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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS: Timothy J. Muris, Chairman

Mozelle W. Thompson Orson Swindle Thomas B. Leary Pamela Jones Harbour

In the Matter of

JONATHAN BARASH,
individually and as an officer of
DBS Laboratories, LLC.

DECISION AND ORDER

The Federal Trade Commission having initiated an investigation of certain acts and practices of respondent Jonathan Barash ("respondent") named in the caption hereof, and the respondent having been furnished thereafter with a copy of a draft of complaint which the Bureau of Consumer Protection proposed to present to the Commission for its consideration and which, if issued by the Commission, would charge respondent with violation of the Federal Trade Commission Act; and

The respondent, his attorneys, and counsel for Federal Trade Commission having thereafter executed an agreement containing a consent order, an admission by the respondent of all the jurisdictional facts set forth in the aforesaid draft of complaint, a statement that the signing of said agreement is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by respondent that the law has been violated as alleged in such complaint, or that the facts as alleged in such complaint, other than jurisdictional facts, are true and waivers and other provisions as required by the Commission's Rules; and

The Commission having thereafter considered the matter and having determined that it had reason to believe that the respondent has violated the said Act, and that complaint should issue stating its charges in that respect, and having thereupon accepted the executed consent agreement and placed such agreement on the public record for a period of thirty (30) days, now in further conformity with the procedure prescribed in § 2.34 of its Rules, the Commission hereby issues its complaint, makes the following jurisdictional findings and enters the following order:

- 1. Respondent Jonathan Barash is a minority owner and officer of DBS Laboratories, LLC and has participated in its day to day operations. Individually, or in concert with others, he has formulated, directed, participated in, or controlled the acts or practices of DBS Laboratories LLC, including the acts or practices challenged in the complaint. His principal office or place of business is 6599 NW 97th Drive, Parkland, Florida 33076.
- 2. The Federal Trade Commission has jurisdiction of the subject matter of this proceeding and of the respondent, and the proceeding is in the public interest.

ORDER

DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this order, the following definitions shall apply:

- A. Unless otherwise specified, "respondent" shall mean Jonathan Barash individually and as an officer of DBS Laboratories, LLC, and his agents, representatives, and employees.
- B. "Competent and reliable scientific evidence" shall mean tests, analyses, research, studies, or other evidence based on the expertise of professionals in the relevant area, that has been conducted and evaluated in an objective manner by persons qualified to do so, using procedures generally accepted in the profession to yield accurate and reliable results.
- C. "Pedia Loss" shall mean "Pedia Loss Dietary Supplement" and any other product containing one or more of the ingredients in the current product that is marketed for weight loss or control.
- D. "Fabulously Feminine" shall mean "Fabulously Feminine Dietary Supplement" and any other product containing one or more of the ingredients in the current product that is marketed for sexual enhancement.
- E. "Food," "drug," and "device" shall mean as "food," "drug," and "device" are defined in Section 15 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. § 55.
- F. "Covered product or service" shall mean any dietary supplement, food, drug, or device, and any health-related service or program promoting weight loss or sexual enhancement.
- G. "Commerce" shall mean as defined in Section 4 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. § 44.
- H. "Endorsement" shall mean as defined in 16 C.F.R. § 255.0(b).
- I. The term "including" in this order shall mean "without limitation."

J. The terms "and" and "or" in this order shall be construed conjunctively or disjunctively as necessary, to make the applicable phrase or sentence inclusive rather than exclusive.

I.

IT IS ORDERED that:

- A. Respondent, directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, in connection with the manufacturing, labeling, advertising, promotion, offering for sale, sale, or distribution of Pedia Loss or any other covered product or service, shall not make any representation, in any manner, expressly or by implication, including through the use of endorsements or the product name, that:
 - 1. Such product or service causes weight loss, suppresses appetite, increases fat burning, or slows carbohydrate absorption;
 - 2. Such product or service causes weight loss in overweight or obese children ages 6 and over; or
 - 3. Such product or service, when taken by overweight or obese children ages 6 and over, suppresses appetite, increases fat burning, or slows carbohydrate absorption,

unless, at the time the representation is made, respondent possesses and relies upon competent and reliable scientific evidence that substantiates the representation; and

B. Respondent, directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, in connection with the manufacturing, labeling, advertising, promotion, offering for sale, sale, or distribution of Fabulously Feminine or any other covered product or service, shall not make any representation, in any manner, expressly or by implication, including through the use of endorsements or the product name, that such product or service will increase a woman's libido, sexual desire, or sexual satisfaction, unless, at the time the representation is made, respondent possesses and relies upon competent and reliable scientific evidence that substantiates the representation.

II.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent, directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, in connection with the manufacturing, labeling, advertising, promotion, offering for sale, sale, or distribution of any covered product or service, in or affecting commerce, shall not make any representation, in any manner, expressly or by implication, including through the use of endorsements or the product name, about the benefits, performance, or efficacy of such product or service, unless, at the time the representation is made, respondent possesses and relies upon competent and reliable scientific evidence that

III.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent, directly or through any corporation, subsidiary, division, or other device, in connection with the manufacturing, labeling, advertising, promotion, offering for sale, sale, or distribution of any covered product or service, in or affecting commerce, shall not misrepresent, in any manner, directly or by implication, the existence, contents, validity, results, conclusions, or interpretations of any test or study.

IV.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

- A. Nothing in this order shall prohibit respondent from making any representation for any drug that is permitted in labeling for such drug under any tentative final or final standard promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration, or under any new drug application approved by the Food and Drug Administration; and
- B. Nothing in this order shall prohibit respondent from making any representation for any product that is specifically permitted in labeling for such product by regulations promulgated by the Food and Drug Administration pursuant to the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act of 1990.

V.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent Jonathan Barash shall, for a period of three (3) years after the last date of dissemination of any representation covered by this order, maintain and upon request make available for inspection and copying:

- A. All advertisements and promotional materials containing the representation;
- B. All materials that were relied upon in disseminating the representation; and
- C. All tests, reports, studies, surveys, demonstrations, or other evidence in their possession or control that contradict, qualify, or call into question the representation, or the basis relied upon for the representation, including complaints and other communications with consumers or with governmental or consumer protection organizations.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent Jonathan Barash shall deliver a copy of this order to all current and future principals, officers, directors, and managers, and to all current and future employees, agents, and representatives having responsibilities with respect to the subject matter of this order, and shall secure from each person a signed and dated statement acknowledging receipt of the order. Respondent shall deliver this order to current personnel within thirty (30) days after the date of service of this order, and to future personnel within thirty (30) days after the person assumes such position or responsibilities.

VII.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent Jonathan Barash, for a period of three (3) years after the date of issuance of this order, shall notify the Commission of the discontinuance of his current business or employment, or of his affiliation with any new business or employment. The notice shall include respondent's new business address and telephone number and a description of the nature of the business or employment and his duties and responsibilities. All notices required by this Part shall be sent by certified mail to the Associate Director, Division of Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. Attention: In the Matter of Dynamic Health of Florida, LLC.

VIII.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent Jonathan Barash shall, within sixty (60) days after service of this order, and at such other times as the Federal Trade Commission may require, file with the Commission a report, in writing, setting forth in detail the manner and form in which he has complied with this order.

IX.

This order will terminate on August 13, 2024, or twenty (20) years from the most recent date that the United States or the Federal Trade Commission files a complaint (with or without an accompanying consent decree) in federal court alleging any violation of the order, whichever comes later; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the filing of such a complaint will not affect the duration of:

- A. Any Part in this order that terminates in less than twenty (20) years;
- B. This order's application to any respondent that is not named as a defendant in such complaint; and
- C. This order if such complaint is filed after the order has terminated pursuant to this Part.

<u>Provided, further</u>, that if such complaint is dismissed or a federal court rules that the respondent did not violate any provision of the order, and the dismissal or ruling is either not appealed or upheld on appeal, then the order will terminate according to this Part as though the complaint had never been filed, except that the order will not terminate between the date such complaint is filed

and the later of the deadline for appealing such dismissal or ruling and the date such dismissal or ruling is upheld on appeal.

By the Commission.

Donald S. Clark Secretary

ISSUED: August 13, 2004

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