

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

In the Matter of

MARS PETCARE US, INC., a corporation.

File No. 152-3229

**AGREEMENT
CONTAINING
CONSENT ORDER**

The Federal Trade Commission (“Commission”) has conducted an investigation of certain acts and practices of Mars Petcare US, Inc. (“Proposed Respondent”). The Commission’s Bureau of Consumer Protection (“BCP”) has prepared a draft of an administrative Complaint (“draft Complaint”). BCP and Proposed Respondent, through its duly authorized officers, enter into this Agreement Containing Consent Order (“Consent Agreement”) to resolve the allegations in the attached draft Complaint through a proposed Decision and Order to present to the Commission, which is also attached and made a part of this Consent Agreement.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between Proposed Respondent and BCP that:

1. The Proposed Respondent is a Delaware corporation with its principal office or place of business at 310 Cool Springs Boulevard, Franklin, Tennessee.
2. Proposed Respondent neither admits nor denies any of the allegations in the draft Complaint, except as specifically stated in the Decision and Order. Only for purposes of this action, Proposed Respondent admits the facts necessary to establish jurisdiction.
3. Proposed Respondent waives:
 - a. Any further procedural steps;
 - b. The requirement that the Commission’s Decision contain a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law; and
 - c. All rights to seek judicial review or otherwise to challenge or contest the validity of the Decision and Order issued pursuant to this Consent Agreement.
4. This Consent Agreement will not become part of the public record of the proceeding unless and until it is accepted by the Commission. If the Commission accepts this Consent Agreement, it, together with the draft Complaint, will be placed on the public record for 30 days and information about it publicly released. Acceptance does not constitute final approval, but it serves as the basis for further actions leading to final disposition of the matter. Thereafter, the Commission may either withdraw its acceptance of this Consent Agreement and so notify Proposed Respondent, in which event the Commission will take such action as it may consider

appropriate, or issue and serve its Complaint (in such form as the circumstances may require) and decision in disposition of the proceeding, which may include an Order. *See* Section 2.34 of the Commission’s Rules, 16 C.F.R. § 2.34.

5. If this agreement is accepted by the Commission, and if such acceptance is not subsequently withdrawn by the Commission pursuant to Commission Rule 2.34, the Commission may, without further notice to Proposed Respondent: (1) issue its Complaint corresponding in form and substance with the attached draft Complaint and its Decision and Order; and (2) make information about them public. Proposed Respondent agrees that service of the Order may be effected by its publication on the Commission’s website (ftc.gov), at which time the Order will become final. *See* Rule 2.32(d). Proposed Respondent waives any rights it may have to any other manner of service. *See* Rule 4.4.

6. When final, the Decision and Order will 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 Commission orders.

7. The Complaint may be used in construing the terms of the Decision and Order. No agreement, understanding, representation, or interpretation not contained in the Decision and Order or in this Consent Agreement may be used to vary or contradict the terms of the Decision and Order.

8. Proposed Respondent agrees to comply with the terms of the proposed Decision and Order from the date it signs this Consent Agreement. Proposed Respondent understands that it may be liable for civil penalties and other relief for each violation of the Decision and Order after it becomes final.

MARS PETCARE US, INC.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

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Mars Petcare US, Inc.

By: _____
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