

# Court Cases and Other Cases that KHoF Has Pursued Regarding Illegal Products and Unfair Marketing

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## **Initial Questions**

<u>Issues</u> <u>Laws</u>

Stolen goods
 Criminal Code ("CC")

Marketing Practice Act

("MPA")

Counterfeit Trademark Act

("TMA")

• Illegal parallel trade TMA

**MPA** 



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<u>Issues</u> <u>Laws</u>

Legal parallel trade

Labelling issues
 MPA

• Selective distribution Contractual



## **Initial Questions**

<u>Issues</u> <u>Laws</u>

Marketing claims

• Misleading statements MPA

• Misleading comparisons MPA

• "Authorized reseller" MPA



## **Results From Test Purchases and Investigations**

- Erroneous/missing labels
- Manipulated/deleted/changed identity and/or EAN codes
- Prohibited ingredient
- Illegal parallel trade
- Misleading marketing claims
- Violations of the Consumer Credit Act



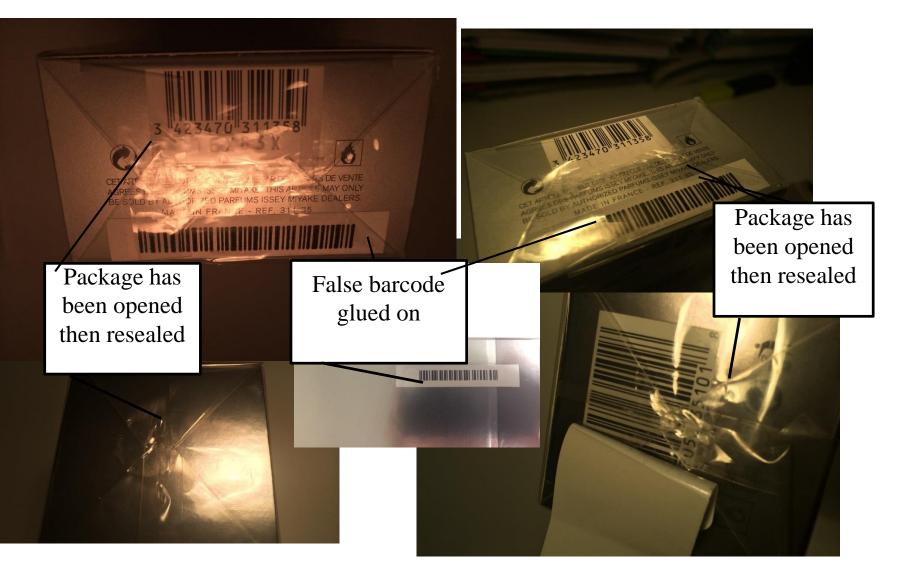
### **Results From Test Purchases and Investigations**

#### **Examples of misleading claims**

- "Best hairbrushes"
- "All products are of highest quality"
- "Of course, the products are not tested on animals"
- "All the products that we sell are the same as you find in ordinary shops"

Due to formal reasons all cases have been pursued by KoHF's service company, KTF Organisation AB ("KTF")

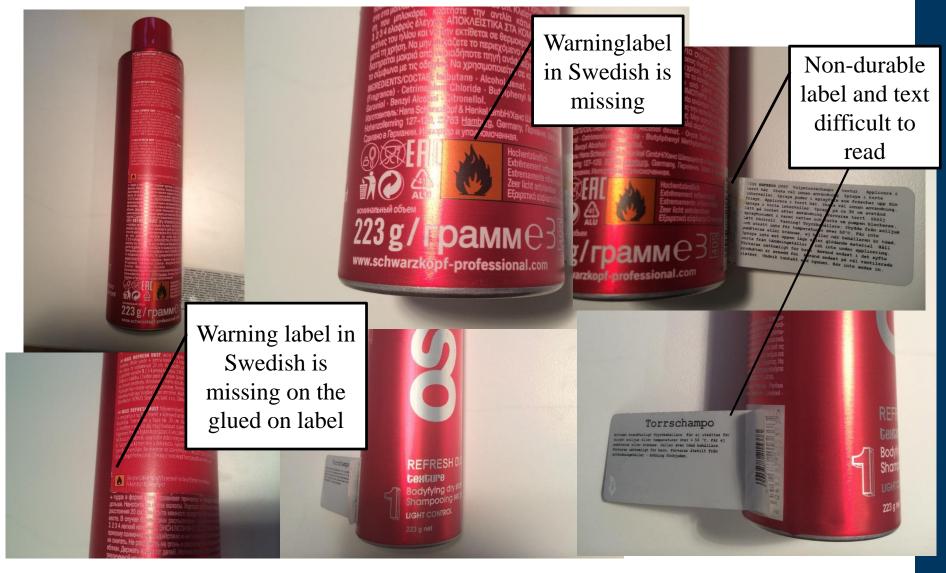














### Vivamondo

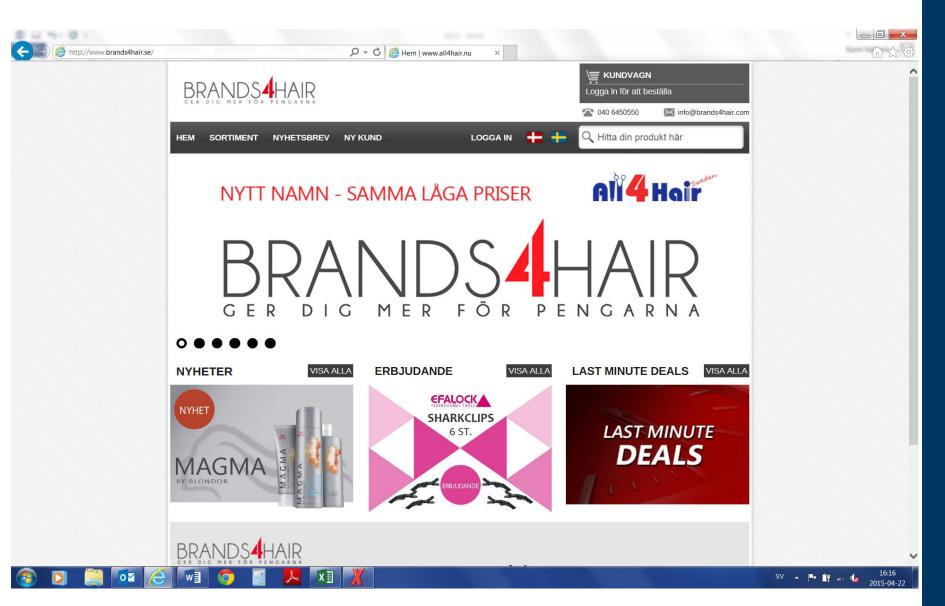
- Vivamondo Limited registered in Hong Kong
- Registered branch in Sweden, Vivamondo Limited Hong Kong branch
- Sells cosmetics products via Webpage <u>www.vivamondo.se</u>
- KTF and member companies sued for illegal parallel trade from countries outside of EEA
- Vivamondo claimed that Swedish courts did not have jurisdiction
- Swedish courts have jurisdiction, NJA 2015 s. 798



### Vivamondo

- Judgement 23 December 2016, PMT 8651-12
- Vivamondo is prohibited subject to a fine of SEK 750 000 to market certain brands insofar as the goods have not been placed on the market within the European Economic Area ("EEA") by the right holder himself or with his consent
- Vivamondo shall pay the legal costs and the managing director is jointly responsible for part of the costs

















Substances with limitations according to Exhibit III



INGREDIENTS / COCTAB: Aqua (Water, Eau) · Cetearyl Alcohol · Ammonium Hydroxide · Glyceryl Stearate · Ceteareth-20 · Octyldodecanol - Sodium Laureth Sulfate - Moringa Pterygosperma Seed Extract - Biotin - Toluene-2,5-Diamine Sulfate - Sodium Ceteary: Suriate - Glycerin -Oleic Acid - Parfum (Fragrance) -Resorcinol - Ethanolamine -Potassium Stearate · Sodium Sulfite · Tetrasodium EDTA · Carbomer · Polyquaternium-39 · Potassium Hydroxide · m-Aminophenol · 2-Amino-3-Aminopieno : 2-Amino-3-Hydroxypyridine · 2-Methylresorcinol · Ascorbic Acid · Linoteamidopropyi 'G-Oimonium Chloride Phosphate · Sodium Sulfate · Linalool · Benzoic Acid · Citric Acid · Cl 77891 (Titanium Dioxide). 1316

FG 1677594

Warninglabel in Swedish etc. is missing



The Patent- and Market Court prohibits Brands4Hair ApS subject to a fine of SEK 1,000,000 from marketing cosmetic products with aerosol dispensers and flammable cosmetic products lacking the required labels in the Swedish language in the manner that has occurred or in essentially the same way

The Patent- and Market Court prohibits Brands4Hair ApS subject to a fine of SEK 1,000,000 from marketing cosmetic products that are hair colorants lacking the required labels in the Swedish language in the manner that has occurred or in essentially the same way



The Patent- and Market Court prohibits Brands4Hair ApS subject to a fine of SEK 1,000,000 from marketing cosmetic and hair care products in the manner that has occurred or in essentially the same way with the following expressions

- a) "Save a lot of money on our quality products",
- b) "The market's best brands to strong prices",
- c) "We give you more for your money",
- d) "Give you the best price on the market",
- e) "Simply the market's lowest prices",
- f) "Offer the best prices on the market",



- g) "Ordinary price",
- h) "Webprice",
- i) "Normal price",
- j) "Guiding prices" and
- k) "Have [...] saved",

Or essentially the same expressions if so is not the case.



Brands4Hair ApS shall reimburse KTF for its legal costs



#### **BEAUTY PLANET**

- On the website www.beautyplanet.se was, among other things, cosmetic and hygienic products marketed to consumers
- KTF sued the company which was running the activity on the website for the sale of illegal and erroneously labeled products
- During the time when the case was going on the website <a href="www.beautyplanet.se">www.beautyplanet.se</a> was sold to another company. Thereafter the company that sold the website also changed owners
- The new owners of the company that had sold the website then took full responsibility for the costs KTF have had and agreed subject to a contractual fine not to market illegal or improper labelled cosmetic products in the future



#### NORDIC FEEL

- On the website <u>www.nordicfeel.se</u>. was cosmetic and hygienic products marketed to consumers
- KTF sued the company which was running the activity on the website for the sale of erroneously labelled products
- During the time when the case was going on the company that was running the website changed management. The company introduced quality controls and collaborations to prevent the shortcomings from occurring in the future after which the parties could settle the case



### SNÎPH







### Varumärken vi gillar

Bara det bästa är gott nog för oss. Och dig.

GUERLAIN	MARC JACOBS	TOM FORD	C,N,C	YVES SAI	NT LAURENT	DIPTYQUE
DKNY	DOLCE & GABBANA	VIKTOR & ROLF	BYREDO	GIOR	GIO ARMANI	LANCÔME
GUCCI	NINA RICCI	THE DIFFERENT COMP.	ANY	CHLOÉ	MIU MIU	HERMÈS



### Agreement

- Sniph agrees, subject to a fine of SEK
  50 000, for each time not to market cosmetic products
- 1) that not fulfil the regulations regarding manufacturing and labelling
- 2) without the right holders permission to use their trademarks and repackaging their products
- Reimburse KTF for its legal costs



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