

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN RE:  
VITAMINS ANTITRUST LITIGATION

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ALL ACTIONS

M.D.L. No. 1285

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STIPULATION AND (PROPOSED) ORDER REGARDING  
BRIEFING SCHEDULE ON CLASS PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR  
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT BETWEEN CLASS  
PLAINTIFFS AND DEFENDANTS MITSUI & CO. LTD., MITSUI & CO.  
(U.S.A.) INC., AND BIOPRODUCTS, INCORPORATED

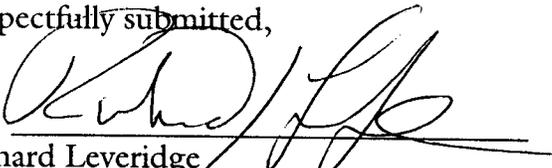
IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between Lead Counsel for the Class Plaintiffs and Counsel for the Direct Action Plaintiffs, that the following schedule shall govern the briefing schedule on Class Plaintiffs' Motion For Preliminary Approval Of Settlement Between Class Plaintiffs And Defendants Mitsui & Co. Ltd., Mitsui & Co. (U.S.A.) Inc., And Bioproducts, Incorporated ("Class Plaintiffs' Motion") which was recently filed and served.

1. Direct Action Plaintiffs shall serve their response to the Class Plaintiffs' Motion, including any motion to intervene on or before Friday, November 21, 2003;
2. Class Plaintiffs shall serve any reply in support of the Class Plaintiffs' Motion and any opposition to any motion to intervene by Direct Action Plaintiffs on or before Thursday, December 4, 2003;

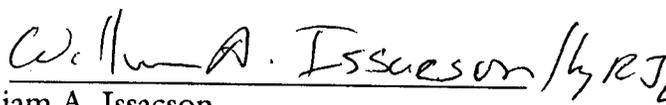
3. Direct Action Plaintiffs will file any reply in support of any motion to intervene on for before Thursday, December 11, 2003; and

4. The Court will hold a hearing on the issues raised in the Class Plaintiffs' motion and the other briefing papers addressed in this Order on Wednesday, December 17, 2003 at 2 p.m.

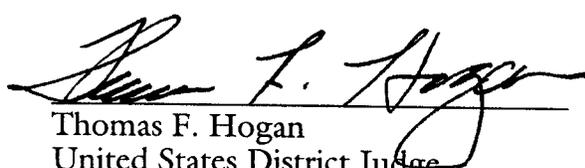
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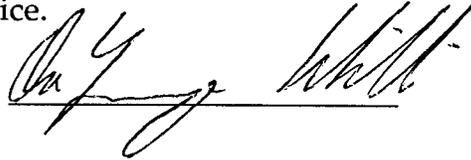
SO ORDERED:

  
Thomas F. Hogan  
United States District Judge

DATED: November 5, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, On Yango Williams, hereby certify that on this 5th day of November, 2003, I served true and correct copies of Stipulation and (Proposed) Order Regarding Briefing Schedule on Class Plaintiffs' Motion For Preliminary Approval Of Settlement Between Class Plaintiffs And Defendants Mitsui & Co. Ltd., Mitsui & Co. (U.S.A.) Inc., And Bioproducts, Incorporated electronically upon counsel of record in the above proceeding, utilizing the Verilaw electronic service procedure pursuant to the 5/17/00 Stipulated Order Regarding Electronic Service.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "On Yango Williams", is written over a horizontal line.