between that person’s public responsibilities (which includes membership on an EPA Federal advisory committee) and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a lack of impartiality, as defined by Federal regulation. The form may be viewed and downloaded from the following URL address http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/epaform3110-48.pdf.

The approved policy under which the EPA SAB Office selects subcommittees and review panels is described in the following document: Overview of the Panel Formation Process at the Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board (EPA–SAB–EC–02–010), which is posted on the SAB Web site at http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/eco2010.pdf.


Vanessa T. Vu,
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4314(c) (1) through (5) of title 5, U.S.C., requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, one or more performance review boards. The board shall review and evaluate the performance by the supervisor, along with any recommendations to the appointing authority relative to the performance of the senior executive.

Richard A. Lidinsky, Jr.,
Chairman.

The Members of the Performance Review Board are:
2. Rebecca F. Dye, Commissioner.
6. Florence A. Carr, Deputy Managing Director.
7. Rebecca A. Fenneman, General Counsel.
8. Karen V. Gregory, Secretary.
9. Vern W. Hill, Director, Office of Consumer Affairs and Dispute Resolution Services.
10. Peter J. King, Director, Bureau of Enforcement.
11. Sandra L. Kusumoto, Director, Bureau of Certification and Licensing.
12. Ronald D. Murphy, Managing Director.
13. Austin L. Schmitt, Director, Bureau of Trade Analysis.

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM
Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of a Bank or Bank Holding Company

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board’s Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire shares of a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than January 7, 2011.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Dennis Denney, Assistant Vice President) 1 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64198–0001:
1. Tribble Family Partners, L.P.; Vera Tribble, general partner; David Tribble, limited partner; all of Unionville, Missouri; and Diana Bennett, limited partner, Bethany, Missouri, to retain shares of Northern Missouri Bancshares, Inc., parent of Farmers Bank of Northern Missouri, National Association, both in Unionville, Missouri.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Robert Horwitz, Deputy General Counsel) 120 South 12th Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103:

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
[File No. 082 3158]
The Dannon Company, Inc.; Analysis of Proposed Consent Order To Aid Public Comment

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Proposed consent agreement.

SUMMARY: The consent agreement in this matter settles alleged violations of federal law prohibiting unfair or deceptive acts or practices or unfair methods of competition. The attached Analysis To Aid Public Comment describes both the allegations in the draft complaint and the terms of the consent order—embodied in the consent agreement—that would settle these allegations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 18, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments electronically or in paper form. Comments should refer to “Dannon, File No. 082 3158” to facilitate the organization of comments. Please note that your comment—including your name and your state—will be placed on the public record of this proceeding, including on the publicly accessible FTC Web site, at http://www.ftc.gov/os/publiccomments.shtm.

Because comments will be made public, they should not include any sensitive personal information, such as an individual’s Social Security Number; date of birth; driver’s license number or other state identification number, or foreign country equivalent; passport number; financial account number; or credit or debit card number. Comments also should not include any sensitive health information, such as medical records or other individually identifiable health information. In addition, comments should not include any “[t]rade secret or any commercial or financial information which is obtained from any person and which is privileged or confidential * * *.” as provided in Section 6(f) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and Commission Rule 4.10(a)(2), 16 CFR 4.10(a)(2). Comments containing material for which confidential treatment is requested must be filed in paper form, must be clearly labeled “Confidential,” and must comply with FTC Rule 4.9(c), 16 CFR 4.9(c).

The request must be accompanied by an explicit request for confidential treatment, including the factual and legal basis for the request, and must identify the specific portions of the comment to be withheld from the public record. The request will be granted or denied by the

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Because paper mail addressed to the FTC is subject to delay due to heightened security screening, please consider submitting your comments in electronic form. Comments filed in electronic form should be submitted by using the following weblink: https://ftcpublic.commentworks.com/ftc/dannon and following the instructions on the web-based form. To ensure that the Commission considers an electronic comment, you must file it on the web-based form at the weblink: https://ftcpublic.commentworks.com/ftc/dannon. If this Notice appears at http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp, you may also file an electronic comment through that Web site. The Commission will consider all comments that regulations.gov forwards to it. You may also visit the FTC Web site at http://www.ftc.gov/ to read the Notice and the news release describing it.

A comment filed in paper form should include the “Dannon, File No. 082 3158” reference both in the text and on the envelope, and should be mailed or delivered to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, Room H–135 (Annex D), 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580. The FTC is requesting that any comment filed in paper form be sent by courier or overnight service, if possible, because U.S. postal mail in the Washington area and at the Commission is subject to delay due to heightened security precautions.

The Federal Trade Commission Act (“FTC Act”) and other laws the Commission administers permit the collection of public comments to consider and use in this proceeding as appropriate. The Commission will consider all timely and responsive public comments that it receives, whether filed in paper or electronic form. Comments received will be available to the public on the FTC Web site, to the extent practicable, at http://www.ftc.gov/os/publiccomments.shtm. As a matter of discretion, the Commission makes every effort to remove home contact information for individuals from the public comments it receives before placing those comments on the FTC Web site. More information, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, may be found in the FTC’s privacy policy, at http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/privacy.shtm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 38 Stat. 721, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and § 2.34 of the Commission Rules of Practice, 16 CFR 2.34, notice is hereby given that the above-captioned consent agreement containing a consent order to cease and desist, having been filed with and accepted, subject to final approval, by the Commission, has been placed on the public record for a period of thirty (30) days. The following Analysis To Aid Public Comment describes the terms of the consent agreement, and the allegations in the complaint. An electronic copy of the full text of the consent agreement package can be obtained from the FTC Home Page (for December 15, 2010), on the World Wide Web, at http://www.ftc.gov/os/actions.shtm. A paper copy can be obtained from the FTC Public Reference Room, Room 130–H, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580, either in person or by calling (202) 326–2222.

Public comments are invited, and may be filed with the Commission in either paper or electronic form. All comments should be filed as prescribed in the ADDRESSES section above, and must be received on or before the date specified in the DATES section.

Analysis of Agreement Containing Consent Order To Aid Public Comment

The Federal Trade Commission (“FTC” or “Commission”) has accepted, subject to final approval, an agreement containing a consent order from The Dannon Company, Inc. (“respondent”). The proposed consent order has been placed on the public record for thirty (30) days for receipt of comments by interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After thirty (30) days, the Commission will again review the agreement and the comments received, and will decide whether it should withdraw from the agreement or make final the agreement’s proposed order.

This matter involves the advertising and promotion of DanActive, a probiotic dairy drink, and Activia, a probiotic yogurt. According to the FTC complaint, respondent represented, in various advertisements, that drinking DanActive reduces the likelihood of getting a cold or the flu. The complaint alleges that these claims are unsubstantiated and thus violate the FTC Act. The complaint also alleges that respondent represented that clinical studies prove that drinking DanActive reduces the likelihood of getting a cold or the flu. The complaint alleges that these claims are false and thus violate the FTC Act.

With respect to Activia, the complaint alleges that respondent represented, in various advertisements, that eating one serving of Activia daily relieves temporary irregularity and helps with slow intestinal transit time. The complaint alleges that these claims are unsubstantiated and thus violate the FTC Act. The complaint also alleges that respondent represented that clinical studies prove that eating one serving of Activia daily relieves temporary irregularity and helps with slow intestinal transit time. The complaint alleges that these claims are false and thus violate the FTC Act.

The proposed consent order contains provisions designed to prevent respondent from engaging in similar acts or practices in the future. The order covers representations made in connection with the manufacturing, labeling, advertising, offering for sale, sale, or distribution of any covered product, in or affecting commerce. The order defines a covered product as: (a) Any yogurt, including but not limited to, Activia yogurt; (b) any dairy drink; and (c) any food or drink not covered by the foregoing that contains a probiotic, including, but not limited to, DanActive.

Part I of the consent order is designed to address the complaint allegations concerning respondent’s allegedly unsubstantiated representations that drinking DanActive reduces the likelihood of getting a cold or the flu. Part I prohibits respondent from making representations that any covered product reduces the likelihood of getting a cold or the flu unless the representation is specifically permitted in labeling for such product by regulations promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) pursuant to the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act of 1990 (“NLEA”). Under this provision, therefore, respondent cannot claim that a covered product reduces the likelihood of getting a cold or the flu unless the FDA has issued a regulation authorizing the claim based on a finding that there is significant scientific agreement among experts qualified by scientific training and experience to evaluate such claims, considering the totality of publicly available scientific evidence. As noted in the Commission’s Enforcement Policy Statement on Food Advertising, “[t]he Commission regards the ‘significant scientific agreement’ standard, as set forth in the NLEA and FDA’s regulations, to be the principal guide to
what experts in the field of diet-disease relationships would consider reasonable substantiation for an unqualified health claim.” Enforcement Policy Statement on Food Advertising (1994), available at http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/policystmt/adfood.shtm. Thus, although the Enforcement Policy Statement does not say that the only way a food advertiser can adequately substantiate a disease risk-reduction claim is through FDA authorization, the consent order provision requiring FDA pre-approval before respondent makes a reduced cold or flu likelihood claim for its covered products in the future will facilitate compliance with and enforcement of the order and is reasonably related to the violations alleged.

Respondent may decide to make an advertising claim characterizing limited scientific evidence supporting the relationship between a covered product and a reduced likelihood of getting a cold or the flu. However, if the net impression of that advertising is that the covered product reduces the likelihood of getting a cold or the flu, and not merely that there is limited scientific evidence supporting the claim, the advertisement would be covered under Part I. The Commission notes that its experience and research show that it is very difficult to adequately qualify a disease risk-reduction claim in advertising to indicate that the science supporting the claimed effect is limited. In other words, reasonable consumers may interpret an advertisement to mean that the product will reduce the likelihood of getting a cold or the flu, even if respondent includes language indicating that the science supporting the effect is limited in some way. However, if respondent possesses reliable empirical testing demonstrating that the net impression of an advertisement making a qualified claim for a covered product does not convey that it will reduce the likelihood of getting a cold or the flu, then that claim would be covered under Part IV of the order.

Although Part I requires FDA approval before respondent can make claims that a covered product reduces the likelihood of getting a cold or the flu, the Commission does not intend Part I to limit respondent to using the precise language specified in an FDA-approved health claim. To the contrary, if the FDA has approved a claim that a covered product reduces the likelihood of getting a cold or the flu, respondent may use a variety of words and images to communicate that claim in its advertising. Conversely, regardless of the particular words or images used, if the net impression of an advertisement is that a covered product reduces the likelihood of getting a cold or the flu, then for the ad to comply with the order, the FDA must have authorized a health claim based on significant scientific agreement that such product provides such a benefit.

Part II of the consent order prohibits respondent from making representations that eating one serving of Activia yogurt daily relieves temporary irregularity and helps with slow intestinal transit time unless the representation is non-misleading and it conveys that eating three servings a day is required to obtain the benefit. Part II further provides, however, that the order does not prohibit respondent from representing that the benefit can be achieved from eating less than three servings a day if such claim is non-misleading and respondent possesses and relies upon competent and reliable scientific evidence that substantiates that such representation is true.

For purposes of Part II, competent and reliable scientific evidence means at least two adequate and well-controlled human clinical studies of the product, or of an essentially equivalent product, conducted by different researchers, independently of each other, that conform to acceptable designs and protocols and whose results, when considered in light of the entire body of relevant and reliable scientific evidence, are sufficient to substantiate that the representation is true. For purposes of Part IV, competent and reliable scientific evidence that is sufficient in quality and quantity based on standards generally accepted in the relevant scientific fields, when considered in light of the entire body of relevant and reliable scientific evidence, to substantiate that the representation is true. For purposes of Part IV, competent and reliable scientific evidence means tests, analyses, research, studies, or other evidence that have been conducted and evaluated in an objective manner by qualified persons, that are generally accepted in the profession to yield accurate and reliable results.

Part V of the consent order prohibits respondent from misrepresenting the existence, contents, validity, results, conclusions, or interpretations of any test, study, or research, including but not limited to any misrepresentation that a covered product is clinically proven (1) to reduce the likelihood of getting a cold or flu, or (2) to relieve temporary irregularity or help with slow intestinal transit time.

Part VI of the consent order provides that nothing in the order shall prohibit respondent from making any representation for any product that is specifically permitted in labeling for such product by regulations promulgated by the FDA pursuant to the NLEA.

Parts VII, VIII, IX, and X of the consent order require respondent to keep copies of relevant advertisements and materials substantiating claims made in the advertisements; to provide copies of the order to its personnel; to notify the Commission of changes in
I. Overview of the Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs and FindYouthInfo.gov

The Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs is comprised of staff from twelve Federal agencies that support programs and services that focus on youth: the U.S. Department of Agriculture; U.S. Department of Commerce; U.S. Department of Defense; U.S. Department of Education; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Chair); U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; U.S. Department of Justice (Vice-Chair); U.S. Department of Labor; U.S. Department of the Interior; U.S. Department of Transportation; Corporation for National and Community Service; and Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The Working Group seeks to promote achievement of positive results for at-risk youth through the following activities:

- Promoting enhanced collaboration at the Federal, State, and local levels, including with faith-based and other community organizations, as well as among families, schools and communities, in order to leverage existing resources and improve outcomes;
- Disseminating information about critical resources, including evidence-based programs, to assist interested citizens and decision-makers, particularly at the community level, to plan, implement, and participate in effective strategies for at-risk youth;
- Developing an overarching strategic plan for Federal youth policy, as well as recommendations for improving the coordination, effectiveness and efficiency of youth programs, using input from community stakeholders, including youth; and
- Producing a Federal Web site, FindYouthInfo.gov, to promote effective community-based efforts to reduce the factors that put youth at risk and to provide high-quality services to at-risk youth.

II. Background on the Strategic Plan for Federal Youth Policy

On March 11, 2009, the Congress passed the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (Pub. L. 111–8). The House Appropriations Committee Print, Division F—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations directed the Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs to solicit input from young people, State children’s cabinet directors, and nonprofit organizations on youth programs and policies; develop an overarching strategic plan for Federal youth policy; and prepare recommendations to improve the coordination, effectiveness, and efficiency of programs affecting youth.

The Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs developed a framework to guide development of the strategic plan for Federal youth policy. This framework is available online at http://www.findyouthinfo.gov/provideinput.aspx. The framework illustrates how programs and practices—such as (1) Physical and mental health and wellness; (2) education; (3) juvenile justice intervention; (4) enrichment opportunities; (5) safety; (6) service learning; (7) employment; and (8) housing—pertain to youth up to age 24. The framework acknowledges that programs and policies are designed to meet the diverse needs of youth, including the general youth population, youth involved in systems, and special youth populations. The Working Group is focusing on youth across several developmental stages, including (1) early adolescence (ages under 14); (2) middle adolescence (ages 15–17); and (3) late adolescence/early adulthood (ages 18–24). The Working Group is focused on three overarching outcomes for youth through this framework: (1) basic needs: health, safety, and wellness; (2) school, family, and community engagement and connections; and (3) education, training, employment, transitions, and readiness for careers and adulthood.

III. Guiding Questions for Commenters

The Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs has identified a number of questions to focus on, and the Working Group is particularly interested in receiving comments addressing some or all of these questions.

(a) What is the single most important thing youth need to be successful?
(b) What programs really make a difference in the lives of youth? How do you know this?
(c) What are the barriers to collaborating to improving youth outcomes and how can these barriers be removed?
(d) What can Federal agencies do to assist? What are your ideas for Federal policy to improve the coordination, effectiveness, and efficiency of programs affecting youth?
(e) How can youth be engaged in these efforts?


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