

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
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Opposition No. 92040738

FRATELLI CARLI S.P.A.

v.

ALDI INC.

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The stipulated protective agreement filed on July 9, 2003 is noted. The parties are referred, as appropriate, to TBMP §§ 412.03 (Signature of Protective Order), 412.04 (Filing Confidential Materials With Board), 412.05 (Handling of Confidential Materials by Board).

The parties are advised that only confidential or trade secret information should be filed pursuant to a stipulated protective agreement. Such an agreement may not be used as a means of circumventing paragraphs (d) and (e) of 37 CFR § 2.27, which provide, in essence, that the file of a published application or issued registration, and all proceedings relating thereto, should otherwise be available for public inspection.

Because the parties are negotiating for possible settlement of this case, proceedings herein are suspended until six months 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 within the next six months, the Board will issue an order resuming proceedings and resetting trial dates, including the time for discovery.

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