

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE Northern District of Illinois – CM/ECF NextGen 1.7.1.1
Eastern Division**

In RE: Hair Relaxer Marketing, Sales Practices, And
Products Liability Litigation, et al.

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No.:
1:23-cv-00818
Honorable Mary M.
Rowland

L'Oreal USA, Inc, et al.

Defendant.

NOTIFICATION OF DOCKET ENTRY

This docket entry was made by the Clerk on Thursday, July 6, 2023:

MINUTE entry before the Honorable Mary M. Rowland: Status hearing held on July 6, 2023. The parties addressed the matters set forth in Status Reports [125, 126, 141]. First, as to pleadings, the schedule previously set by the Court remains: Plaintiffs' response to the omnibus motion to dismiss is due 8/4/23. Defendants' reply is due 8/25/23. As discussed at the hearing, as to Defendant Parfums de Coeur's motion to dismiss [134], Plaintiffs' response is due 8/4/23; Defendant#039;s reply is due 8/25/23. Defendant McBride's [145] motion for extension is granted and McBride has until 8/21/23 to file its responsive pleading. Plaintiffs' status report regarding McBride should be filed by 7/14/23. Plaintiffs' consolidated class action complaint will be filed by 7/31/23. As to the proposed short form complaint (SFC) and the issue of identifying products, the parties shall meet and confer on this by 8/4/23. In light of the discussion and circumventing the meet and confer process, the court finds that each defendant is free to preserve its objections to the Plaintiffs' outstanding interrogatory asking for the identity of hair straightening products and the definition plaintiffs include regarding same, however, after asserting all objections, each defendant must identify said products in response to the interrogatory. Second, the parties reported on the Revlon bankruptcy in the Southern District of New York. The Court heard argument regarding the September 14, 2023 MDL filing deadline as set by the bankruptcy court in April 2023 (BK Doc. 1860). This Court will issue a separate order addressing plaintiffs' request to this Court to extend the September 14, 2023 filing deadline. Third, regarding discovery, initial disclosures will be served 8/7/23. The Court heard argument and each party's view about how discovery should proceed. The Court declines to adopt Defendants' proposal (Dkt. 125 at 6) requesting prioritizing "general causation" discovery. Parties are to proceed with "traditional" fact discovery, and should meet and confer and by 7/18/23, file on the docket, and submit to the Court's proposed order box, proposed fact discovery dates and a fact discovery close date. Defendants are free to raise their proposal to prioritize general causation discovery again with the Court at the close of fact discovery. Parties are also to meet and confer about fact sheets. The Court will conduct a Science Day near the close of fact discovery. Parties should be prepared to discuss it at the 11/17/23 hearing. Finally, by

7/31/23, parties should file a status report outlining suggested FAQ's for the Court's MDL webpage (<https://www.ilnd.uscourts.gov/MDL3060>). For the next status hearing on 8/23/23 at 1:00pm CST: for those wishing to appear by video, the Court's chambers will send a WebEx link 3 business days in advance to Plaintiffs' and Defendants' Liaison counsel. Liaison counsel should distribute the link accordingly. If anyone appearing via WebEx wishes to be heard at the hearing, they should notify their respective liaison counsel at least 2 business days in advance and liaison counsel should then notify the Courtroom Deputy. For those who cannot attend a status hearing in person and do not wish to be heard, they may attend via teleconference (they should mute themselves upon calling in): the number is: 6504793207 and the ID is 1801732451. All parties present remotely for today's hearing who wish to have their appearance reflected of record are directed to provide their name and firm to liaison counsel, who shall provide that information to the official court reporter by email, Laura_Renke4@ilnd.uscourts.gov, by the close of business tomorrow, 7/7/23. Finally, for anyone appearing virtually on 8/23/23, they are reminded to please mute their audio unless they wish to be heard by the Court. Mailed notice. (dm,)

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