
6 others with the means and instrumentalities with which to misrepresent, expressly
7 or by implication:

8 A. That participants will or are likely to earn substantial income;

9 B. The amount of revenue, income, or profit a participant actually earned or can
10 likely earn;

11 C. The reasons participants do not earn significant income, including but not
12 limited to representations that participants fail to devote substantial or
13 sufficient effort; and

14 D. Any other fact material to participants concerning the Business Venture,
15 such as: the total costs to participate, including trainings, brochures, and
16 sales aids; any material restrictions, limitations, or conditions on operating
17 the Business Venture; or any material aspect of its performance, efficacy,
18 nature, or central characteristics.

19 **III.**

20 **PROHIBITED LIFESTYLE REPRESENTATIONS**

21 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants, Defendants' officers,
22 agents, and employees, and all other persons in active concert or participation with
23 any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or
24 indirectly, in connection with the advertising, marketing, promoting, or offering of
25 any Business Venture, are permanently restrained and enjoined from representing
26 that participation in the Business Venture is likely to result in a lavish lifestyle, and
27 from using images or descriptions to represent or imply that participation in the
28 Business Venture is likely to result in a lavish lifestyle. For the purposes of this

1 Section, the following are examples of prohibited claims when made to a general
2 audience of prospective or current participants:

- 3 A. Statements that participants can “quit your job,” “be set for life,” “earn
4 millions of dollars,” “make more money than they ever have imagined or
5 thought possible,” “realize unlimited income,” or any substantially similar
6 representations; and
7 B. Descriptions or images of opulent mansions, private helicopters, private jets,
8 yachts, exotic automobiles, or any substantially similar representations.

9 **IV.**

10 **PROHIBITION AGAINST MATERIAL OMISSIONS AND**
11 **UNSUBSTANTIATED INCOME REPRESENTATIONS**

12 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants, Defendants’ officers,
13 agents, and employees, and all other persons in active concert or participation with
14 any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or
15 indirectly, in connection with advertising, marketing, promoting, or offering any
16 Business Venture, are permanently restrained and enjoined from:

- 17 A. Failing to disclose, clearly and conspicuously, before any potential
18 participant pays any money to Defendants, all information material to the
19 decision of whether to participate in the Business Venture, including, but not
20 limited to whether Defendants have a refund or buyback policy and if so, all
21 material terms and conditions of the refund or buyback policy, including the
22 specific steps consumers must follow to obtain a refund or buyback; and
23 B. Making any representation, expressly or by implication, regarding the
24 amount or level of income, including full-time or part-time income, that a
25 participant can reasonably expect to earn unless the representation is non-
26 misleading and, at the time such representation is made, Defendants possess
27 and rely upon competent and reliable evidence sufficient to substantiate that
28 the representation is true. Implied representations regarding the amount or

1 level of income that a participant reasonably can expect to earn include but
2 are not limited to representations involving and images used to show an
3 improved lifestyle.

4 **V.**

5 **COMPLIANCE MONITORING BY DEFENDANTS**

6 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants, Defendants' officers,
7 agents, employees, and all other persons in active concert or participation with
8 any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, whether acting directly or
9 indirectly, in connection with advertising, marketing, promoting, or offering
10 any Multi-Level Marketing Program, are hereby permanently restrained and
11 enjoined from:

- 12 A. Failing to take all reasonable steps necessary to monitor and ensure that
13 Defendants' agents, representatives, employees, and independent contractors
14 act in compliance with the requirements of Sections I–IV of this Order. For
15 purposes of this Subsection, an individual's status as a Business Opportunity
16 Participant alone does not render him or her an agent, representative,
17 employee, or independent contractor of Defendants.
- 18 B. Failing to take all reasonable steps necessary to monitor and ensure that
19 Business Opportunity Participants and Preferred Customers act in
20 compliance with the requirements of Sections II–IV of this Order.
- 21 C. Providing any monetary compensation to any Business Opportunity
22 Participant when Defendants know or should know that such monetary
23 compensation is or would be based on claimed transactions that are not in
24 accordance with the requirements of Section I.
- 25 D. Failing to claw back any monetary compensation to any Business
26 Opportunity Participant when Defendants learn or should have learned that
27 such monetary compensation was based on claimed transactions that were
28 not in accordance with the requirements of Section I.

1 E. Failing to implement and maintain a corrective action program that deters
2 and corrects behaviors of Business Opportunity Participants and Preferred
3 Customers that are not in compliance with the requirements of this Order.

4 F. Failing to promptly and thoroughly investigate any complaint received by
5 Defendants relating to compliance with this Order and to notify the
6 complainant of the resolution of the complaint and the reason therefor,
7 unless legitimate business reasons exist not to notify the complainant.

8 **VI.**

9 **INDEPENDENT COMPLIANCE AUDITOR**

10 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that an Independent Compliance Auditor
11 (“ICA”) shall be appointed to further ensure compliance with Section I.A–F and I.I
12 of this Order, as set forth below. The ICA shall be an independent third party, not
13 an employee or agent of the Commission or of Defendants, and no attorney-client
14 or other professional relationship shall be formed between the ICA and
15 Defendants. No later than sixty (60) days after the entry of this Order,
16 Commission staff and Defendants shall select the ICA by mutual agreement. If the
17 parties are unable to agree on an ICA who is willing and able to perform the ICA’s
18 duties under this Order, they shall submit the matter to the Court for determination.
19 Defendants shall consent to the following terms and conditions regarding the ICA:

20 A. The ICA shall serve, without bond or other security, at the expense of
21 Defendants. Defendants shall execute an agreement that, subject to the prior
22 approval of Commission staff, confers upon the ICA all the rights and
23 powers necessary to permit the ICA to perform its duties and responsibilities
24 pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of this Order. Any
25 individual who serves as ICA or performs duties at the ICA’s direction shall
26 agree not to be retained by the Commission or Defendants for a period of
27 two years after the conclusion of the engagement.

28 B. Beginning at the Effective Date applicable to Section I of this Order, the

1 ICA shall have the duty and responsibility to diligently and competently
2 review, assess, and evaluate Defendants' compliance with the following
3 requirements of Section I of this Order, namely the requirements that:

- 4 1. Defendants are paying Multi-Level Compensation only in accordance
5 with Subsection I.A, and subject to the limitations set forth in
6 Subsections I.D., I.E, I.F, and I.H;
- 7 2. Defendants are differentiating between Preferred Customers and
8 Business Opportunity Participants as required by Subsection I.B;
- 9 3. Defendants are collecting and maintaining retail sales information as
10 required by Subsection I.C;
- 11 4. Defendants are taking all reasonable steps necessary to monitor and
12 ensure that Profitable Retail Sales and Preferred Customer Purchases
13 are genuine sales of Products, rather than an attempt to manipulate the
14 program's compensation plan, as required by Subsection I.D.1;
- 15 5. Defendants are taking all reasonable steps necessary to monitor and
16 ensure that Profitable Retail Sales in fact occurred as reported in the
17 information collected and maintained pursuant to Subsection I.D.2;
- 18 6. Defendants are complying with the requirements and limitations
19 relating to claimed Profitable Retail Sales set forth in Subsection
20 I.D.3;
- 21 7. Defendants are complying with the requirements and limitations
22 relating to Rewardable Personal Consumption set forth in Subsection
23 I.E;
- 24 8. Defendants are complying with the limitations on thresholds, targets,
25 and requirements set forth in Subsection I.F;
- 26 9. Defendants are complying with and enforcing the requirements and
27 limitations on leased or purchased business locations set forth in
28 Subsection I.I.

1 C. Subject to the terms of this Order, the ICA shall have authority to engage
2 professional staff, at the expense of Defendants, to assist the ICA in carrying
3 out the ICA's duties and responsibilities.

4 D. Except for information protected by any demonstrated legally-recognized
5 privilege, the ICA shall have full and complete access to all reasonably
6 available information in the possession, custody, or control of Defendants
7 that is relevant to accomplishing the ICA's duties and responsibilities
8 described in Section VI. Defendants may consult with the ICA concerning
9 the ICA's work, including but not limited to the ICA's findings and
10 recommendations, as appropriate.

11 E. The ICA, and any staff engaged to assist the ICA in carrying out the ICA's
12 duties and responsibilities, shall maintain the confidentiality of any of
13 Defendants' information obtained in accordance with this Order, and shall
14 not disclose such information to any other person except in accordance with
15 this Order; *except that*, upon request, the ICA shall share records and
16 information with Commission staff. Nothing in this Section shall affect or
17 impair the Commission's ability to obtain records and information pursuant
18 to Section XII.

19 F. Defendants may require the ICA, and any staff engaged to assist the ICA in
20 carrying out the ICA's duties and responsibilities, to sign a customary
21 confidentiality agreement; *provided, however*, that such agreement shall not
22 restrict the ICA (and its representatives) from providing any information to
23 Commission staff.

24 G. Commission staff may require the ICA, and any staff engaged to assist the
25 ICA in carrying out the ICA's duties and responsibilities, to sign an
26 appropriate confidentiality agreement related to Commission materials and
27 information received in connection with the performance of the ICA's
28 duties, and to take other appropriate steps to protect the confidentiality of the

1 same.

2 H. The ICA shall serve for seven (7) years after the Effective Date applicable to
3 Section I of this Order.

4 I. The ICA shall periodically report in writing to Commission staff and to
5 Defendants on Defendants' compliance with each of the subsections of
6 Section I. For the first three (3) years, the ICA shall make such reports
7 every six (6) months, beginning six months following the Effective Date
8 applicable to Section I. After the first three (3) years, the frequency of such
9 reports shall be decreased to annually.

10 J. If, at any time, the ICA determines that Defendants are not in substantial
11 compliance with Section I.A–F or I.I of this Order, the ICA shall so notify
12 Commission staff and consult with Defendants. Defendants may at any time
13 submit to Commission staff and to the ICA a written response to the ICA's
14 notification.

15 K. The ICA shall prepare a budget and work plan as follows:

16 1. No later than ninety (90) days prior to the Effective Date applicable to
17 Section I of this Order, the ICA shall, in consultation with
18 Commission staff and Defendants, prepare and present to Commission
19 staff and Defendants an annual budget and work plan (the "ICA
20 Budget") describing the scope of work to be performed and the fees
21 and expenses of the ICA and any professional staff to be incurred
22 during the first year following the Effective Date of Section I of this
23 Order.

24 2. The scope of work, fees, and expenses to be incurred by the ICA and
25 any professional staff shall be reasonable and not excessive, in light of
26 the ICA's defined duties, responsibilities, and powers prescribed in
27 this Order.

28 3. The ICA shall prepare and submit to Defendants and to Commission

1 staff an annual ICA Budget no later than ninety (90) days prior to the
2 beginning of each subsequent year of the ICA's term. If Defendants
3 and Commission staff both approve the ICA Budget, the ICA shall
4 adhere to and shall not exceed the approved ICA Budget, unless such
5 deviations are authorized by agreement of the parties or order of the
6 Court.

7 4. Within 21 days of receipt of any ICA Budget, either Commission staff
8 or Defendants may serve an objection to the ICA, who, within 21 days
9 of such objection, shall provide to Commission staff and Defendants a
10 revised ICA Budget or a notice that no such revision will be made.

11 5. Following the ICA's response to an objection provided in accordance
12 with Subsection VI.K.3, either Commission staff or Defendants may
13 apply to the Court to modify the ICA Budget.

14 6. Pending the Court's decision concerning any application pursuant to
15 Subsection VI.K.4, the ICA shall continue to perform its duties and
16 implement the ICA Budget as prepared by the ICA.

17 L. Defendants shall indemnify the ICA and hold the ICA harmless against all
18 losses, claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses arising out of, or in
19 connection with, the performance of the ICA's duties, including all
20 reasonable fees of counsel and other reasonable expenses incurred in
21 connection with the preparations for, or defense of, any claim, whether or
22 not resulting in any liability, except to the extent that such losses, claims,
23 damages, liabilities, or expenses result from gross negligence, willful or
24 wanton acts, or bad faith by the ICA.

25 M. In the event Commission staff determines that the ICA has ceased to act or
26 failed to act consistently with the terms of this Subsection, Commission staff
27 may relieve the ICA of its duties.

28 N. If the ICA has been relieved of its duties, or if the ICA is no longer willing

1 or able to continue to serve, Commission staff and Defendants shall
2 mutually agree on a replacement ICA. If the parties are unable to agree on a
3 replacement ICA within thirty (30) days, they shall submit the matter to the
4 Court for determination. If more than three (3) months elapse without an
5 ICA in place, the overall term of the ICA set forth in Subsection VI.H shall
6 be extended for a commensurate period.

7 O. Not later than ten (10) days after the appointment of the replacement ICA,
8 Defendants shall execute an agreement that, subject to the prior approval of
9 Commission staff, confers upon the replacement ICA all the rights and
10 powers necessary to permit the replacement ICA to perform its duties and
11 responsibilities pursuant to this Order.

12 **VII.**

13 **MONETARY JUDGMENT**

14 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that:

- 15 A. Judgment in the amount of Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000) is
16 entered in favor of the Commission against Defendants, jointly and
17 severally, as equitable monetary relief.
- 18 B. Defendant Herbalife International of America, Inc. is ordered to pay to the
19 Commission Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000), within 7 days of
20 entry of this Order by electronic fund transfer in accordance with
21 instructions previously provided by a representative of the Commission.
- 22 C. Defendants relinquish dominion and all legal and equitable right, title, and
23 interest in all assets transferred pursuant to this Order and may not seek the
24 return of any assets.
- 25 D. The facts alleged in the Complaint will be taken as true, without further
26 proof, in any subsequent civil litigation by or on behalf of the Commission
27 in a proceeding to enforce its rights to any payment or monetary judgment
28 pursuant to this Order, such as a nondischargeability complaint in any

1 bankruptcy case.

2 E. The facts alleged in the Complaint establish all elements necessary to sustain
3 an action by the Commission pursuant to Section 523(a)(2)(A) of the
4 Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(2)(A), and this Order will have
5 collateral estoppel effect for such purposes.

6 F. Defendants acknowledge that their Taxpayer Identification Numbers or
7 Employer Identification Numbers, which Defendants must submit to the
8 Commission, may be used for collecting and reporting on any delinquent
9 amount arising out of this Order, in accordance with 31 U.S.C. § 7701.

10 G. All money paid to the Commission pursuant to this Order may be deposited
11 into a fund administered by the Commission or its designee to be used for
12 equitable relief, including consumer redress and any attendant expenses for
13 the administration of any redress fund. If a representative of the
14 Commission decides that direct redress to consumers is wholly or partially
15 impracticable or money remains after redress is completed, the Commission
16 may apply any remaining money for such other equitable relief (including
17 consumer information remedies) as it determines to be reasonably related to
18 Defendants' practices alleged in the Complaint. Any money not used for
19 such equitable relief is to be deposited to the U.S. Treasury as disgorgement.
20 Defendants have no right to challenge any actions the Commission or its
21 representatives may take pursuant to this Subsection.

22 **VIII.**

23 **CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

24 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants, Defendants' officers,
25 agents, and employees, and all other persons in active concert or participation with
26 any of them, who receive actual notice of this Order, are permanently restrained
27 and enjoined from directly or indirectly failing to provide sufficient customer
28 information to enable the Commission to efficiently administer consumer redress.

1 Defendants represent that they have provided this redress information to the
2 Commission. If a representative of the Commission requests in writing any
3 information related to redress, Defendants must provide it, in the form prescribed
4 by the Commission, within 14 days.

5 **IX.**

6 **ORDER ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

7 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants obtain acknowledgments of
8 receipt of this Order:

- 9 A. Each Defendant, within 7 days of entry of this Order, must submit to the
10 Commission an acknowledgment of receipt of this Order sworn under
11 penalty of perjury.
- 12 B. For ten (10) years after entry of this Order, Defendants must deliver a copy
13 of this Order to: (1) all principals, officers, directors, and LLC managers
14 and members, including Participants who serve as principals, officers,
15 directors, and LLC managers and members; (2) all employees, agents, and
16 representatives having managerial responsibilities concerning conduct
17 covered by Sections I–IV of this Order; (3) Business Opportunity
18 Participants who are members of the Founder’s Circle or Chairman’s Club
19 or any group with similar stature under the marketing plan; (4) any business
20 entity resulting from any change in structure as set forth in the Section titled
21 Compliance Reporting. Delivery must occur within 7 days of entry of this
22 Order for current personnel. For all others, delivery must occur before they
23 assume their responsibilities.
- 24 C. From each individual or entity to which a Defendant delivered a copy of this
25 Order, that Defendant must obtain, within 30 days, a signed and dated
26 acknowledgment of receipt of this Order.
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1 X.

2 **COMPLIANCE REPORTING**

3 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants make timely submissions to
4 the Commission:

5 A. One year after entry of this Order, each Defendant must submit a compliance
6 report, sworn under penalty of perjury. Each Defendant must:

- 7 1. Identify the primary physical, postal, and email address and telephone
8 number, as designated points of contact, which representatives of the
9 Commission may use to communicate with Defendant;
- 10 2. Identify all of that Defendant's businesses by all of their names,
11 telephone numbers, and physical, postal, email, and Internet
12 addresses;
- 13 3. Describe the activities of each business, including the goods and
14 services offered, the means of advertising, marketing, and sales, and
15 the involvement of any other Defendant;
- 16 4. Describe in detail whether and how that Defendant is in compliance
17 with each Section of this Order; and
- 18 5. Provide a copy of each Order Acknowledgment obtained pursuant to
19 this Order, unless previously submitted to the Commission.

20 B. For nine (9) years after entry of this Order, each Defendant must submit a
21 compliance notice, sworn under penalty of perjury, within 14 days of any
22 change in the following:

- 23 1. Any designated point of contact; or
- 24 2. The structure of Defendant or any entity that Defendant has any
25 ownership interest in or controls directly or indirectly that may affect
26 compliance obligations arising under this Order, including: creation,
27 merger, sale, or dissolution of the entity or any subsidiary, parent, or
28 affiliate that engages in any acts or practices subject to this Order.

1 C. Each Defendant must submit to the Commission notice of the filing of any
2 bankruptcy petition, insolvency proceeding, or similar proceeding by or
3 against such Defendant within 14 days of its filing.

4 D. Any submission to the Commission required by this Order to be sworn under
5 penalty of perjury must be true and accurate and comply with 28 U.S.C. §
6 1746, such as by concluding: “I declare under penalty of perjury under the
7 laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.
8 Executed on: _____” and supplying the date, signatory’s full name, title (if
9 applicable), and signature.

10 E. Unless otherwise directed by a Commission representative in writing, all
11 submissions to the Commission pursuant to this Order must be emailed to
12 DEbrief@ftc.gov or sent by overnight courier (not the U.S. Postal Service)
13 to: Associate Director for Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection,
14 Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington,
15 DC 20580. The subject line must begin: FTC v. Herbalife, Ltd., *et al.*

16 XI.

17 RECORDKEEPING

18 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Defendants must create certain records
19 for nine (9) years after entry of the Order, and retain each such record for five (5)
20 years. Specifically, Defendants must create and retain the following records:

21 A. Accounting records showing the revenues from all goods or services sold to
22 participants in a Business Venture;

23 B. Personnel records showing, for each person providing services, whether as
24 an employee or otherwise, that person’s name; addresses; telephone
25 numbers; job title or position; dates of service; and (if applicable) the reason
26 for termination;

27 C. Records accurately reflecting current Preferred Customers’ and Participants’
28 name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address, and former Preferred

1 Customers' and Participants' name and last known address, telephone
2 number, and e-mail address;

3 D. Records of all consumer complaints and refund requests, whether received
4 directly or indirectly, such as through a third party, and any response;

5 E. All records necessary to demonstrate full compliance with each provision of
6 this Order, including all submissions to the Commission;

7 F. A copy of each unique advertisement or other marketing material used or
8 disseminated by Defendants to consumers, Preferred Customers, or
9 Participants;

10 G. A copy of each unique training material used or disseminated by Defendants
11 to Preferred Customers or Participants; and

12 H. Copies of all contracts or agreements entered into between Defendants and
13 any participant in Defendants' Business Venture.

14 **XII.**

15 **COMPLIANCE MONITORING**

16 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that for the purpose of monitoring
17 Defendants' compliance with this Order and any failure to transfer any assets as
18 required by this Order:

19 A. Within 14 days of receipt of a written request from a representative of the
20 Commission each Defendant must: submit additional compliance reports or
21 other requested information, which must be sworn under penalty of perjury;
22 appear for depositions; and produce documents for inspection and copying.
23 The Commission is also authorized to obtain discovery, without further
24 leave of court, using any of the procedures prescribed by Federal Rules of
25 Civil Procedure 29, 30 (including telephonic depositions), 31, 33, 34, 36, 45,
26 and 69.

27 B. For matters concerning this Order, the Commission is authorized to
28 communicate with each Defendant through its counsel. Defendant must

1 permit representatives of the Commission to interview any employee or
2 other person affiliated with any Defendant who has agreed to such an
3 interview. The person interviewed may have counsel present.

4 C. The Commission may use all other lawful means, including posing through
5 its representatives as consumers, suppliers, or other individuals or entities, to
6 Defendants or any individual or entity affiliated with Defendants, without
7 the necessity of identification or prior notice. Nothing in this Order limits
8 the Commission's lawful use of compulsory process, pursuant to Sections 9
9 and 20 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 49, 57b-1.

10 **XIII.**

11 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

12 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Order shall become effective upon
13 entry, except that Section I shall become effective ten (10) months after entry of
14 the Order.


15 **XIV.**

16 **RETENTION OF JURISDICTION**

17 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Court retains jurisdiction of this
18 matter for purposes of construction, modification, and enforcement of this Order.
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20 **SO STIPULATED AND AGREED:**

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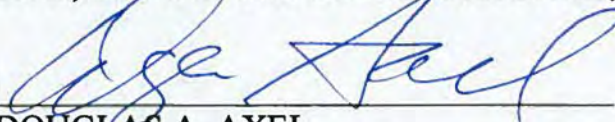
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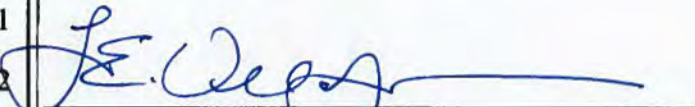
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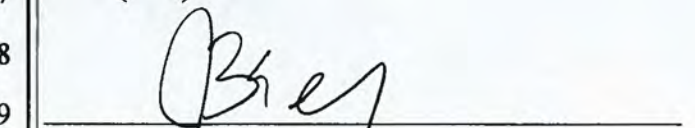
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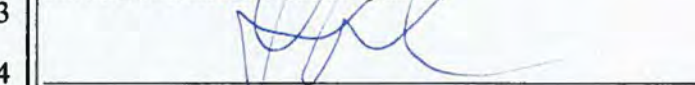
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