UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Case No. 21-cv-21088-BLOOM/Otazo-Reyes

ANIMACCORD LTD.,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE INDIVIDUALS, PARTNERSHIPS AND UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATIONS IDENTIFIED ON SCHEDULE A,

Defendants.

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ORDER ON MOTION FOR ENTRY OF FINAL DEFAULT JUDGMENT

THIS CAUSE is before the Court upon Plaintiff Animaccord, Ltd.'s ("Plaintiff") Motion for Entry of Final Default Judgment, ECF No. [177] (the "Motion"), filed on July 21, 2021. A Clerk's Default, ECF No. [170], was entered against Defendants¹ on July 6, 2021², as Defendants failed to appear, answer, or otherwise plead to the Complaint, ECF No. [1], despite having been served. The Court has carefully considered the Motion, the record in this case, the applicable law, and is otherwise fully advised. For the following reasons, Plaintiff's Motion is granted.

I. INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff sued Defendants for trademark counterfeiting and infringement under § 32 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1114; false designation of origin pursuant to § 43(a) of the Lanham Act,

¹ Defendants are the Individuals, Partnerships, or Unincorporated Associations identified on Schedule "A" of Plaintiff's Motion, and Schedule "A" of this Order.

² The Clerk did not enter default as to Defendant Sarah Bahamid d/b/a pinkbow89. *See* ECF No. [171]. That defendant has since been dismissed. *See* ECF No. [176].

15 U.S.C. § 1125(a); copyright infringement under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §§ 106(1), (3),
(4) & 501, and common law unfair competition; and common law trademark infringement.

The Complaint alleges that Defendants are advertising, promoting, distributing, and performing Plaintiff's copyrighted works using counterfeits and confusingly similar imitations of Plaintiff's registered trademarks within the Southern District of Florida by operating the Defendants' Internet based e-commerce stores operating under each of the Seller IDs identified on Schedule "A" attached to Plaintiff's Motion for Entry of Final Default Judgment (the "Seller IDs"). *See* ECF No. [177-1].

Plaintiff further asserts that Defendants' unlawful activities have caused, and will continue to cause, irreparable injury to Plaintiff because Defendants have 1) deprived Plaintiff of its right to determine the manner in which its trademarks are presented to consumers; (2) defrauded consumers into thinking Defendants' illicit copies of Plaintiff's copyrighted works are authorized by Plaintiff; (3) deceived the public as to Plaintiff's sponsorship of and/or association with Defendants' counterfeit products and the websites on online storefronts through which such products are sold, offered for sale, marketed, advertised, and distributed; (4) wrongfully traded and capitalized on Plaintiff's reputation and goodwill and the commercial value of the Plaintiff's trademarks; and (5) wrongfully damaged Plaintiff's ability to market its branded products and copyrighted works and products and educate consumers about its brand via the Internet in a free and fair marketplace.

In its Motion, Plaintiff seeks the entry of default final judgment against Defendants in an action alleging trademark counterfeiting and infringement, false designation of origin, commonlaw unfair competition, common law trademark infringement, and infringement of copyright. Plaintiff further requests that the Court (1) enjoin Defendants unlawful use of Plaintiff's trademarks and copyrighted works; (2) award Plaintiff damages; and (3) instruct any third party financial institutions in possession of any funds restrained or held on behalf of Defendants to transfer these funds to the Plaintiff in partial satisfaction of the award of damages.

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 55(b)(2), the Court is authorized to enter a final judgment of default against a party who has failed to plead in response to a complaint. "[A] defendant's default does not in itself warrant the court entering a default judgment." *DirecTV, Inc. v. Huynh*, 318 F. Supp. 2d 1122, 1127 (M.D. Ala. 2004) (quoting *Nishimatsu Constr. Co., Ltd. v. Houston Nat'l Bank*, 515 F.2d 1200, 1206 (5th Cir. 1975)). Granting a motion for default judgment is within the trial court's discretion. *See Nishimatsu*, 515 F.2d at 1206. Because the defendant is not held to admit facts that are not well pleaded or to admit conclusions of law, the court must first determine whether there is a sufficient basis in the pleading for the judgment to be entered. *See id.*; *see also Buchanan v. Bowman*, 820 F.2d 359, 361 (11th Cir. 1987) ("[L]iability is well-pled in the complaint, and is therefore established by the entry of default"). Upon a review of Plaintiff's submissions, it appears there is a sufficient basis in the pleading for default judgment to be entered in favor of Plaintiff.

II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND³

Plaintiff Animaccord Ltd. is the registered owner of the following trademarks registered on the Principal Register of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (collectively, the "Masha and the Bear Marks"):

³ The factual background is taken from Plaintiff's Complaint, ECF No.[1], Plaintiff's Motion for Entry of Final Default Judgment and supporting evidentiary submissions.

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Trademark	Registration Number	Registration Date	First Use Date	Classes / Goods
	4,790,909	08/11/2015	4/15/2015	IC 009: Pre-recorded DVDs, namely, motion picture films featuring children's entertainment; IC 016: Paper products, namely, children's storybooks, notebooks, coloring books, greetings cards, stationery, stickers and pens; IC 018: Backpacks; IC 025: Apparel, namely, T-shirts and shoes; IC 028: Toys, namely, dolls, stuffed toys, board games and card games; and IC 030: Candy.
MASHA AND THE BEAR	4,790,906	08/11/2015	08/04/201 2	IC 009: Pre-recorded DVDs, namely, motion picture films featuring children's entertainment; and IC 041: Entertainment services, namely, production of motion picture films and motion picture film distribution services rendered through the media of cable television, broadcast

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Trademark	Registration Number	Registration Date	First Use Date	Classes / Goods
				television, and the Internet.
MASHA AND THE BEAR	5,420,550	03/13/2018	06/16/201 6	<i>See</i> n. 3 below ⁴

⁴ IC 003: Non-medicated soaps; almond soaps; antiperspirant soap; balms other than for medical or pharmaceutical purposes, namely, lip balms, body balms; bath salts, not for medical purposes; breath freshening sprays; breath freshening strips; cakes of toilet soap; cleaning preparations; cosmetic creams; cosmetic kits comprised on non-medicated cosmetics; cosmetics; cosmetic cotton wool; deodorant soap; deodorants for human beings or for animals; disinfectant soap; dry shampoos; dry cleaning preparations; hair lotions; hair sprays; laundry preparations, namely, laundry detergents, laundry softener, laundry bleach; lip glosses; lipstick; lipstick cases; lotions for cosmetic purposes; make-up; medicated soaps; mouth washes, not for medical purposes; mouthwashes; nail varnish; nail polish; nail art stickers; perfumes; shampoos; toilet water; toiletries, namely, non-medicated toiletry preparations; eau de cologne; perfumery; scented body splash water;

IC 012: Vehicles, namely, bicycles, tricycles, sleighs, kick sledges, baby carriages, prams, pushchairs, strollers; bicycles; tricycles; sleighs for transport purposes; kick sledges; baby carriages; prams; pushchairs; strollers; scooters, namely, motor scooters;

IC 014: Precious metals; jewelry; jewelry cases; imitation jewelry; clocks; wall clocks; electronic clocks; alarm clocks; clocks and watches; stands for clocks; horological instruments; chronometric instruments; precious stones; key rings of precious metal; watches;

IC 015: Accordions; cases for musical instruments; castanets; drums; drumsticks; electric musical instruments; flutes; guitars; harmonicas; horns; music synthesizers; music stands; musical boxes; pianos; saxophones; stands for musical instruments; tambourines; triangles; trombones; trumpets; violins; xylophones; musical instruments; basses;

IC 020: Furniture; furniture shelves; furniture of metal; figurines of wood, wax, plaster or plastic; fans for personal use, non-electric; air pillows, not for medical purposes; air mattresses, not for medical purposes; armchairs; baby changing mats; baskets, not of metal, namely, baker's bread baskets, Moses baskets; bead curtains for decoration; bed bases; bedding, except linen, namely, bed frames, bumper guards for cribs; beds; benches; bolsters; book rests; bottle caps, not of metal; cases of wood or plastic; bins of wood or plastic; boxes of wood or plastic; chests of drawers; chests for toys; clothes hooks, not of metal; coat hangers; clothes hangers; coat stands; containers, not of metal for storage and transport; costume stands; cupboards; curtain rings; curtain rails; curtain rollers; curtain pins; curtain rods; curtain hooks; curtain fittings; cushions; deck chairs; decorations of plastic for foodstuffs; desks; divans; door handles, not of metal; door bells, not of metal, non-electric; door knockers, not of metal; doors for furniture; dressing tables; easy chairs; embroidery frames; toilet mirrors being hand-held mirrors; head-rests; high chairs for babies; house numbers, not of metal, non-luminous; hydrostatic beds, not for medical purposes; identification bracelets, not of metal; indoor window blinds; infant walkers; inflatable furniture; inflatable publicity objects; keyboards for hanging keys; ladders of wood or plastics; letter boxes not of metal or masonry; lockers; mats for infant playpens; mattresses; medicine cabinets; mirrors; decorative mobiles; office furniture; packaging containers of plastic; paper blinds; picture frames; pillows; placards of wood or plastics; plastic key cards, not encoded and not magnetic; playpens for babies; school furniture; chairs;

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