

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board  
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Opposition No. 91186762

United American Industries,  
Inc.

v.

Sweet Leaf Tea Company

Cheryl Goodman, Interlocutory Attorney:

On November 6, 2008, applicant filed a motion to suspend for the parties' civil action, and on November 10, 2008, the parties convened for a brief telephone conference with the above-identified interlocutory attorney to advise of opposer's consent to the motion.<sup>1</sup>

In view thereof, applicant's motion is granted. See Trademark Rule 2.117(a).

Accordingly, proceedings are suspended pending final disposition of the civil action between the parties.

Within twenty days after the final determination of the civil action, the parties shall so notify the Board and call this case up for any appropriate action. During the

suspension period, the parties shall notify the Board of any address changes for the parties or their attorneys.

**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](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>

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<sup>1</sup> *Sweet Leaf Tea Company v. United American Industries, Inc. d/b/a/ Wisdom National Brands*, Case No. A08CA 441LY United States District Court Western District of Texas, Austin Division.