

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF

LEACHCO, INC.

CPSC Docket No. 22-1

HON. MICHAEL G. YOUNG
PRESIDING OFFICER

**LEACHCO, INC.'S MOTION *IN LIMINE*
TO EXCLUDE (1) ALL POST-FACT-DISCOVERY EVIDENCE AND (2) TESTIMONY AND
DOCUMENTS REGARDING ALLEGED DEFECTS IN THE PODSTER'S WARNINGS**

Pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice, 16 C.F.R. §§ 1025.23, 1025.43, and this Court's Order on Prehearing Schedule, Docket No. 35, Respondent Leachco Inc. moves to exclude (1) post-fact-discovery evidence including documents, exemplars, and expert testimony, and (2) any testimony or documents related to any alleged deficiencies, defects, or inadequacies in the Podster's warnings, instructions, and marketing materials.

1. As set forth in the accompanying Memorandum of Support, the Commission should not be permitted to introduce into evidence any documents or information that was produced after the fact-discovery deadline. This Court issued a stark warning to the parties that they would be precluded from using withheld discovery:

[A] sanction [] is always going to be there for either of you if materials are withheld from discovery and they show up at hearing in a context that is not some clear rebuttal context where the materials would not have normally been produced or should not have normally been produced. They show up at hearing[]—they're not going to be admitted. That's the sanction there, at a minimum.

Feb. 24, 2023 Hearing Transcript, 33:14–34:5.

2. The Commission did not allege that the Podster’s warnings were defective in any way. Its claim is that people would misuse the Podster—despite the warnings. Nonetheless, the Commission has belatedly attempted to introduce evidence of alleged defects in the Podster’s warnings. It should not be allowed to change its legal theories on the eve of trial.

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This Court should grant Leachco’s Motion *in Limine* and exclude all late-produced documents, exemplars never made available for inspection, all testimony relying on such information, and all testimony concerning the Podster’s allegedly defective warnings.

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Respectfully submitted,

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