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Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Telecommunications
Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi - 110 001
(Data Services Cell)

No. 813-7/25/2024-DS-II Dated: 01-05-2025

To,

All Licensees with Internet Service Authorization

Subject: CS Comm No. 115 of 2025: Herbalife International Inc. & Anr. versus Sagar Rathore & Ors. in South District, Saket Court, New Delhi.

Please find enclosed the Hon'ble South District, Saket Court, New Delhi order dated **29.04.2025** in the captioned suit.

- 2. Please refer to the said Court order in respect of **blocking access to the roque websites/URLs [6 nos.]**, enumerated in the said Court order.
- 3. In view of the above, all Licensees with Internet Service Authorization are hereby instructed to take immediate necessary action in respect of blocking access to the said websites/URLs, as above, in compliance with the said Court order.

Encl: A/A

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i.) Sh. V. Chinnasamy, Scientist E (chinnasamy.v@meity.gov.in), Electronics Niketan, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), New Delhi for kind information and with request to take action as per the enclosed Annexure pl. ii.) Ms. Janhvi Badoliya (janhvi@unitedandunited.com), Plaintiff's Counsel for kind information and requested to take action as per the enclosed Annexure pl.

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Fwd: In the suit bearing CS (COMM.) NO. 115 of 2025, titled Herbalife International Inc. & Anr. versus Sagar Rathore & Ors., is pending adjudication before the court of Shri. Lokesh Kumar, Ld. District Judge (Commercial Court)-05, South Dist. Saket, New Delhi

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Dear Sir.

Request your attention to the trailing email as under. Would appreciate, if you could review it and take necessary action, as required.

Kindly, inform us once the needful has been done.

Thanks and Regards
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Through the Division of Cyber Laws & E-Security

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Dear Sirs,

We act on behalf of our client, i.e., Herbalife International Inc., the Plaintiff in the abovementioned matter. Our client has instituted a Trademark and Copyright Infringement and Passing Off suit against you, which is pending before Shri. Lokesh Kumar, Ld. District Judge (Commercial Court)-05, South Dist. Saket, New Delhi

That vide order dated 29.04.2025, the Hon'ble Court has restrained You, MEITY is directed to issue necessary notifications calling upon the respective Internet and Telecom Service Providers/ISPs/TSPs to block access to the websites of Defendants and/or mirror/redirect/alphanumeric websites, which are put in play by Defendants and URLs https://herbalnutrition.in/, https://herbalnutrition.com/, https://herbalifeindia.in/, https://herbalifeindias.in/, https://herbalifeindiashop.com/, https://herbalifeindiashop.com/, and <a href="https:/

In compliance of the provision under Order XXXIX Rule 3 CPC, 1908, please find enclosed herewith the complete set of the present suit's paper book consisting of the plaint, documents, and applications (along with supporting affidavits) L.A. 208.pdf, Plaint 452286191.pdf, Plaintiff Document 106.pdf, additional documents dated 21.03.2025 and 01.04.2025, Application Under Order I Rule 10, Application under Order VI Rule 17 and orders dated 29.04.2025 of this Hon'ble Court. The entire suit paper book, along with the list of documents and aforesaid orders, have also been sent through Post.

Kindly note that the next date of hearing in the instant matter is **10.07.2025** before Shri. Lokesh Kumar, Ld. District Judge (Commercial Court)-05, South Dist. Saket, New Delhi.

Kindly treat this email as compliance under the provision under Order XXXIX Rule 3 CPC, 1908 and request you to acknowledge the safe receipt of the same.

Regards,

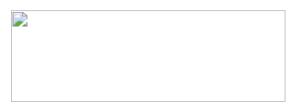
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IN THE COURT OF SH. LOKESH KUMAR SHARMA DISTRICT JUDGE (COMMERCIAL COURTS)-05, SOUTH DISTRICT, SAKET COURTS, NEW DELHI

CS(Comm) 115/25

In the matter of:-

Herbalife International Inc.

800 West Olympic Boulevard Suite 406 Los Angeles, CA 900015 United States**Plaintiff no. 1**

Herbalife International India Pvt. Ltd.

P C Complex No. 46/B-47, 1st Main Road, 3rd Phase, J.P Nagar, Bengaluru-560078, Karnataka, India **Email Id:** writetous@herbalife.com

Phone No. 8040311444**Plaintiff no. 2**

Through its AR
Mr. Ravinder Singh Rawat

Address at:

60, Okhla Industrial Estate, Phase-3, Delhi-110020

Email Id: ravinderr@herbalife.com

Phone No. 9999099551

Versus

SAGAR RATHORE

Operating through its websites:

- 1. https://herbalifeindia.in/
- 2. https://herbalnutrition.in/
- 3. https://herbalnutrition.com/
- 4. https://www.herbalforlife.shop/
- 5. https://onlineherbalifeproducts.com/
- 6. https://herbalifeindiashop.com/

Address: SFS- 10, Near Tonk Fatak, Tonk Road, Lalkothi, Jaipur, 302015.

Also at:

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Email: <u>info@herbalifeindia.in</u>

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Date of filing of application: 06.03.2025
Date of Arguments: 29.04.2025
Date of Order: 29.04.2025

ORDER

By way of this order, I shall dispose of an application filed by Plaintiff u/o XXXIX Rule 1 and 2 CPC r/w Section 151 CPC praying for an ex-parte ad interim injunction along with applications u/o XI Rule 1(4) of the Commercial Courts, (as amended by the Commercial Court Act, 2015) r/w Section 151 CPC, 1908, application U/s 151 CPC, seeking exemption from filing original, clear copies and documents with proper margins, seeking exemption from invoking pre-institution mediation under section 12A of the Commercial Courts Act, 2015.

Briefly stated the facts that had given rise to filing of the present main suit along with an application u/o XXXIX rule 1 & 2 are succinctly given as under:-

By way of this plaint filed by the Plaintiffs, they are seeking reliefs for permanent injunction, delivery up, damages and rendition of accounts etc.

Plaintiff no. 1 is claiming itself to be company incorporated in USA dealing with the food supplements and operating in India through Plaintiff no. 2.

Plaintiff no. 1 is stated to have worldwide business spread into several countries including India.

Defendants no. 1 and 2 are stated to be running websites in different names which are very near to those of Plaintiffs domain name and websites and are also selling products in the same name, in which Plaintiff is marketing and selling its own products.

Today, I have also examined the products actually belonging to the Plaintiff as well as its copy being sold by defendants which pertain to Dutch Formula 1, which is a herbal life nutritional shake mix, meant for weight control/management.

The apparent similarities in the two could easily be understood in the following manner:

Plaintiff's Trademark/Trade Name	Impugned Mark/Trade Name
WHERBALIFE NUTRITION	HERBAL
	https://herbalnutrition.in/
WHERBALIFE NUTRITION	HERBAL
	https://herbalifeindia.in/
WHERBALIFE NUTRITION	NHerbal NUTRITION™
	https://herbalnutrition.com/
WHERBALIFE NUTRITION	HERBALIFE
	https://www.herbalforlife.shop/
Herbalife*	Herbalife
	https://herbalifeiniashop.com/
Herbalife*	Herbalife
	https://onlineherbalifeproducts.com/

I have heard Sh. Rishi Bansal, Ld. counsel for plaintiffs, who had pointed out the identical and deceptive similarities between the packaging, colour combination as well as the design of boxes, used for packaging of infringing material by the defendants which is so apparent that any person could be easily deceived and made to believe that he is buying the products of Plaintiff while actually purchasing the infringing goods sold by defendants no. 1 and 2 through different channels and platforms.

By adoption and use of impugned trademark, defendants are infringing and passing off and enabling others to

infringe and pass off and violate the plaintiffs' proprietary rights in the said trademark/trade dress and copyright involved therein.

In support of his arguments and contentions, Ld. Counsel for Plaintiffs has also relied upon the citations of our own Hon'ble High Court in case tiled as "Novi Digital Entertainment Pvt. Ltd. and Another Vs. Five Desi and Others", 2019 SCC OnLine Del 11145: (2019) 80 PTC 435 and "Moonshine Technology Private Limited Vs. Ashok Kumar and Others", 2025 SCC OnLine Del 1036.

In view of the same, I am satisfied that Plaintiffs have been able to make out a *prime facie* case in their favour and even the balance of convenience also requires that the rights and interests of the owner of a registered trademark be protected, who shall otherwise suffer irreparable loss and injury due to illegal and unauthorized acts of passing off and infringement by the defendants no. 1 and 2, which would not be possible to be compensated in terms of money causing them irreparable loss and injury.

Accordingly, till the next date of hearing, the defendants no. 1 and 2 by themselves as also through individual proprietors/partners, agents, representatives, distributors, assigns, heirs, successors, stockists and all others acting for and on their behalf is/are hereby restrained from soliciting, exporting, importing, displaying, advertising by visual, audio print mode or by any other mode or manner dealing in or selling through the impugned domain names/rogue websites as mentioned above

are/or online platform or through social medias or in any manner using the impugned goods and services under impugned marks/labels **HERBALIFE**, **HERBALIFE NUTRITION**, **HERBAL NUTRITION**,









Herbalife or any other word/mark which may be identical with and/or deceptively similar word/mark to the Plaintiffs' said Trademarks/label/trade name HERBALIFE, HERBALIFE NUTRITION, WHERBALIFE Herbalife or using the product names, images and listings, website layout, colour combination, user interface, advertisements, promotional materials, images of its celebrity endorsements, sponsors, products etc., deceptively similar to that of Plaintiffs on which the Plaintiff holds any rights including but not limited to copyright in relation to their impugned goods, services and business of nutritional supplements and dietary products and from doing any other acts or deeds amounting to or likely to:-

- (i) Infringement of the plaintiff's registered trademark/label/trade name.
- (ii) Passing off of the Plaintiffs' rights in its said Trademark/label/trade name.
- (iii) violation of the Plaintiffs' rights in its said Trademark/label/trade name.
- (iv) Infringement of the plaintiffs' copyrights in its said Trademark/label/trade name.
- (v) Infringement of the plaintiffs' copyrights in its product names, product, sponsor and partnership images and listings, website layout, colour combination, user

interface, advertisements, promotional materials etc. respectively.

Defendants no. 1 and 2 by themselves as also through individual proprietors/partners, agents, representatives, distributors, assigns, heirs, successors, stockists and all others acting for and on their behalf is/are hereby restrained from using directly or indirectly using the domain names https://herbalifeindia.in/, https://herbalifeindia.in/,

https://herbalnutrition.com/, https://www.herbalforlife.shop/,

https://onlineherbalifeproducts.com/

and

https://herbalifeindiashop.com/or any other marks/labels as a part of their domains names which are identical/deceptively similar word/mark to the Plaintiffs' said Trademarks/label/trade name

HERBALIFE, HERBALIFE NUTRITION, WHERBALIFE NUTRITION

Plaintiff's said domain name/website in any manner whatsoever;

Defendants are further restrained from disposing off or dealing with their assets including their premises at the abovementioned addresses and its stocks-in-trade or any other assets.

Defendant no. 3, the Domain name Registrars of the Defendants' impugned rogue websites/URLs (and such other websites/ entities which are discovered during the course of the proceedings to have been engaging ill infringing the Plaintiffs intellectual property rights) is directed to withdraw any support and block/restrain the websites of Defendants and/or

Defendants from conducting any trademark and/or copyright infringement under the Plaintiffs' said trademark/labels and transfer the domain names of the rogue websites listed in the plaint (and any other associated domain names that may be identified during the course of proceedings in the future and impleaded under the aegis of Defendant No.2 by moving an application under Order I Rule 10 along with supporting evidence and affidavits before this Court in order to dynamically protect the Plaintiff from such infringement either by the defendants no. 1 and 2 or any other person claiming under them or otherwise indulging into aforesaid activities of passing off and/or infringement of the registered trademark of Plaintiffs'.

Defendant Nos. 4 to 7, the respective Web Hosting Service Providers of the Defendants impugned websites/URLs (and such other websites/entities which are discovered during the course of the proceedings in the future and impleaded under the aegis of Defendant No.2 by moving an application under Order I Rule 10 along with supporting evidence and affidavits before this Court in order to dynamically protect the Plaintiff from such infringement) are directed to disclose the exact ownership details or the Defendants' websites and/or mirror/redirect/alphanumeric websites, which are put in play by Defendants, including details provided at the time of registration and payment details.

Defendant No. 8 i.e. NIXI is directed to cancel/block the impugned rogue websites/URLs of the

Defendants operating under .IN and .bharat (भारत) domains and/or mirror/redirect/alphanumeric websites which are put in play by Defendants and URLs [as listed in Schedule A] and/or any other URLs which may come up ill the future and impleaded under the aegis of Defendant No.2 by moving an application under Order I Rule 10 along with supporting evidence and affidavits before this Court in order to dynamically protect the Plaintiff from such infringement; to issue necessary notification calling upon the respective domain name registrars of the impugned rogue websites/URLs of the Defendants to completely block the access to impugned rogue websites/URLs/URLs and to disclose the complete particulars of the registrants of the impugned domain names, including their names, addresses, email Ids, payment particulars used to purchase the impugned domain names and/or any other information relevant to the registrants;

Defendant No. 9 i.e. DOT is directed to issue necessary notifications calling upon the respective Internet and Telecom Service Proyiders/ISPs/TSPs to block access to the websites of Defendants of the impugned rogue websites/URLs of the Defendants and/or mirror/redirect/alphanumeric websites which are put in play by Defendants and URLs [as listed in Schedule A] and/or any other URLs which may come up in the future and impleaded under the aegis of Defendant No.2 by moving an application under Order 1 Rule 10 along with supporting evidence and affidavits before this Court in order to dynamically protect the Plaintiff from such infringement in respect of dealing in the impugned goods bearing impugned marks or any other word/mark/Trademark/Label which may be

identical with and/or deceptively similar to the Plaintiffs' said Trade mark/Label/Trade name.

Defendant No. 10 i.e. MEITY is directed to issue necessary notifications calling upon the respective Internet and Telecom Service Providers/ISPs/TSPs to block access to the websites of Defendants and/or mirror/redirect/alphanumeric websites, which are put in play by Defendants and URLs [as listed in Schedule A] and/or any other URLs which may come up in the future and impleaded under the aegis of Defendant No.2 by moving an application under Order I Rule 10 along with supporting evidence and affidavits before this court in order to dynamically protect the Plaintiff from such infringement in respect of dealing in the impugned goods bearing impugned marks or any other word/mark/Trademark/Label which may be identical with and/or deceptively similar to the Plaintiffs' said Trade mark/Label/Trade Name.

Compliance of order XXXIX Rule 3 be done positively, within twenty four hours of receipt of copy of this order and affidavit in this regard be filed alongwith proof of service on or before next date of hearing.

Application under Section 12-A of the Commercial Courts Act, 2015 seeking exemption from undergoing Pre-Institution Mediation Proceedings.

The application u/s 12-A, it is submitted that as per Section 12-A of The Commercial Courts Act 2015, the Pre-

Institution Mediation Proceedings are not required to be undertaken as plaintiff company seeks an urgent relief.

Keeping in view the nature of relief and urgency, I am of the considered opinion that in given facts and circumstances of the case, it is a fit case to be considered as an exception to the general provisions of Section 12 A (1) of the Commercial Courts Act, 2015 and as such, this application is allowed and stands disposed of.

Application U/o XI Rule 1(4) of the Commercial Courts (as amended by the Commercial Courts Act, 2015) r/w Section 151 CPC, 1908

Coming to the application U/o XI Rule 1(4) r/w section 151 CPC, Ld. Counsel for plaintiff has submitted that the plaintiff has produced all the documents in its power, possession and control. The documents which the plaintiff has filed are not in originals, as they are not readily available with the plaintiff. The plaintiff seeks leave to file the documents later on as the present suit has been filed on urgent basis. The plaintiff undertakes to file these documents within thirty days.

After hearing the contentions of Ld. Counsel for plaintiff, he is granted opportunity to file additional documents and relevant documents, post notice stage. Hence, the application U/o XI Rule 1(4) r/w Section 151 CPC, is hereby allowed.

Application U/s 151 CPC 1908, seeking exemption from filing clear/legible copies, English Translation of Vernacular Documents, the true typed copies of the documents having sufficient margin.

Coming to the application U/s 151 CPC, 1908, which has been filed by the plaintiff seeking exemption from filing the true typed copies of the documents with proper margin.

Considering the abovesaid facts and circumstances, I hereby allowed the application U/s 151 CPC, 1908.

Summons of the suit as well as notice of application U/o XXXIX Rules 1 & 2 CPC be issued to the defendants on taking steps by all possible modes for 10.07.2025.

summons shall indicate that the written statement must be filed within thirty days from the date of receipt of the summons. Alongwith written statement, defendants shall also file statement of admission/denial of the documents filed by the plaintiff as per Order XI CPC as amended by the Commercial Courts Act, 2015. The plaintiff is at liberty to file replication thereto within fifteen days after filing of the written statement. Replication shall be accompanied by statement of admission/denial in respect of the documents filed by the defendants. It is made clear that any unjustified denial of documents or delay in time lines may lead to an order of costs against the concerned party. Parties shall also appear in person on the next date.

Defendants shall be at liberty to apply for modification and vacation of the order, if required. Copy of the plaint, alongwith the entire paper book shall be served upon the defendants along with the summons.

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(Lokesh Kumar Sharma)
District Judge (Commercial Court)-05
South/Saket/New Delhi/29.04.2025

Annexure

Subject: Action requested to be taken by MEITY and Plantiff for effective removal of content for viewing by public at large within India as per the said orders of Hon'ble Court.

It is observed that a number of orders of Hon'ble Court are issued for blocking of websites every month. There are around more than 2700 ISPs in India and these ISPs are connected among themselves in a mesh network. DOT is instructing each of the ISPs through emails/through its website for blocking of the websites as ordered by the Hon'ble Courts. Ensuring compliance of the orders by each of the ISPs is a time-consuming and complex task especially in view of multiplicity of orders of Hon'ble Courts, multiplicity of websites to be blocked and multiplicity of ISPs.

2. Allocation of Business Rules inter-alia sates thus:-

'Policy matters relating to information technology; Electronics; and Internet (all matters other than licensing of Internet Service Provider)'.

- 3. In view of above and in order to ensure effective removal by content for viewing by public at large, the plantiff is requested to do a trace route of the web server hosting the said website. In case the web server happens to be in India, the plantiff may inform the same to Meity who may direct the owner of such web server to stop transmission of content as per IT Act and as directed by the Hon'ble Court so that the content would be blocked from the source itself and the exercise of blocking by 2700 ISPs would not be required.
- 4. In case such server is located abroad i.e. outside India then access to such URL/website can be blocked through the international internet gateways which are much less in number. This would result in timely and effectively removal of undesirable content for viewing by public at large as is the requirement as per the orders of Hon'ble Court.