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The Department of Justice today filed a proposed consent decree to end its civil antitrust case against Revco D.S., Inc., of Twinsburg, Ohio, and Zale Corporation, of Dallas, Texas.

Attorney General William French Smith said the proposed decree was filed in U.S. District Court in Dallas, Texas. It will become final after approval by the Court.

Sanford M. Litvack, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division, said a complaint alleging that the proposed acquisition by Revco of the Skillern Drug Division of Zale would violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act was filed on February 2, 1981.

The complaint alleged that the effect of the acquisition may be to substantially lessen competition in the retail sale of prescription drugs in the Dallas-Fort Worth, El Paso, and Tyler, Texas areas.

The proposed decree would permit the acquisition to take place, but requires that Revco divest a total of 28 to 31 drug stores in the Dallas-Fort Worth, El Paso, and Tyler areas. Revco must divest eight specified stores, and one store from each of seventeen specified groups of stores in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Revco is also required to divest at least one store from each of two specified groups in El Paso, and at least one of two specified stores in Tyler.

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Revco, as of December 11, 1980, operated 58 pharmacies in Texas, including 27 in Dallas-Fort Worth, five in El Paso and three in Tyler.

Skillern's, as of November 10, 1980, operated 144 pharmacies in Texas and New Mexico, including 75 in Dallas-Fort Worth, 15 in El Paso and three in Tyler.

In accordance with the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act of 1974, a competitive impact statement regarding the decree has been filed with the Court. Copies of the statement and the proposed decree are available on request in Room 7416, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. 20530. They are also available for inspection in the office of the Clerk of the U.S. Court in Dallas, Texas.

Comments to the Department and to the Court regarding the decree are invited from the public within the next 60 days. Comments should be directed to Donald C. Klawiter, Chief, Dallas Office, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice, Earle Cabell Federal Building, Room 8C6, 1100 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas 75242.

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