

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
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Mailed: June 29, 2009

Opposition No. 91171425

Opposition No. 91171426

PPC Marketing, Ltd.

v.

Michael Foods of Delaware,
Inc.

Tyrone Craven, Paralegal Specialist:

Applicant's consented motion filed June 24, 2009 to continue suspension of proceedings for sixty days is granted.¹

Because the parties are negotiating for possible settlement of this case, proceedings herein are suspended until **sixty days** from the mailing date of this action, subject to the right of either party to request resumption at any time. See Trademark Rule 2.117(c).

In the event that there is no word from either party concerning the progress of their negotiations, upon conclusion of the suspension period, proceedings shall

¹ If the parties agree to another extension or suspension, they will be expected to report to the Board on the progress of discovery, or of any ongoing settlement negotiations. Such report must include: a recitation of discovery taken to date, a statement of issues that have been resolved and issues that remain to be resolved, and a **firm timetable** for resolution. Absent such a report, any future motion to extend or suspend may not be approved, even though agreed to by the parties.

resume without further notice or order from the Board, upon
the schedule set out below.

Proceedings resume:

August 30, 2009

30-day testimony period for party in
position of plaintiff to close:

September 29, 2009

30-day testimony period for party
in position of defendant in
the opposition and plaintiff in
the counterclaim to close:

November 28, 2009

30-day rebuttal testimony period
for defendant in the counterclaim and
plaintiff in the opposition to close:

January 27, 2010

15-day rebuttal testimony period for
plaintiff in the counterclaim to
close:

March 13, 2010

**Briefs shall be due as follows:
[See Trademark Rule 2.128(a)(2)].**

Brief for plaintiff in the
opposition shall be due:

May 12, 2010

Brief for defendant in the
opposition and plaintiff in
the counterclaim shall be due:

June 11, 2010

Brief for defendant in the
counterclaim and reply brief,
if any, for plaintiff in the
opposition shall be due:

July 11, 2010

Reply brief, if any, for
plaintiff in the counterclaim
shall be due:

July 26, 2010

If the parties stipulate to any extension of these dates, the papers should be filed in triplicate and should set forth the dates in the format shown in this order. See Trademark Rule 2.121(d).

In each instance, a copy of the transcript of testimony together with copies of documentary exhibits, must be served on the adverse party within thirty days after completion of the taking of testimony. Trademark Rule 2.125.

Briefs shall be filed in accordance with Trademark Rule 2.128(a) and (b). An oral hearing will be set only upon request filed as provided by Trademark Rule 2.129.

If, during the suspension period, either of the parties or their attorneys should have a change of address, the Board should be so informed.

NEWS FROM THE TTAB:

The USPTO published a notice of final rulemaking in the Federal Register on August 1, 2007, at 72 F.R. 42242. By this notice, various rules governing Trademark Trial and Appeal Board inter partes proceedings are amended. Certain amendments have an effective date of August 31, 2007, while most have an effective date of November 1, 2007. For further information, the parties are referred to a reprint of the final rule and a chart summarizing the affected rules, their changes, and effective dates, both viewable on the USPTO website via these web addresses:
<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242.pdf>
http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/notices/72fr42242_FinalRuleChart.pdf

By one rule change effective August 31, 2007, the Board's standard protective order is made applicable to all TTAB inter partes cases, whether already pending or commenced on or after that date. However, as explained in the final rule

and chart, this change will not affect any case in which any protective order has already been approved or imposed by the Board. Further, as explained in the final rule, parties are free to agree to a substitute protective order or to supplement or amend the standard order even after August 31, 2007, subject to Board approval. The standard protective order can be viewed using the following web address:
<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/ttab/tbmp/stndagmnt.htm>