

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

COMMISSIONERS: **Timothy J. Muris, Chairman**
 Mozelle W. Thompson
 Orson Swindle
 Thomas B. Leary
 Pamela Jones Harbour

In the Matter of)	
)	
KONINKLIJKE DSM N.V.,)	
a corporation;)	
)	File No. 031 0064
ROCHE HOLDING AG,)	
a corporation;)	
)	
and)	
)	
FRITZ GERBER,)	
an individual.)	

AGREEMENT CONTAINING CONSENT ORDERS

The Federal Trade Commission (“Commission”) having initiated an investigation of the proposed acquisition of the Roche Vitamins and Fine Chemicals business of Respondent Roche Holding AG (“Roche”) by Respondent Koninklijke DSM N.V. (“DSM”), and it now appearing that DSM, Roche and Fritz Gerber, hereinafter sometimes referred to as “Proposed Respondents,” are willing to enter into this Agreement Containing Consent Orders (“Consent Agreement”) to divest certain assets and providing for other relief:

IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between Proposed Respondents, by their duly authorized officers and attorneys, and counsel for the Commission that:

1. Proposed Respondent DSM is a corporation organized, existing and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of The Kingdom of the Netherlands, with its offices and principal place of business located at Het Overloon 1, 6411 TE, Heerlen, The Netherlands.

2. Proposed Respondent Roche is a corporation organized, existing and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the Swiss Confederation, with its offices and principal place of business located at Grenzacherstrasse 124, CH-4070, Basel, Switzerland.

3. Proposed Respondent Fritz Gerber is a member and the speaker of the shareholders' group with pooled voting rights, which group owns the majority of the voting shares of Respondent Roche. Mr. Gerber is the ultimate parent entity of Respondent Roche within the meaning of 16 C.F.R. § 801.1, with his office and principal place of business at Grenzacherstrasse 124, CH-4070, Basel, Switzerland.
4. Proposed Respondents admit all the jurisdictional facts set forth in the draft of Complaint here attached.
5. Proposed Respondents waive:
 - (a) any further procedural steps;
 - (b) the requirement that the Commission's Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets and Decision and Order, both of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, contain a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law;
 - (c) all rights to seek judicial review or otherwise challenge or contest the validity of the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets or the Decision and Order entered pursuant to this Consent Agreement; and
 - (d) any claim under the Equal Access to Justice Act.
6. Because there may be interim competitive harm, the Commission may issue its Complaint and an Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets in this matter at any time after it accepts the Consent Agreement for public comment.
7. Within twenty (20) Business Days of the date this Consent Agreement is signed by Proposed Respondents, each Proposed Respondent shall submit an initial report, pursuant to Commission Rule 2.33, 16 C.F.R. § 2.33. Proposed Respondents shall also submit subsequent reports every thirty (30) days after the submission of their initial report until the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets becomes final, at which time the reporting obligations under the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets shall control. Such reports shall be signed by the respective Proposed Respondent and set forth in detail the manner in which the respective Proposed Respondent has complied and will comply with the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets and the Decision and Order. Such reports will not become part of the public record unless and until the accompanying Consent Agreement and Decision and Order are accepted by the Commission for public comment.
8. This Consent Agreement shall not become part of the public record of the proceeding unless and until it is accepted by the Commission. If this Consent Agreement is accepted by the Commission, it, together with the Complaint contemplated thereby, will be placed

on the public record for a period of thirty (30) days and information in respect thereto publicly released. The Commission thereafter may either withdraw its acceptance of this Consent Agreement and so notify Proposed Respondents, in which event it will take such action as it may consider appropriate, or issue or amend its Complaint (in such form as the circumstances may require) and issue its Decision and Order, in disposition of the proceeding.

9. This Consent Agreement is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by Proposed Respondents that the law has been violated as alleged in the draft Complaint here attached, or that the facts as alleged in the draft Complaint, other than jurisdictional facts, are true.

10. This Consent Agreement contemplates that, if it is accepted by the Commission, the Commission may (1) issue and serve its Complaint corresponding in form and substance with the draft of Complaint here attached, (2) issue and serve its Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets, and (3) make information public with respect thereto. If such acceptance is not subsequently withdrawn by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of Commission Rule 2.34, 16 C.F.R. § 2.34, the Commission may, without further notice to the Proposed Respondents, issue the attached Decision and Order containing the following order to divest in disposition of the proceeding. When final, the Decision and Order and the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets shall have the same force and effect and may be altered, modified or set aside in the same manner and within the same time provided by statute for other orders. The Decision and Order and Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets shall become final upon service. Delivery of the Complaint, the Decision and Order, and the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets to Proposed Respondents' United States counsel by any means specified in Commission Rule 4.4(a), 16 C.F.R. § 4.4(a), shall constitute service. Proposed Respondents waive any right they may have to any other manner of service. Proposed Respondents also waive any right they may otherwise have to service of any Appendices incorporated by reference in the Decision and Order, and agree that they are bound to comply with and will comply with the Decision and Order to the same extent as if they had been served with copies of the Appendices, where Proposed Respondents are already in possession of copies of such Appendices. The Complaint may be used in construing the terms of the Decision and Order and Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets, and no agreement, understanding, representation, or interpretation not contained in the Decision and Order, Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets, or the Consent Agreement may be used to vary or contradict the terms of the Decision and Order or Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets.

11. By signing this Consent Agreement, Proposed Respondents represent and warrant that they can comply with the provisions of, and can accomplish the full relief contemplated by, the attached Decision and Order and the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets, and that all parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and successors necessary to effectuate the full relief contemplated by this Consent Agreement are parties to the Consent Agreement.

12. Proposed Respondents have read the proposed Complaint, Decision and Order, and Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets contemplated hereby. Proposed Respondents understand that once the Decision and Order and Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets have been issued, they will be required to file one or more compliance reports showing that they have fully complied with the Decision and Order and Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets. Proposed Respondents agree to comply with the terms of the Decision and Order and the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets, as applicable, from the date they sign this Consent Agreement. Proposed Respondents further understand that they may be liable for civil penalties in the amount provided by law for each violation of the Decision and Order and of the Order to Hold Separate and Maintain Assets, as applicable, after they become final.

Signed this _____ day of September, 2003.

DSM

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

By: _____
Peter Elverding
Chief Executive Officer
and Chairman of the Managing Board
DSM
Het Overloon 1, 6411 TE, Heerlen
The Netherlands

By: _____
Michael R. Moiseyev
Attorney
Bureau of Competition

Pieter de Haan
General Counsel
DSM
Het Overloon 1, 641 TE, Heerlen
The Netherlands

APPROVED:

David Gelfand
Kerri J. Chase
Sean D. Corey
Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton
2000 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20006-1801
Counsel for DSM

Steven K. Bernstein
Assistant Director

Susan A. Creighton
Director
Bureau of Competition

ROCHE

By: _____

Dr. Franz B. Humer
Chairman of the Board of Directors and
Chief Executive Officer
Roche
Grenzacherstrasse 124
CH-4070, Basel, Switzerland

Fritz Gerber
Member and Speaker of the Shareholders' Group
with Pooled Voting Rights
Grenzacherstrasse 124
CH-4070, Basel, Switzerland

Ronan P. Harty
Trisha Lawson
Davis Polk & Wardwell
450 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York 10017
Counsel for Roche