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on

MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

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August 20, 2007

Honorable Noel L. Hillman
U.S. District Judge
United States District Court
P.O. Box 2706
Camden, NJ 08102-1570

Re: MDL-1850 -- IN RE Pet Food Products Liability Litigation

(See Attached CTO-4)

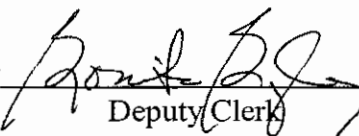
Dear Judge Hillman:

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of a conditional transfer order filed today by the Panel in this matter.

Very truly,

Jeffery N. Lüthi
Clerk of the Panel

By


Deputy Clerk

cc: Judge Alan C. Kay
Judge Allen Sharp

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UNITED STATES JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT
OF INDIANA

MDL NO. 1850

IN RE Pet Food Products Liability Litigation

Valerie Sylvester, et al. v. Menu Foods, Inc., et al., D. Hawaii, C.A. No. 1:07-409
Dina Karger, et al. v. Menu Foods Income Fund, et al., N.D. Indiana,
C.A. No. 4:07-33

CONDITIONAL TRANSFER ORDER (CTO-4)

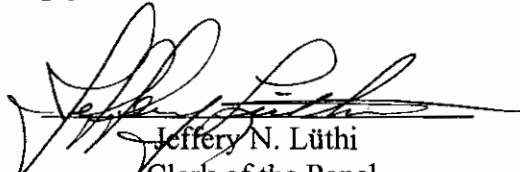
On June 19, 2007, the Panel transferred 12 civil actions to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407. *See* ___ F.Supp.2d ___ (J.P.M.L. 2007). Since that time, 65 additional actions have been transferred to the District of New Jersey. With the consent of that court, all such actions have been assigned to the Honorable Noel L. Hillman.

It appears that the actions on this conditional transfer order involve questions of fact that are common to the actions previously transferred to the District of New Jersey and assigned to Judge Hillman.

Pursuant to Rule 7.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, 199 F.R.D. 425, 435-36 (2001), these actions are transferred under 28 U.S.C. § 1407 to the District of New Jersey for the reasons stated in the order of June 19, 2007, and, with the consent of that court, assigned to the Honorable Noel L. Hillman.

This order does not become effective until it is filed in the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. The transmittal of this order to said Clerk shall be stayed 15 days from the entry thereof. If any party files a notice of opposition with the Clerk of the Panel within this 15-day period, the stay will be continued until further order of the Panel.

FOR THE PANEL:


Jeffery N. Lüthi
Clerk of the Panel