

manufacturing facilities within the U.S. AMVAC is an experienced player in the agrochemical segments in which ADAMA and Syngenta operate, and sells to the same customer base. AMVAC currently manufactures and formulates a large number of crop protection chemicals including herbicides, insecticides, and fungicides. The products to be divested will complement its current product lines. Finally, due to its wide spectrum of crop protection products, AMVAC is well placed to develop, register, and market new combination products, further improving scale in both crop protection and turf and ornamental applications.

Pursuant to the Consent Agreement, AMVAC (or another approved acquirer) would acquire all of the assets and other such rights necessary to be an effective competitor for paraquat-, abamectin-, and chlorothalonil-based crop protection formulations. This will include the U.S. product registrations and registration data packages for both the formulated products and the technical active ingredients, all intellectual property rights associated with the products including confidential statements of formulation, and inventories. The divestiture also will include a cost-competitive transitional supply agreement for the supply of paraquat with Sanonda, ADAMA's low cost paraquat supplier, which is majority-owned by ChemChina, and a transitional services agreement with ADAMA. In addition, the Consent Agreement requires the removal of crop protection products containing any one of the three active ingredients from Syngenta's loyalty program for three years. This nurturing provision is to help ensure that AMVAC (or any approved acquirer) can step into the shoes of ADAMA and ultimately retain its competitiveness and scale.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the Consent Agreement. It is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the proposed Order or to modify its terms in any way.

By direction of the Commission.

**Donald S. Clark,**

*Secretary.*

[FR Doc. 2017-07069 Filed 4-7-17; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 6750-01-P**

## FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 151 0159]

### American Guild of Organists; Analysis 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 methods of competition. The attached Analysis to Aid Public Comment describes both the allegations in the 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 May 2, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties may file a comment at <https://ftcpublic.commentworks.com/ftc/americanguildconsent> online or on paper, by following the instructions in the Request for Comment part of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. Write “In the Matter of American Guild of Organists; File No. 151-0159” on your comment and file your comment online at <https://ftcpublic.commentworks.com/ftc/americanguildconsent> by following the instructions on the web-based form. If you prefer to file your comment on paper, write “In the Matter of American Guild of Organists; File No. 151-0159” on your comment and on the envelope, and mail your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite CC-5610 (Annex D), Washington, DC 20580, or deliver your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, Constitution Center, 400 7th Street SW., 5th Floor, Suite 5610 (Annex D), Washington, DC 20024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Karen A. Mills (202-326-2052), Bureau of Competition, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20580.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and FTC Rule 2.34, 16 CFR 2.34, notice is hereby given that the above-captioned consent agreement containing consent orders 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 March 31, 2017), on the World Wide Web, at <http://www.ftc.gov/os/actions.shtm>.

You can file a comment online or on paper. For the Commission to consider your comment, we must receive it on or before May 2, 2017. Write “In the Matter of American Guild of Organists; File No. 151-0159” on your comment. Your comment—including your name and your state—will be placed on the public record of this proceeding, including, to the extent practicable, on the public Commission Web site, at <https://www.ftc.gov/policy/public-comments>. As a matter of discretion, the Commission tries to remove individuals' home contact information from comments before placing them on the Commission Web site.

Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for making sure that your comment does not include any sensitive personal information, like anyone'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. You are also solely responsible for making sure that your comment does not include any sensitive health information, like medical records or other individually identifiable health information. In addition, do not include any “[t]rade secret or any commercial or financial information which . . . is privileged or confidential,” as discussed in Section 6(f) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and FTC Rule 4.10(a)(2), 16 CFR 4.10(a)(2). In particular, do not include competitively sensitive information such as costs, sales statistics, inventories, formulas, patterns, devices, manufacturing processes, or customer names.

If you want the Commission to give your comment confidential treatment, you must file it in paper form, with a request for confidential treatment, and you have to follow the procedure explained in FTC Rule 4.9(c), 16 CFR 4.9(c).<sup>1</sup> Your comment will be kept confidential only if the FTC General Counsel, in his or her sole discretion, grants your request in accordance with the law and the public interest.

Postal mail addressed to the Commission is subject to delay due to heightened security screening. As a

<sup>1</sup> In particular, the written request for confidential treatment that accompanies the comment must include the factual and legal basis for the request, and must identify the specific portions of the comment to be withheld from the public record. See FTC Rule 4.9(c), 16 CFR 4.9(c).

result, we encourage you to submit your comments online. To make sure that the Commission considers your online comment, you must file it at <https://ftcpublic.commentworks.com/ftc/americanguildconsent> by following the instructions on the web-based form. If this Notice appears at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!home>, you also may file a comment through that Web site.

If you file your comment on paper, write "In the Matter of American Guild of Organists; File No. 151-0159" on your comment and on the envelope, and mail your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite CC-5610 (Annex D), Washington, DC 20580, or deliver your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, Constitution Center, 400 7th Street SW., 5th Floor, Suite 5610 (Annex D), Washington, DC. If possible, submit your paper comment to the Commission by courier or overnight service.

Visit the Commission Web site at <http://www.ftc.gov> to read this Notice and the news release describing it. The FTC Act and other laws that 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 on or before May 2, 2017. You can find more information, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, in the Commission's privacy policy, at <http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/privacy.htm>.

### **Analysis of Agreement Containing Consent Order To Aid Public Comment**

The Federal Trade Commission ("Commission") has accepted, subject to final approval, an Agreement Containing Consent Order ("Consent Agreement") from the American Guild of Organists (hereinafter "the AGO"). The Commission's complaint ("Complaint") alleges that the AGO, acting as a combination of its members and in agreement with at least some of its members, restrained competition among its members and others in violation of Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 45, by adopting and maintaining provisions in its Code of Ethics that restrain AGO members from freely seeking or accepting work, and by recommending that its members use standard fees and approaches to determine compensation for members' services. This likely raised prices for consumers seeking to employ organists

for special occasions, as well as the organizations that employed organists.

The proposed Consent Agreement requires the AGO to cease and desist from restraining competition among its members, including by restricting members' freedom to seek or accept work, or by restraining price competition among members.

The Commission anticipates that accepting the proposed order, subject to final approval, contained in the Consent Agreement, will resolve the competitive issues described in the Complaint. The proposed Consent Agreement has been placed on the public record for 30 days for receipt of comments from interested members of the public. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After 30 days, the Commission will review the Consent Agreement again and the comments received, and will decide whether it should withdraw from the Consent Agreement or make final the accompanying Decision and Order ("the Proposed Order").

This Analysis to Aid Public Comment seeks to invite and facilitate public comment. It does not constitute an official interpretation of the proposed Consent Agreement and the accompanying Proposed Order or in any way modify their terms.

The Consent Agreement is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by the AGO that the law has been violated as alleged in the Complaint or that the facts alleged in the Complaint, other than jurisdictional facts, are true.

### **I. The Complaint**

The Complaint makes the following allegations.

#### *A. The Respondent and the Provisions at Issue*

The AGO is a non-profit trade association. The AGO has approximately 15,000 members organized in more than 300 chapters throughout the United States and abroad. The AGO membership includes organists and choral conductors. The AGO's members provide services as organists and choral conductors for a fee.

The AGO maintains a Code of Ethics applicable to the commercial activities of its members. The Code of Ethics states in part that,

"Members shall not seek or appear to be seeking employment for themselves, a student, or a colleague, in a position held by someone else . . ."

"Members shall obtain the approval of the incumbent musician before accepting an engagement for a wedding, funeral, or other

service requested by a third party. In such cases, the incumbent should receive his/her customary fee, and the third party is expected to provide it. It is the responsibility of the guest member to inform the third party of this rule."

The AGO adopted standardized documents relating to compensation, including fee schedules, a salary guide, worksheets for calculating work performed, and model contract provisions for members to (hereinafter "compensation guidelines"). The fee schedules cover the fees to be charged for such work as rehearsals, performing as a substitute, weddings, funerals, rehearsals, contracting additional musicians, mileage reimbursement, and cancelled services, and include a formula for its chapters and members to use for geographic adjustment of the compensation baselines.

#### *B. The Anticompetitive Conduct*

The FTC investigated the provisions of the AGO's Code of Ethics and compensation guidelines that allegedly restrained competition and harmed consumers, and which had generated consumer and organist complaints. The Complaint alleges that the AGO violated Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act by agreeing to restrain competition among organists and choral conductors. The AGO's adoption and enforcement of the Code of Ethics and compensation guidelines represent agreements among competitors not to compete. The Code of Ethics limits the freedom of organists and choral directors to seek or accept positions and engagements. The compensation guidelines limit price competition and impose additional costs on consumers. For consumers who wanted to employ an organist of their choice for a wedding, funeral, or other occasion, the AGO's Code of Ethics included a provision that had the effect of requiring some consumers to pay for the services of two organists—the organist they chose and hired, and the incumbent organist of the venue location even though only the first organist performed. The provisions and enforcement of the AGO's Code of Ethics, as well as its compensation guidelines, likely increased prices for consumers and those that employed organists as choral directors or in permanent organist positions.

The AGO adopted the Code of Ethics, educates members about the Code of Ethics, exhorts its members to follow the Code of Ethics, and enforces the Code of Ethics. The AGO may expel a member that fails to abide by the Code of Ethics.

The AGO instructs its chapters to use AGO's compensation schedules and formulas to develop regionally applicable compensation schedules. AGO chapters used the AGO compensation schedules and formulas to develop and publicize regionally applicable compensation schedules. AGO members used the compensation schedules to determine what to charge for their services.

The purpose, effect, tendency, or capacity of the combination, agreement, acts and practices of the AGO has been and is to restrain competition unreasonably and to injure consumers by discouraging and restricting competition among organists and choral directors.

## II. The Proposed Order

The Proposed Order has the following substantive provisions.

Paragraph II of the Proposed Order requires the AGO to cease and desist from restraining or declaring unethical, interfering with, or advising against price competition by members, and from creating or recommending lists, guidelines, or model contract provisions for its members to use to determine fees or compensation. It also requires the AGO to cease and desist from restricting members freedom to seek or accept positions or engagements. Paragraph II also prohibits the AGO from accepting as a chapter or maintaining a relationship with any chapter that the AGO knows engages in conduct prohibited by the Proposed Order.

Paragraph III of the Proposed Order requires the AGO to remove from its organization documents and Web site any statement inconsistent with the Proposed Order, including the challenged Code of Ethics restrictions. The AGO must publicize to its members, new members, leaders, employees, and the public the changes the AGO must make to the Code of Ethics, and a statement describing the Consent Agreement. Paragraph III also requires the AGO to terminate recognition of chapters that fail to certify Compliance with the Proposed Order, and chapters that the AGO learns have engaged in any prohibited practice, if such chapters do not commit to ending such practices.

Paragraph IV of the Proposed Order requires the AGO to design, maintain, and operate an antitrust compliance program. Paragraphs V–VII contain standard reporting, notification, and cooperation requirements.

The Proposed Order will expire in 20 years; the Proposed Order limits certain provisions to a period of five years.

By direction of the Commission.

**Donald S. Clark,**

*Secretary.*

[FR Doc. 2017–07070 Filed 4–7–17; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 6750–01–P**

---

## GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

### Financial Management and Assurance; Government Auditing Standards

**AGENCY:** U.S. Government Accountability Office.

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** On April 5, 2017, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued an exposure draft of proposed revisions to Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS), also known as the Yellow Book. To help ensure that the standards continue to meet the needs of the government community and the public it serves, the Comptroller General of the United States appointed the Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards to review GAO's proposed revisions of the standards and consider other necessary changes. The advisory council includes experts from all levels of government, the private sector, and academia. This exposure draft includes the advisory council's input regarding the proposed changes. We are requesting public comments on the proposed revisions in the 2017 exposure draft.

GAO first issued the standards in 1972. The proposed changes in the exposure draft update GAGAS to reflect major developments in the accountability and audit professions and emphasize specific considerations applicable to the government environment.

**DATES:** Comments will be accepted through July 6, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the exposure draft (GAO–17–313SP) can be obtained on the GAO Internet page at <http://www.gao.gov/yellowbook>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The GAO Standards Team at (202) 512–9535.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** To ensure that your comments are considered by GAO and the advisory council in their deliberations, please submit them by July 6, 2017. Please send your comments electronically to [YellowBookComments@gao.gov](mailto:YellowBookComments@gao.gov).

**Authority:** Public Law 67–13, 42 Stat. 20 (June 10, 1921).

**James R. Dalkin,**

*Director, Financial Management and Assurance, U.S. Government Accountability Office.*

[FR Doc. 2017–07117 Filed 4–7–17; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 1610–02–P**

---

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Meeting Notice; Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis (ACET)

In accordance with section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting of the aforementioned committee:

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m., EDT, April 11, 2017.

**PLACE:** Web conference.

Toll free number 1–877–927–1433, Participant Code: 12016435.

To join the meeting: <https://adobeconnect.cdc.gov/r5p8l2tytpq/>.

**STATUS:** Open to the public, limited only by the number of ports available for the web conference. The meeting accommodates 100 ports. Persons who desire to make an oral statement, may request it at the time of the public comment period on April 11, 2017 at 3:20 p.m. EDT). Public participation and ability to comment will be limited to space and time as it permits.

**PURPOSE:** This council advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Director, CDC, regarding the elimination of tuberculosis (TB). Specifically, the Council makes recommendations regarding policies, strategies, objectives, and priorities; addresses the development and application of new technologies; and reviews the extent to which progress has been made toward eliminating tuberculosis.

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:** Agenda items include the following topics: (1) CDC's Global TB Work; (2) Identifying and Eliminating Stigmatizing Language in TB Communications; (3) Discussion and Approval of the Essential Components of Tuberculosis Prevention Control and Elimination Program Document; (4) Updates from Workgroups; and (5) other tuberculosis-related issues.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.