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June 19, 2007

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Re: MDL-1850 -- In re Pet Food Products Liability Litigation

(See Attached Schedule A of Order)

UNITED STATES
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Dear Mr. Walsh:

I am enclosing a certified copy and one additional copy of a transfer order filed today by the Panel in the above-captioned matter. The order is directed to you for filing.

The Panel's governing statute, 28 U.S.C. §1407, requires that the transferee clerk "...transmit a certified copy of the Panel's order to transfer to the clerk of the district court from which the action is being transferred."

A copy of Rule 1.6 of the <u>Rules of Procedure of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation</u>, 199 F.R.D. 425, 428 (2001), which deals specifically with the transfer of files, is enclosed for your convenience. Also enclosed are a complete set of the Panel <u>Rules</u> and a copy of Chapter 7 of Volume 4 of the <u>Clerks Manual</u>, <u>United States District Courts</u>.

The Panel Clerk's Office maintains the only statistical accounting of multidistrict litigation traffic in the federal courts. These statistics are used by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and the Judicial Conference. Therefore, your cooperation in keeping the Panel advised of the progress of this litigation would be appreciated. We are particularly interested in receiving the docket numbers assigned to each transferred action by your court; the caption and docket numbers of all actions originally filed in your district; and copies of orders regarding appointment of liaison counsel, settlements, dismissals, state court remands, and reassignments to other judges in your district.

Your attention is also directed to Panel Rule 7.6, regarding termination and remand of transferred actions. Upon notification from your court of a finding by the transferred judge that Section 1407 remand of a transferred action is appropriate, this office will promptly file a conditional remand order.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the Panel Attorney Service List.

Very truly,

Jeffery N. Lüthi Clerk of the Panel

Deputy Clerk

## Enclosures

cc w/all enclosures (Chapter 7 of Volume 4 of the <u>Clerks Manual, U.S. District Courts</u>, Rule 1.6, R.P.J.P.M.L., transfer order, Panel Attorney Service List, and complete Panel <u>Rules</u>):

Transferee Judge: Judge Noel L. Hillman

cc w/order only: Transferee Chief Judge: Judge Garrett E. Brown, Jr.

cc w/order and Rule 1.6, R.P.J.P.M.L.:

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