

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN RE: )  
VITAMINS ANTITRUST LITIGATION )  
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) MISC. NO. 02-1285 (L&L)  
) MDL No. 1285

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO: )  
ALL ACTIONS )

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**ORDER**  
**RE: DEPOSITIONS OF MERCK DEFENDANTS**

NANCY MAYER WHITTINGTON, CLERK  
U.S. DISTRICT COURT

Upon careful consideration of the Joint Request of Plaintiffs and E. Merck, Merck KgaA and EM Industries, Inc. (the "MerckDefendants") to Extend Time to Depose Merck Witnesses Identified on Plaintiffs' Trial Witness List, Certain Defendants' Opposition thereto, and the Joint Reply of Plaintiffs and the Merck Defendants, it is hereby

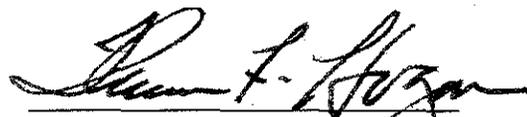
**ORDERED** that the Motion to Extend Time to Depose Merck Witnesses Identified on Plaintiffs' Trial Witness List is **GRANTED**. It is further hereby

**ORDERED** that the May 7, 2002 Stipulation Regarding Depositions of Witnesses Identified on the Parties' Final Witness Lists is modified to permit the deposition of certain current or former employees of the Merck Defendants to occur during the period of January 15, 2003 to February 7, 2003 rather than before December 2, 2002. It is further hereby

**ORDERED** that all other provisions of the May 7, 2002 remain in effect.

**SO ORDERED.**

November 12, 2002

  
Thomas F. Hogan  
Chief Judge

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