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John C. Fusco
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One Canterbury Green
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Stamford, CT 06901

Re: **In the Matter of Blaser Swisslube, Inc.**
Docket Number TSCA- 02-2013-9226

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Dear Mr. Fusco:

Enclosed please find a fully executed Order. The effective date of this Order shall be the date of filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA, Region 2.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl R. Howard".

Carl R. Howard
Assistant Regional Counsel

Enc.

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 2

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In the Matter of :
Blaser Swisslube, Inc. : CONSENT AGREEMENT AND
Respondent. : FINAL ORDER
Proceeding under Section 16(a) of : Docket No. TSCA-02-2013-9226
the Toxic Substances Control Act. :
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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

This administrative proceeding for the assessment of a civil penalty was instituted pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a). Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b) of the "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits," 40 C.F.R. Part 22, where the parties agree to settlement of one or more causes of action before the filing of an administrative complaint, a proceeding may be simultaneously commenced and concluded by the issuance of a consent agreement and final order pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(2) and (3).

The Director of the Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 ("EPA" or "Complainant"), alleges that Blaser Swisslube, Inc., ("Blaser" or "Respondent") violated Sections 5 and 13 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2604 and 2612, and the regulations established under the authority of TSCA, set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 720 (Premanufacture Notification) and 19 C.F.R. Parts 12.118 - 12.121

(Import Certification) and that Respondent has thereby violated Section 15 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2614.

EPA and Blaser agree that settling this matter by entering into this Consent Agreement and Final Order ("CAFO") pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.13(b) and 22.18(b)(2) and (3) is an appropriate means of resolving this case without further litigation.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is Blaser Swisslube, Inc.
 2. Respondent is a "person" within the meaning of 40 C.F.R. § 720.3(x).
 3. Respondent is a "manufacturer" as that term is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 720(t).
 4. Respondent is an "importer" as that term is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 720.3(l) and 19 C.F.R. § 101.1.
 5. Respondent owns, operates and/or controls the facility in and around 31 Hatfield Lane, Goshen, New York 10924 (hereinafter, "Respondent's facility"), that is the subject of this Consent Agreement.
 6. On or about June 28, 2012, EPA conducted an inspection of and at Respondent's facility pursuant to Section 11 of TSCA (hereinafter "the inspection").
 7. Information gathered during the inspection revealed that Respondent imported on several occasions during the February 2008 through July 2010 time period, a new chemical substance. This new chemical substance was the corrosion inhibitor used in the production of Blasocut Vasco 100 Art 2800 (hereinafter "Corrosion Inhibitor").
 8. Information gathered during the course of the inspection showed that Respondent failed to properly certify the imports described in paragraph 7, above, as required by Section 13 of TSCA and the regulations promulgated pursuant to Section 13 of TSCA set forth at 19 C.F.R. Parts 12.118 - 12.121.
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9. Corrosion Inhibitor did not appear on the TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory during the time period described in paragraph 7, above.

10. Respondent did not submit a Premanufacture Notification (PMN) to the Administrator of the EPA at least 90 days prior to Respondent's importation of Corrosion Inhibitor.

11. Respondent has informed EPA that it has submitted required information to EPA concerning its importation of Corrosion Inhibitor.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent is an importer of chemical substances and new chemical substances and is subject to the requirements of Section 5 of TSCA and the regulations promulgated pursuant to Section 5 of TSCA set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 720

2. Section 15(1)(B) and (C), 15 U.S.C. §§ 2614(1)(B) and (C), provide that it is unlawful for any person to fail or refuse to comply with any requirement prescribed by Section 5 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2604, or the regulations promulgated thereunder..

3. Respondent is an importer of chemical substances and is subject to the requirements of Section 13 of TSCA and the regulations promulgated pursuant to Section 13 of TSCA set forth at 19 C.F.R. Parts 12.118 - 12.121.

4. As an importer, Respondent is required to submit to EPA a Premanufacture Notification 90 days before importing a new chemical substance, as specified at 40 C.F.R. § 720.

5. Respondent's failure to submit a Premanufacture Notification in accordance with the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 720 is a violation of TSCA Sections 5 and 15, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2607 and 2614.

6. As an importer, Respondent is required to certify imports of chemical substances as specified at 19 C.F.R. Parts 12.118 - 12.121.

7. Respondent's failure to certify a chemical import in accordance with 19 C.F.R. Parts

12.118 - 12.121 is a violation of Sections 13 and 15 of TSCA.

8. Corrosion Inhibitor is a "chemical substance" as that term is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 720.3.

TERMS OF CONSENT AGREEMENT

Based on the foregoing, and pursuant to Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a) and in accordance with the "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation or Suspension of Permits", 40 C.F.R. § 22.18 (hereinafter "Consolidated Rules"), it is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto, and accepted by Respondent, that Respondent voluntarily and knowingly agrees to, and shall, comply with the following terms:

1. For the purposes of this Consent Agreement, Respondent: a) admits that EPA has jurisdiction to commence a civil administrative proceeding for the violations described in the "Findings of Fact" and "Conclusions of Law" sections, above; b) neither admits nor denies the specific Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Consent Agreement; c) consents to the assessment of the civil penalty as set forth below; and d) consents to the issuance of the Final Order accompanying this Consent Agreement.

2. Respondent shall pay, by cashier's or certified check, a civil penalty in the amount of **One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000)**, payable to the "Treasurer of the United States of America." The check shall be identified with a notation of the name and docket number of this case, set forth in the caption on the first page of this document.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Fines and Penalties
Cincinnati Finance Center
PO Box 979077
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000.

Alternatively, payment may be by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) directed to the Federal

Reserve Bank of New York. Respondent shall provide the following information to its remitter bank:

- 1) Amount of Payment
- 2) SWIFT address: FRNYUS33, 33 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10045
- 3) Account: 68010727
- 4) ABA number: 021030004
- 5) Field Tag 4200 of the Fedwire message should read "D 68010727
Environmental Protection Agency "
- 6) Name of Respondent: Blaser Swisslube, Inc.
- 7) Docket Number TSCA-02-2013-9226

Promptly after payment has been made, Respondent shall send copies of this payment or furnish reasonable proof that such payment has been made to both:

Carl R. Howard, Assistant Regional Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
290 Broadway, 16th Floor
New York, NY 10007

and

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
290 Broadway, 16th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Payment must be received at the above address (or account of EPA) on or before **45 calendar days** after the date of the signature of the Final Order at the end of this document (the date by which payment must be received shall hereinafter be referred to as the "due date").

- a. Failure to pay the penalty in full according to the above provisions will result in the referral of this matter to the U.S. Department of Justice or the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection.
 - b. Further, if payment is not received on or before the due date, interest will be assessed, at the annual rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to the Debt Collection Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3717, on the overdue amount from the due date through the date of payment. In addition, a late payment handling charge of \$15 will be assessed for each 30-day
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period (or any portion thereof) following the due date in which the balance remains unpaid. A 6% per annum penalty also will be applied on any principal amount not paid within 90 days of the due date.

3. This Consent Agreement is being voluntarily and knowingly entered into by the parties in full and final settlement (upon full payment of the civil penalty due under paragraph 2) of the civil liabilities under Section 16(a) of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2601 *et seq.*, that attach or might have attached as a result of the violations described in the “Findings of Fact” and “Conclusions of Law” sections, above. Respondent has read the Consent Agreement, understands its terms, finds it to be reasonable, and consents to its issuance and its terms. Respondent consents to the issuance of the accompanying Final Order. Respondent agrees that all terms of settlement are set forth herein.

4. Respondent explicitly and knowingly consents to the assessment of the civil penalty as set forth in this Consent Agreement, and agrees to pay the penalty in accordance with the terms of this Consent Agreement.

5. Respondent hereby waives its right to seek or to obtain any hearing (pursuant to Subpart D of 40 C.F.R. Part 22) or other judicial proceeding on the determinations contained in the “Findings of Fact” and “Conclusions of Law” sections, above. Respondent further waives its right otherwise to contest all such determinations.

6. Respondent waives any right it may have pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §22.8 to be present during discussions with or to be served with and to reply to any memorandum or communication addressed to the Regional Administrator, the Deputy Regional Administrator, or the Regional Judicial Officer where the purpose of such discussion, memorandum, or communication is to discuss a proposed settlement of this matter or to recommend that such official accept this Consent Agreement and issue the attached Final Order.

7. This Consent Agreement does not waive, extinguish, or otherwise effect

Respondent's obligation to comply with all applicable federal, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations.

8. Each undersigned signatory to this Consent Agreement certifies that he or she is duly and fully authorized to enter into and ratify this Consent Agreement and all terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Agreement.

9. Each party shall bear its own costs and attorney fees in this matter.

10. Respondent consents to service upon Respondent of a copy of this Consent Agreement and Final Order by an EPA employee other than the Regional Hearing Clerk.

RESPONDENT:

BY: C. W. Witthuser
Blaser Swisslube, Inc.

NAME: CARSTEN WITTHUSER
(PLEASE PRINT)

TITLE: GENERAL MANAGER - AMERICAS

DATE: Sept. 12, 2013

COMPLAINANT:

Dore LaPosta
Dore LaPosta, Director
Division of Enforcement and
Compliance Assistance
U.S. Environmental Protection
Agency - Region 2
290 Broadway
New York, NY 10007

DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

Blaser Swissslube, Inc.
DOCKET No. TSCA-02-2013-9226

FINAL ORDER

The Regional Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2, ratifies the foregoing Consent Agreement. The Agreement, entered into by the parties in settlement of EPA's Administrative Action bearing Docket No. TSCA-02-2013-9226, issued in the matter of Blaser Swissslube, Inc., is hereby approved, incorporated herein, and issued as an Order pursuant to Section 16 of TSCA. The effective date of this Order shall be the date of filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA, Region 2, New York, New York.

DATE: 9/20/13



Judith A. Enck
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection
Agency - Region2
290 Broadway
New York, NY 10007

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on September 25, 2013, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order bearing Docket Number TSCA-02-2013-9226, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

John C. Fusco
Edwards Wildman Palmer, LLP
One Canterbury Green
201 Broad Street
Stamford, CT 06901

On the same date, I mailed via EPA internal mail to the Region 2 Regional Hearing Clerk at 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007 the original and one copy of the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order.

Mildred N. Bae