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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN RE: VITAMINS ANTITRUST LITIGATION

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. v. Rhone-Poulenc S.A., et al.,  
00 Civ. 0373 (S.D.N.Y.)

Misc. No. 99-CV-0197

MDL No. 1285

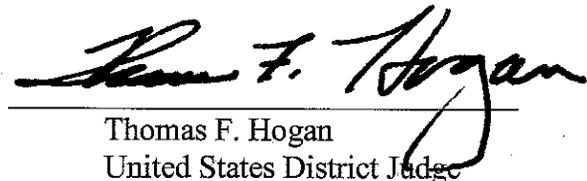
ORDER DISMISSING THE TAKEDA  
DEFENDANTS WITH PREJUDICE

This matter being presented to the Court in connection with the unopposed motion of plaintiff Bristol-Myers Squibb Company ("BMS") to dismiss Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd., Takeda Vitamin & Food USA, Inc. and Takeda U.S.A., Inc. (collectively, the "Takeda Defendants") with prejudice,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Complaint in this action is dismissed with prejudice solely against the Takeda Defendants. This Order is without prejudice to BMS' claims against any other defendant or alleged co-conspirator in the above-captioned case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 30, 2002

  
Thomas F. Hogan  
United States District Judge