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THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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17 CHANEL, INC., a New York corporation

Case No. 07-5946

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18 Plaintiff,

19 v.

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND  
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

20 SUSAN LYNNE PACINI aka SUSAN L.  
21 PACINI dba PLANET TAN dba MASTER  
22 MARKETEERS, INC., and DOES 1 - 10,

23 Defendants.

24 Plaintiff, CHANEL, INC., a New York corporation ("Chanel") sues Defendants SUSAN  
25 LYNNE PACINI a/k/a SUSAN L. PACINI ("Pacini") d/b/a PLANET TAN d/b/a MASTER  
26 MARKETEERS, and DOES 1-10 (collectively "Defendants") and alleges as follows:  
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**THE PARTIES**

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2 1. Chanel is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New York with  
3 its principal place of business in the United States located at 9 West 57th Street, New York, New  
4 York 10019. Chanel is, in part, engaged in the business of manufacturing and distributing  
5 throughout the world, including within this Judicial District, handbags under the federally registered  
6 trademarks CHANEL and CC MONOGRAM (collectively, the “Chanel Marks”).

7 2. Pacini is an individual who, upon information and belief, conducts business within  
8 this Judicial District at 2430 Sand Creek Road #1D1, Brentwood, California 94513, 14850 Highway  
9 4 #163A, Discovery Bay, California 94514, 2669 Somersville Road, Antioch, California 94509,  
10 4701 Broomtail Court, Antioch, California 94531, and 8274 Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood,  
11 California 94513 and resides within this Judicial District at 2000 Cypress Pt., Discovery Bay,  
12 California 94514. Pacini uses at least the names “Planet Tan” and “Master Marketeers” as aliases to  
13 operate her business.

14 3. Upon information and belief, Pacini is directly and personally engaging in the sale of  
15 counterfeit products as alleged herein.

16 4. Defendants Doe 1 through 5 are, upon information and belief, individuals who reside  
17 and/or conduct business within this Judicial District. Further, Does 1 through 5 are directly and  
18 personally contributing to, inducing, and engaging in the sale of counterfeit products as alleged  
19 herein as partners, business associates, collaborators, or suppliers to the named Defendants. Plaintiff  
20 is presently unaware of the true names of Does 1 through 5. Plaintiff will amend this Complaint  
21 upon discovery of the identities of such defendants.

22 5. Defendants Doe 6 through 10 are business entities which, upon information and  
23 belief, reside and/or conduct business within this Judicial District. Moreover, Does 6 through 10 are,  
24 upon information and belief, directly engaging in the sale of counterfeit products as alleged herein as  
25 partners, business associates, collaborators, or suppliers to the named Defendants. Plaintiff is  
26 presently unaware of the true names of Does 6 through 10. Plaintiff will amend this Complaint upon  
27 discovery of the identities of such defendants.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

6. This action seeks to enforce 15 U.S.C. §§ 1114, 1116, 1121, and 1125(a). This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338.

7. This Court also has diversity jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, in that diversity of citizenship exists and the amount in dispute exceeds \$75,000.

8. Venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 since the Defendants' principal place of business is within this District and Defendants conduct business activities within this District. Furthermore, venue is appropriate since a substantial portion of the acts giving rise to this case occurred within this District.

**INTRADISTRICT ASSIGNMENT**

9. This action is an Intellectual Property Action within the meaning of Civil Local Rule 3-2(c) and General Order 44, and hence, the action is to be assigned on a district-wide basis.

**COMMON FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

10. Chanel is the owner of the following trademarks protected by the following U.S. Federal Trademark registrations:

Mark	Reg. No.	Reg. Date
CC MONOGRAM	1,734,822	November 24, 1992
CC MONOGRAM	1,314,511	January 15, 1985
CC MONOGRAM	3,025,934	December 13, 2005
CHANEL	0,626,035	May 1, 1956
CHANEL	1,347,677	July 9, 1985
CHANEL	1,733,051	November 17, 1992
CC MONOGRAM	3,022,708	December 6, 2005

The Chanel Marks are registered in International Class 18 and are used in connection with the manufacture and distribution of, among other things, handbags and wallets.

11. The Chanel Marks have been used in interstate commerce to identify and distinguish Chanel's high quality handbags, wallets, and other products for an extended period of time.



1 mistaken for the genuine high quality products offered for sale by Chanel. The net effect of  
2 Defendants' actions is to confuse consumers who will believe Defendants' Counterfeit Goods are  
3 genuine goods originating from and approved by the Chanel.

4 21. Upon information and belief, Defendants advertise their Counterfeit Goods for sale to  
5 the consuming public. In advertising these products, the Defendants use Chanel's Marks. Indeed,  
6 Defendants, upon information and belief, misappropriated Chanel's advertising ideas and business  
7 styles with respect to Chanel's genuine products. Upon information and belief, Defendants  
8 misappropriated Chanel's advertising ideas in the form of Chanel's Marks, in part, in the course of  
9 Defendants' own advertising activities. Defendants' acts are the proximate cause of damage to  
10 Chanel.

11 22. Upon information and belief, Defendants are conducting their counterfeiting activities  
12 at least within this Judicial District and elsewhere throughout the United States. Defendants'  
13 infringement and disparagement of Chanel's trademark rights are not simply a misdescription of  
14 their goods or a mere failure of the goods to conform to advertised quality or performance. By their  
15 activities, Defendants are defrauding Chanel and the consuming public for their own benefit.

16 23. Defendants' use of the Chanel Marks, including the promotion, advertisement,  
17 distribution, sale, and offering for sale of the Counterfeit Goods, is without Chanel's consent or  
18 authorization.

19 24. Further, Defendants, upon information and belief, may be engaging in the above-  
20 described illegal counterfeiting activities knowingly and intentionally, or with reckless disregard or  
21 willful blindness to Chanel's rights, for the purpose of trading on the goodwill and reputation of  
22 Chanel. If Defendants' counterfeiting activities are not preliminarily and permanently enjoined by  
23 this Court, Chanel and the consuming public will continue to be damaged.

24 25. Defendants' infringing activities described above are likely to cause confusion,  
25 deception, and mistake in the minds of consumers, the public, and the trade. Moreover, Defendants'  
26 wrongful conduct is likely to create a false impression and deceive customers, the public, and the  
27 trade into believing a connection or association exists between the Chanel's genuine goods and  
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1 Defendants' Counterfeit Goods.

2 26. Chanel has no adequate remedy at law.

3 27. Chanel is suffering irreparable injury and has suffered substantial damages as a result  
4 of Defendants' counterfeiting and infringing activities.

5 28. The injuries and damages sustained by Chanel are directly and proximately caused by  
6 Defendants' wrongful advertisement, promotion, and sale of their Counterfeit Goods.

7 29. Chanel has retained the undersigned counsel to represent it in this matter and is  
8 obligated to pay a reasonable fee for such representation.

9 **COUNT I - TRADEMARK COUNTERFEITING AND INFRINGEMENT**

10 30. Plaintiff incorporates the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 29 above.

11 31. This action is for trademark counterfeiting and infringement against Defendants based  
12 on Defendants' promotion, advertisement, distribution, sale, and/or offering for sale of the  
13 Counterfeit Goods bearing the Chanel Marks.

14 32. Specifically, Defendants, upon information and belief, are promoting, and otherwise  
15 advertising, selling, offering for sale, and distributing counterfeit and infringing handbags, wallets,  
16 and other goods. Defendants are continuously infringing and inducing others to infringe the Chanel  
17 Marks by using them to advertise, promote, and sell counterfeit handbags, wallets, and other goods.

18 33. Defendants' counterfeiting activities are likely to cause and actually are causing  
19 confusion, mistake, and deception among members of the trade and the general consuming public as  
20 to the origin and quality of Defendants' Counterfeit Goods bearing the Chanel Marks.

21 34. Defendants' unlawful actions have caused and are continuing to cause unquantifiable  
22 damages to Chanel.

23 35. Defendants' above-described illegal actions constitute counterfeiting and  
24 infringement of the Chanel Marks in violation of Chanel's rights under § 32 of the Lanham Act, 15  
25 U.S.C. § 1114.

26 36. Chanel has suffered and will continue to suffer irreparable injury due to the above  
27 described activities of Defendants if Defendants are not preliminarily and permanently enjoined.

**COUNT II - FALSE DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN  
PURSUANT TO § 43(a) OF THE LANHAM ACT**

37. Plaintiff incorporates the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 29 above.

38. Defendants' Counterfeit Goods bearing the Chanel Marks have been widely advertised and distributed throughout the United States.

39. Defendants' Counterfeit Goods bearing the Chanel Marks are virtually identical in appearance to each of Plaintiff's respective genuine goods. However, the Counterfeit Goods are inferior in quality. Accordingly, Defendants' activities are likely to cause confusion in the trade and among the general public as to the origin or sponsorship of the Counterfeit Goods.

40. Defendants, upon information and belief, have used in connection with their sales of Counterfeit Goods false designations of origin and false descriptions and representations, including words or other symbols which tend to describe or represent such goods falsely and have caused such goods to enter into commerce with possible knowledge of the falsity of such designations of origin and such descriptions and representations, all to the detriment of Plaintiff.

41. Specifically, Defendants, upon information and belief, authorized and engaged in an infringing use of the Chanel Marks in Defendants' advertisement and promotion of their counterfeit and infringing handbags. Defendants, upon information and belief, have misrepresented to members of the consuming public that the Counterfeit Goods being advertised and sold by them are genuine, non-infringing products.

42. Defendants' above-described actions are in violation of § 43(a) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a).

43. Plaintiff has sustained injury and damage caused by Defendants' conduct. Absent an entry of an injunction by this Court, Plaintiff will continue to suffer irreparable injury to its goodwill and business reputation as well as monetary damages.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

41. WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff demands judgment jointly and severally against the Defendants as follows:

1 a. That the Court enter a preliminary and permanent injunction enjoining Defendants,  
2 their agents, representatives, servants, employees, and all those acting in concert or  
3 participation therewith, from manufacturing or causing to be manufactured,  
4 importing, advertising or promoting, distributing, selling or offering to sell their  
5 Counterfeit Goods; from infringing, counterfeiting, or diluting the Chanel Marks;  
6 from using the Chanel Marks and Trade Dress or any mark or trade dress similar  
7 thereto, in connection with the sale of any unauthorized goods; from using any logo,  
8 trade name, trademark, or trade dress which may be calculated to falsely advertise the  
9 services or products of the Defendants as being sponsored by, authorized by,  
10 endorsed by, or in any way associated with the Plaintiff; from falsely representing  
11 themselves as being connected with the Plaintiff, through sponsorship or association,  
12 or engaging in any act which is likely to cause members of the trade and/or the  
13 purchasing public to believe any goods or services of the Defendants are in any way  
14 endorsed by, approved by, and/or associated with the Plaintiff; from using any  
15 reproduction, counterfeit, copy, or colorable imitation of the Chanel Marks in  
16 connection with the publicity, promotion, sale, or advertising of any goods sold by the  
17 Defendants, including, without limitation, handbags and/or any other goods; from  
18 affixing, applying, annexing, or using in connection with the sale of any goods a false  
19 description or representation, including words or other symbols tending to describe or  
20 represent Defendants' goods falsely as being those of the Plaintiff, or in any way  
21 endorsed by the Plaintiff, and from offering such goods in commerce; and from  
22 otherwise unfairly competing with the Plaintiff.

23 b. That Defendants be required to account to and pay Plaintiff for all profits and  
24 damages resulting from Defendants' infringing and counterfeiting activities and that  
25 the award to Plaintiff be trebled, as provided for under 15 U.S.C. § 1117, or, at  
26 Plaintiff's election with respect to Count I, that Chanel be awarded statutory damages  
27 from each defendant in the amount of one million (\$1,000,000) dollars per each  
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counterfeit Chanel Mark used and product sold, as provided by 15 U.S.C. § 1117(c)(2) of the Lanham Act.

- c. That Plaintiff be awarded punitive damages.
- d. That Plaintiff be awarded pre-judgment interest on its judgment.
- e. That Plaintiff be awarded at least treble damages as well as its costs and reasonable attorney fees and investigators fees associated with bringing this action.
- f. That the Plaintiff be awarded such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: November 26, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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