

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

BROADWAY PINE BRANDS LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

MUSTB TOY STORE, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 21-1736

PLAINTIFF’S EXPEDITED REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS

AND NOW come Plaintiff’s, by undersigned counsel, and serves the following Expedited Requests for Admissions on each Defendant in this action. In accordance with the Court Order (“TRO”), your responses are due no later than fourteen (14) days after these Requests for Admissions are served on you.

DEFINITIONS

1. Where a defined term is referenced herein and not defined herein, the defined term should be understood as it is defined in the Complaint, Plaintiff’s *Ex Parte* Application, and/or the TRO.
2. Plaintiff’s Mark is trademark U.S. Reg. No. 5994698 for SLIDEAWAY for “fabric sided toy storage container in the nature of a toy box or toy chest having an integrated play mat.” in class 20.
3. Plaintiff’s Patent is U.S. Patent No. 11,154,128 entitled “STORAGE CONTAINER WITH AN INTEGRATED MAT, and which covers Plaintiff’s Product.

4. The terms “Defendant,” “you,” and “your” refer to the Defendant listed on Schedule A, including all affiliates and subsidiaries, receiving these Requests for Production.

5. The terms “concerning” or “relating to” (or any forms thereof) mean constituting, reflecting, representing, supporting, contradicting, referring to, stating, describing, noting, embodying, containing, mentioning, studying, analyzing, discussing, evaluating, or relevant to. As indicated, the terms necessarily include information which is in opposition to as well as in support of the position(s) and claim(s) of the parties in this civil action.

6. The terms “communication” or “communications” refer to any transmission of information, the information transmitted, and any process by which information is transmitted, and will include written communications, electronic communications, and oral communications.

7. The term “person” refers to natural persons, firms, proprietorships, associations, partnerships, corporations and every other type of organization or entity.

8. The terms “document” or “documents” refer to all written, typed, printed, recorded, filmed or reproduced by any other mechanical process, photographic, or graphic matter of every type and description, however and by whomever prepared, produced, reproduced, disseminated, or made, in any form, whether originals or copies, now or formerly in your possession, custody, or control, including, but not limited to: letters; correspondence; e-mails; memoranda; records; books; minutes of all types of meetings; contracts; subcontracts; agreements; exhibits; attachments; intra-office and inter-office communications; analyses; bulletins; regulations, rules, directives, advisory opinions, manuals, proposals; estimates; recommendations; opinions; messages; instructions; notes; notebooks; measurements; designs; sketches; drawings; blueprints; data sheets; telephone records; tapes; computer stored data; computer disks; diaries; desk calendars; work sheets; reports; facsimiles; records of telephone

conversations, meetings and conferences; notes and records of conversations or interviews; invoices; bills; statements; accounts; checks; drafts; notices; computer printouts; computer tapes; photographs; slides; negatives; motion pictures; video recordings; tape or other voice recordings and transcriptions thereof; data compilations from which information can be obtained, translated, if necessary, by you through detection devices into reasonably usable form; and any other writings or recordings or data compilations from which information can be obtained in your actual or constructive possession, custody, or control, including drafts and multiple versions of documents containing marginalia or other comments or notes not appearing on the original. If any document was, but is no longer, in your possession or subject to your control, identify the document and identify its disposition, including, where applicable, the person who currently has possession and/or control of it.

9. The words “identify” or “identity” mean when used in reference to:
 - (a) a document, to state separately: (i) its type (letter, report, memorandum, etc.); (ii) its date; (iii) its subject matter; (iv) the identity of each author or signer; and (v) its present location and the identity of its custodian;
 - (b) an oral statement, communication, conference or conversation, to state separately: (i) its date and the place where it occurred; (ii) its substance; (iii) the identity of each person(s) participating in the communication or conversation; and (iv) the identity and location of all notes, memoranda or other documents memorializing, referring to or relating to the subject matter of the statement;
 - (c) a natural person or persons, to state separately: (i) the full name of each such person; (ii) his or her present or last known business address, or his or her present or last known residential address; and (iii) the employer of the person at the time to which the request or interrogatory is directed and the person’s title or position at that time; and
 - (d) an organization or entity (other than a natural person), a company, a corporation, a firm, an association, or a partnership, to state separately:
 - (e) the full name and type of organization or entity; (ii) the date and state of organization or incorporation, if a business entity; (iii) the address of each

of its principal places of business and headquarters; and (iv) the nature of the business conducted or services rendered.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Respond separately and in writing to each request.
2. These requests for admission shall be construed as referring to information now within the knowledge, possession, custody or control of you or your attorneys, agents, advisers, employees or persons otherwise acting on your behalf, as well as any information, knowledge, data, document, or communication that subsequently is obtained or discovered by you or by your attorneys, agents, advisers, employees or persons otherwise acting on your behalf, that demonstrates that any answer originally provided in response to these requests for information was either incorrect or incomplete. Such supplemental information is to be supplied promptly to the party propounding these requests for information with a designation as to which request the information is responsive.
3. If you do not answer a request for admission because you claim the information requested is privileged, as to each such request, state the privilege claimed, set forth the facts relied upon to support your claim of privilege, and identify each document and/or communication upon which you base your claim of privilege.
4. If you deny a request for admission, set forth your reason and identify and produce any document relied upon in your denial.

REQUESTS FOR ADMISSIONS

1. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiffs owned Plaintiff's Mark.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

2. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant knew that Plaintiffs had the exclusive right to use and license its intellectual property and goodwill associated therewith.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

3. Plaintiff is the owner of Plaintiff's Patent.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

4. You were on notice of the Plaintiff's Patent before you began manufacturing, offering for sale, selling, promoting, advertising, and otherwise distributing the Infringing Product.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

5. You have intentionally infringed and continue to infringe at least one claim of the Plaintiff's Patent either directly or indirectly through acts of contributory infringement or inducement in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271, by making, using, selling, importing and/or offering to sell Infringing Products.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

6. Admit that there is no acceptable non-infringing substitute for the Plaintiff's Product.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

7. Admit that you are selling the infringing product on multiple online platforms including the online platform identified in this lawsuit.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

8. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiffs have the manufacturing and marketing capability to meet the consumer demand for the Plaintiff's Product.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

9. Despite having the knowledge that you had no license or legal authority to do so, you engaged in the activity of promoting and otherwise advertising, selling, offering for sale, and/or distributing Infringing Products under your Seller ID or Seller IDs.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

10. You intentionally copied, counterfeited, and sold Plaintiffs' goods in order to benefit from the Plaintiffs' fame, reputation, and goodwill to divert Plaintiff's profits into your business.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

11. You cooperated, coordinated, and communicated with the other Defendants in order to take control of the "Buy" Box within the Amazon.com search results for toy storage bin and or other confusingly similar terms calculated to cause the Amazon.com search engine to return your listing of Infringing Products instead of Plaintiffs' genuine product.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

12. At all times relevant hereto, you have been engaged in the fraudulent promotion, advertisement, distribution, offering for sale, and/or sale of goods that are infringing copies of Plaintiff's Product.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

13. You intentionally make, use, offer to sell, or import into the United States counterfeit and substandard copies of Plaintiff's Product.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

14. You intentionally make, use, offer to sell, or import into the United States counterfeit and substandard copies of Plaintiff's Product with English language packaging and instructions.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

15. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant knew that Plaintiff had the exclusive right to use and license their intellectual property and the goodwill associated therewith.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

16. Despite having the knowledge that you had no license or legal authority to do so, you engaged in the activity of promoting and otherwise advertising, selling, offering for sale, and/or distributing knock-off and or infringing goods infringing at least one claim of the Plaintiff's Patent without authorization under your Seller ID or Seller IDs.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

17. At all times relevant hereto, you were offering and selling infringing and/or counterfeit goods in order to directly compete with Plaintiff's Product.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

18. You have been named as a defendant in past counterfeiting, infringing and/or knock-off cases.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

19. You view the cost of defending this lawsuit and any damages that the Plaintiffs might recover as a cost of running your counterfeiting, infringing and/or knock-off selling business.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

20. You intentionally copied and/or infringed Plaintiff's intellectual property, in order to benefit from the Plaintiffs' fame, reputation, and goodwill to divert Plaintiffs' profits into your business.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

21. At all times relevant hereto, you have been engaged in the fraudulent promotion, advertisement, distribution, offering for sale, and/or sale of goods that are knock-offs, infringements, and/or substandard copies of Plaintiff's Product.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

22. Admit that lost profits is the appropriate measure for Plaintiffs' damage claims against you.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

23. At all times relevant hereto, there was consumer demand for the Plaintiff's Product.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

24. The consumer demand for the Plaintiff's Product is based upon its unique features which comprise the Plaintiff's intellectual property.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

25. At all times relevant hereto, Plaintiff had the capability to meet consumer demand for Plaintiff's Product.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

26. In the absence of your sales of infringing or counterfeit products, consumers would have purchased Plaintiff's Product.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

27. But for your sales of illegal counterfeit or infringing products, Plaintiff would have made each sale in place of the sale you made instead and at Plaintiff's pre-infringement selling price.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

28. Your illegal sales of infringing and/counterfeit products have eroded Plaintiff's market share.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

29. Your unfair competition has driven the market price of Plaintiff's genuine goods down.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

30. Plaintiff did not assign, consent to your use of, or license to you any of their intellectual property rights, including the right to use the Plaintiff's Patent or Plaintiff's Mark.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

31. At all times relevant hereto, there was consumer demand for the Plaintiff's Product.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

32. The consumer demand for the Plaintiffs' Product is based upon its unique features which comprise the Plaintiff's intellectual property.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

33. In the absence of your sales of knock-off and infringing products, consumers would have purchased Plaintiff's Product.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

34. But for your sales of illegal knock-off products, Plaintiff would have made each sale in place of the sale you made instead and at Plaintiff's pre-infringement selling price.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

35. Your illegal sales of infringing and/counterfeit products have eroded Plaintiff's market share.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

36. Admit that the profit per unit of the Infringing Product was at least \$10.00.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

37. Admit that each month you sold 15,000 units of the Infringing Product.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

38. Admit that your profits from the sales of your infringing and/or counterfeit products totals more than \$100,000.00.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

39. Admit that your profits from the sales of your infringing and/or counterfeit products totals more than \$300,000.00.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

40. Admit that your profits from the sales of your infringing and/or counterfeit products totals more than \$2,000,000.00.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

41. Your sales of substandard infringing and/or counterfeit products have undermined and damaged Plaintiffs' reputation and goodwill associated with Plaintiff's Product requiring Plaintiff to expend \$15,000.00 in corrective advertising costs.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

42. Your unfair competition has driven the market price of Plaintiffs' genuine goods down.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

43. Plaintiffs did not assign, consent to your use of, or license to you any of their intellectual property rights, including the right to use Plaintiff's Patent.

ADMITTED: _____ **DENIED:** _____

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writings or recordings or data compilations from which information can be obtained in your actual or constructive possession, custody, or control, including drafts and multiple versions of documents containing marginalia or other comments or notes not appearing on the original. If any document was, but is no longer, in your possession or subject to your control, identify the document and identify its disposition, including, where applicable, the person who currently has possession and/or control of it.

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 - (c) a natural person or persons, to state separately: (i) the full name of each such person; (ii) his or her present or last known business address, or his or her present or last known residential address; and (iii) the employer of the person at the time to which the request or interrogatory is directed and the person’s title or position at that time; and
 - (d) an organization or entity (other than a natural person), a company, a corporation, a firm, an association, or a partnership, to state separately:
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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Respond separately and in writing to each document request.
2. In answering these requests for information, furnish all information that is known to you, your attorneys, agents, advisers, employees or persons otherwise acting on your behalf. If

any of these requests for information cannot be answered in full, answer them to the fullest extent possible, state the reasons for your inability to answer the remainder, and state fully the information, knowledge, or belief you now have concerning the unanswered portions.

3. Each request for information shall be construed as referring to information now within the knowledge, possession, custody or control of you or your attorneys, agents, advisers, employees or persons otherwise acting on your behalf, as well as any information, knowledge, data, document, or communication that subsequently is obtained or discovered by you or by your attorneys, agents, advisers, employees or persons otherwise acting on your behalf, that demonstrates that any answer originally provided in response to these requests for information was either incorrect or incomplete. Such supplemental information is to be supplied promptly to the party propounding these requests for information with a designation as to which request the information is responsive.

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5. If any document forms a part of or the entire basis for any answer, identify that document.

6. If any responsive document or portion of a responsive document is withheld from production on a claim of privilege, work-product protection, or other discovery immunity, such document should be identified on a privilege log which states, as to each such document: the name, affiliation, and job title of its author(s); the name, affiliation, and job title of its recipient(s); the name, affiliation, and job title of any copyholder(s); the date of the document;

the basis for the claim of privilege, protection or immunity; and the request to which the document is responsive.

7. These requests are ongoing and you are required to file supplemental answers and/or provide additional documents as additional information becomes available.

REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION

1. Produce all documents sufficient to identify your true name and physical address.

RESPONSE:

2. Produce all documents concerning the name and location and URL of any and all websites that you own and/or operate and the name, location, account numbers and URL for any and all User Accounts and Merchant Storefronts on any Third Party Service Provider platform that you own and/or operate.

RESPONSE:

3. Produce all documents concerning your manufacture, sale and/or offer for sale of Infringing and/or Counterfeit Products, including the complete sales records for any and all sales of Infringing and/or Counterfeit Products, including number of units sold, price per unit, total gross revenues received and profit (in U.S. dollars) and dates thereof.

RESPONSE:

4. Produce all documents sufficient to show the account details for any and all of your Financial Accounts, including the account numbers and current account balances.

RESPONSE:

5. Produce all documents concerning the steps taken by you to comply with the TRO.

RESPONSE:

6. For each Infringing and/or Counterfeit Product identified by you in your answer to interrogatory number 5, produce a sample of the Infringing and/or Counterfeit Product and all documents concerning:

- (a) the sales, profits, or revenue that you projected to earn from the product;
- (b) the number of units of product that you have sold;
- (c) the dollars sales that you have actually earned from the product;
- (d) the profits that you have actually earned from the product;
- (e) the launch or rollout of the product;
- (f) contracts you have with manufacturers or suppliers of the product and/or the packaging in which the product is packaged;

- (g) the manufacturers or suppliers of the product and/or the packaging in which the product is packaged; and
- (h) the customers to whom you sold the product and/or the packaging in which the product is packaged.

RESPONSE:

- 5. Produce all documents that refer to the Plaintiff's Product.

RESPONSE:

- 6. Produce all documents that refer to Plaintiff.

RESPONSE:

- 7. Produce all documents concerning any communications you or your agent had with Plaintiff or any representative of Plaintiff.

RESPONSE:

- 8. Produce all documents concerning any communications you or your agent had with any Third Party Service Provider.

RESPONSE:

9. Produce all documents concerning the trademark U.S. Reg. No. 5994698 for SLIDEAWAY for “fabric sided toy storage container in the nature of a toy box or toy chest having an integrated play mat.” in class 20 (“Plaintiff’s Mark”).

RESPONSE:

10. Produce all documents concerning U.S. Patent No. 11,154,128 entitled “STORAGE CONTAINER WITH AN INTEGRATED MAT, and which covers Plaintiff’s Product (“Plaintiff’s Patent or the ‘128 patent”).

RESPONSE:

11. Produce all documents concerning communications from consumers that refer to the SLIDEAWAY[®] toy storage bin, including but not limited to communications from consumers that indicate confusion as to the source or origin of the SLIDEAWAY[®] toy storage bin, and/or the Infringing and/or Counterfeit Products.

RESPONSE:

12. Produce a copy of each web page on which you sold and/or offered for sale Infringing and/or Counterfeit Products.

RESPONSE:

13. Produce all documents concerning communications from manufacturers, distributors, retailers, suppliers, vendors, or brokers about the Infringing and/or Counterfeit Products.

RESPONSE:

14. Produce all documents concerning your customers for the Infringing and/or Counterfeit Products, including documents sufficient to identify your customers.

RESPONSE:

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