## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20530,

Plaintiff,

v.

AMAZON.COM, INC., a corporation, 1200 Twelfth Avenue South, Suite 1200, Seattle, Washington 98144,

Defendant.

Case No.

## STIPULATED JUDGMENT AND ORDER FOR CIVIL PENALTIES AND INJUNCTIVE AND OTHER RELIEF

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WHEREAS Plaintiff, the United States of America ("United States"), has commenced this action by filing a Complaint for civil penalties and injunctive and other relief, pursuant to Sections 5, 13, and 16 of the Federal Trade Commission Act ("FTC Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 45, 53, and 56, and pursuant to the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act ("Textile Act"), 15 U.S.C. § 70 *et seq.*, and the Rules and Regulations thereunder ("Textile Rules"), 16 C.F.R. § 303 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS the United States, the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission") and Defendant Amazon.com, Inc. have consented to the entry of this Stipulated Judgment and Order for Civil Penalties and Injunctive and Other Relief ("Order") to resolve all matters of dispute between them in this action; NOW, THEREFORE, the Court having considered the parties' request to enter the Order, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED as follows:

#### FINDINGS

- This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this case and jurisdiction over all parties pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1337(a), 1345, and 1355, and 15 U.S.C. §§ 45(m)(1)(B), 53(b), and 56(a).
- Venue in the District of Columbia is proper under 15 U.S.C. § 53(b) and under 28 U.S.C.
   §§ 1391(b) and (c) and 1395(a).
- 3. The Complaint states a claim upon which relief may be granted against Defendant under Sections 5(a)(1), 5(m)(1)(B), 13(b), and 16(a) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 45(a)(1), 45(m)(1)(B), 53(b), and 56(a), and under the Textile Act, 15 U.S.C. § 70 *et seq.*, and the Textile Rules, 16 C.F.R. Part 303.

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- 7. Defendant does not admit any allegations in the Complaint, except for facts necessary to establish jurisdiction. This Order is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by Defendant or a finding of fact that the law has been violated as alleged in the Complaint.
- 8. The parties agree that this Order resolves all allegations in the Complaint. The parties waive all rights to seek appellate review or otherwise challenge or contest the validity of

- A. Selling, offering for sale, or advertising in commerce any covered product that is falsely or deceptively stamped, tagged, labeled, invoiced, advertised, or otherwise identified as to the name or amount of constituent fibers contained therein.
  15 U.S.C. §§ 70a, 70b.
- B. Failing to use the recognized generic name of any manufactured fiber in the required information in any labels, invoices, or advertising of any covered product. 16 C.F.R. §§ 303.6 and 303.7.
- C. Failing to include all required information on labels for any covered product, including identifying:
  - 1. the generic names and percentages by weight of the constituent fibers present in the covered product, in amounts of 5 percent or more and in the order of predominance, as set forth in 16 C.F.R. § 303.16(a)(1);
  - 2. the name or registered identification number issued by the Commission of the manufacturer or of one or more persons marketing or handling the covered product, 16 C.F.R. § 303.16(a)(2); and
  - the name of the country where such covered product was processed or manufactured, as provided for in 16 C.F.R. § 303.33.
     U.S.C. § 70b(b), 16 C.F.R. §§ 303.16 and 303.42(a).
- D. Failing to ensure that any fiber trademark or generic name used on the label of, or in any advertising for, any covered product:
  - 1. is not false, deceptive, or misleading as to fiber content; and
  - does not indicate, directly or indirectly, that the covered product is
     composed wholly or in part of a particular fiber, when such is not the case.

16 C.F.R. §§ 303.17(d) and 303.41(d).

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H. Failing to ensure that any words, coined words, symbols or depictions used in the

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embellish or misrepresent claims provided by the manufacturer about a covered product, and (2) the covered product is not sold by Defendant as a private label product, then Defendant shall only be liable for a violation of this Section if it knew or should have known that the marketing or sale of the covered product would violate this Section.

*Provided, further*, that in the event the Textile Act or Textile Rules are amended or modified, nothing in this Section shall impose upon Defendant obligations that go beyond what is required under the amended or modified version of the Textile Act or Textile Rules.

#### **II. SETTLEMENT PAYMENT**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant will pay \$455,000 to the Treasurer of the United States.

- A. Within five (5) days of entry of this Order, Defendant shall transfer payment in the form of an electronic fund transfer in accordance with the procedures specified by: Consumer Protection Branch, Civil Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.
- B. In the event of any default in payment, which default continues for ten (10) days beyond the due date of payment, the entire unpaid amount, together with interest, as computed pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 1961 from the date of default to the date of payment, shall immediately become due and payable.
- C. Defendant shall cooperate fully with the United States and the Commission and their agents in all attempts to collect the amount due pursuant to this Paragraph if Defendant fails to pay fully the amount due at the time specified herein. In such an event, Tc -0.001(UoTJ n(TcRU01 Tw -1f5rJ 0.0007 Tl003 Tc -17.415 0 Td (eTd .0007 Tc -0.007 Tc -0.001)

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and copying; appear for deposition; and provide entry during normal business hours to any business location in Defendant's possession or direct or indirect control to inspect the business operation;

- B. In addition, the United States and the Commission are authorized to use all other lawful means, including but not limited to:
  - obtaining discovery from any person, without further leave of court, using the procedures prescribed by Fed. R. Civ. P. 30, 31, 33, 34, 36, 45, and 69; and
  - having their representatives pose as consumers and suppliers to Defendant, its employees, or any other entity managed or controlled in whole or in part by Defendant, without the necessity of identification or prior notice; and
- C. Defendant shall permit representatives of the United States and the Commission to interview any employer, consultant, independent contractor, representative, agent, or employee who has agreed to such an interview, relating in any way to any conduct subject to this Order. The person interviewed may have counsel present.

*Provided however*, that nothing in this Order shall limit the United States' or the Commission's lawful use of compulsory process, pursuant to Sections 9 and 20 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 49, 57b-1, to obtain any documentary material, tangible things, testimony, or information relevant to unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce (within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. § 45(a)(1)).

# **IV. COMPLIANCE REPORTING**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in order that compliance with the provisions of this

Order may be monitored:

A. For a period of five (5) years from the date

- C. Defendant shall notify the Commission of the filing of a bankruptcy petition by such Defendant within fifteen (15) days of filing.
- D. For the purposes of this Order, Defendant shall, unless otherwise directed by the Commission's authorized representatives, send by overnight courier (not the U.S. Postal Service) all reports and notifications to the Commission that are required by this Order to:

Associate Director for Enforcement Bureau of Consumer Protection Federal Trade Commission 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20580 RE: United States v. Amazon.com, Inc., Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

*Provided* that, in lieu of overnight courier, Defendant may send such reports or notifications by first-class mail, but only if Defendant contemporaneously sends an electronic version of such report or notification to the Commission at Debrief@ftc.gov.

 E. For purposes of the compliance reporting and monitoring required by this Order, the United States and the Commission are authorized to communicate directly with the Defendant.

## V. RECORDKEEPING

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for a period of five (5) years from the date of entry of this Order, Defendant, in connection with the marketing and/or sale of covered products, is hereby restrained and enjoined from failing to create and retain the following records:

A. Accounting records that reflect the cost of goods or services sold, revenues generated, and the disbursement of such revenues;

- B. Personnel records for each person employed by Defendant as a manager having responsibilities for Defendant's marketing or sale of textile products in any category that Defendant uses to organize its business (e.g., apparel, home, baby, etc.) accurately reflecting that person's: name, address, and telephone number; job title or position; date upon which the person commenced work; and the date and reason for the person's termination, if applicable;
- C. Customer files containing the names, addresses, phone numbers, dollar amounts paid, quantity of items or services purchased, and description of items or services purchased, to the extent such information is obtained in the ordinary course of business; and
- D. All records and documents necessary to demonstrate full compliance with each provision of this Order, including but not limited to, copies of acknowledgments of receipt of this Order required by the Sections titled "Distribution of Order" and "Acknowledgment of Receipt of Order" and all reports submitted to the FTC pursuant to the Section titled "Compliance Reporting."

#### VI. DISTRIBUTION OF ORDER

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for a period of five (5) years from the date of entry of this Order, Defendant shall deliver copies of the Order to (1) all of its managers having responsibilities for Defendant's marketing or sale of textile products in any category that Defendant uses to organize its business (e.g., apparel, home, baby, etc.); and (2) any business entity resulting from any change in structure set forth in Subsection A of the Section titled "Compliance Reporting." For current personnel, delivery shall be within thirty (30) days of service of this Order upon Defendant. For new personnel, delivery shall occur within thirty (30)

days after the person assumes his or her responsibilities. For any business entity resulting from any change in structure set forth in Subsection A of the Section titled "Compliance Reporting," delivery shall be at least ten (10) days prior to the change in structure. Defendant must secure a signed and dated statement acknowledging receipt of the Order, within thirty (30) days of delivery, from all persons receiving a copy of the Order pursuant to this Section.

# VII. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF ORDER

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant within five (5) business days of receipt of this Order as entered by the Court, must submit to the Commission a truthful sworn statement acknowledging receipt of this Order.

#### VIII. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of construction, modification, and enforcement of this Order.

SO ORDERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE United States District Court

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