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U.S. APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 86535405

MARK: BOMBER BEHAVIOR

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SUSPENSION NOTICE: NO RESPONSE NEEDED

ISSUE/MAILING DATE: 5/2/2016

The trademark examining attorney is suspending action on the application for the reason(s) stated below. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.67; TMEP §§716 *et seq.*

The effective filing date of the pending application(s) identified below precedes the filing date of applicant's application. If the mark in the referenced application(s) registers, applicant's mark may be refused registration under Section 2(d) because of a likelihood of confusion with that registered mark(s). *See* 15 U.S.C. §1052(d); 37 C.F.R. §2.83; TMEP §§1208 *et seq.* Therefore, action on this application is suspended until the earlier-filed referenced application(s) is either registered or abandoned. 37 C.F.R. §2.83(c). A copy of information relevant to this referenced application(s) was sent previously.

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The potential refusal is limited to goods in Class 25.

The USPTO will periodically conduct a status check of the application to determine whether suspension remains appropriate, and the trademark examining attorney will issue as needed an inquiry letter to applicant regarding the status of the matter on which suspension is based. TMEP §§716.04, 716.05. Applicant will be notified when suspension is no longer appropriate. See TMEP §716.04.

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With respect to applicant’s preliminary response dated March 17, 2016, the examining attorney has considered applicant’s arguments carefully and finds them unpersuasive. Applicant argues primarily that consumer confusion is unlikely due to differences in appearance, pronunciation and connotation between the words BOMBER and BOMBSHELL. Such arguments fails to fully consider the overall similarities of the marks when considered in their entireties. Each of the marks combines a “BOMB-” formative term with “BEHAVIOR” in the same order. These similarities are sufficient to diminish the differences between the marks, particularly given the identical nature of the goods. Where the goods and/or services of an applicant and registrant are identical or virtually identical, the degree of similarity between the marks required to support a finding of likelihood of confusion is not as great as in the case of diverse goods and/or services. See *In re Bay State Brewing Co.*, 117 USPQ2d 1958, 1960 (TTAB 2016) (citing *Coach Servs., Inc. v. Triumph Learning LLC*, 668 F.3d 1356, 1368, 101 USPQ2d 1713, 1721 (Fed. Cir. 2012)); *United Global Media Grp., Inc. v. Tseng*, 112 USPQ2d 1039, 1049 (TTAB 2014) (quoting *Century 21 Real Estate Corp. v. Century Life of Am.*, 970 F.2d 874, 877, 23 USPQ2d 1698, 1701 (Fed. Cir. 1992)); TMEP §1207.01(b).

If the applicant has any questions or needs assistance in connection with this notice, please e-mail or telephone the assigned examining attorney.

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