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The Department of Justice today filed a civil antitrust suit challenging the proposed acquisition of Realex Corporation of Kansas City, Missouri, by Calmar, Inc., of Watchung, New Jersey. Calmar and Realex are the two largest domestic manufacturers of regular plastic pump sprayers and regular plastic pump dispensers.

Attorney General William French Smith said the suit was filed in U.S. District Court in Newark, New Jersey.

The complaint charges that the proposed transaction would violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act, and requests preliminary and permanent injunctions against its consummation. The parties have agreed to refrain from completing the transaction until after a judge rules on the government's request for a preliminary injunction.

J. Paul McGrath, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division, said that there are no good substitutes for either regular plastic pump sprayers or regular plastic pump dispensers. McGrath said that if the parties were permitted to consummate the proposed transaction, the merged firm would control approximately 83 percent of the regular sprayer market and 79 percent of the regular dispenser market.

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Regular sprayers are mechanical devices used to deliver a variety of liquid consumer products, including household cleaners, certain hair care products, and automobile and gardening care products.

Regular dispensers are mechanical devices used to deliver certain types of viscous liquid products, primarily hand and body lotion and liquid soap.

Regular sprayer and dispenser sales in the United States totaled over \$40 million in 1983.

The Department had earlier announced that it had advised counsel for the companies that the government intended to file suit if the parties continued with their plans to complete the acquisition.

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