

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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UNO RESTAURANT CORPORATION,) DOCKET NO. C-3730
PIZZERIA UNO CORPORATION, and)
UNO RESTAURANTS, INC.,)
corporations.)
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COMPLAINT

The Federal Trade Commission, having reason to believe that Uno Restaurant Corporation, Pizzeria Uno Corporation, and Uno Restaurants, Inc., corporations ("respondents"), have violated the provisions of the Federal Trade Commission Act, and it appearing to the Commission that this proceeding is in the public interest, alleges:

1. Respondent Uno Restaurant Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its principal office or place of business at 100 Charles Park Road, West Roxbury, Massachusetts 02132.
2. Respondent Pizzeria Uno Corporation is a Delaware corporation with its principal office or place of business at 100 Charles Park Road, West Roxbury, Massachusetts 02132.
3. Respondent Uno Restaurants, Inc. is a Massachusetts corporation with its principal office or place of business at 100 Charles Park Road, West Roxbury, Massachusetts 02132.

4. Respondents have manufactured, advertised, labeled, offered for sale, sold, and distributed products to the public, including thin crust pizzas known as "Thinzettas," which are "foods" within the meaning of Sections 12 and 15 of the Federal Trade Commission Act.

5. The acts and practices of respondents alleged in this complaint have been in or affecting commerce, as "commerce" is defined in Section 4 of the Federal Trade Commission Act.

6. Respondents have disseminated or have caused to be disseminated advertisements for thin crust pizzas, including but not necessarily limited to the attached Exhibits A1, A2, and B. These advertisements contain the following statements:

- A. Customer: "Me, I Like to watch what I eat."
- Chef: "Then keep watching . . ."
- Announcer: "Introducing great tasting low fat thin crust pizzas."

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(Exhibit A1, television commercial transcript, and Exhibit A2, television commercial videotape).

- B. "Uno's menu is full of 23 new tempting items. Try our 3 new Deep Dish or 8 new Lowfat Thin Crust Pizzas."

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(Exhibit B, print advertisement).

7. Through the means described in Paragraph 6, respondents have represented, expressly or by implication, that their Thinzettas thin crust pizzas are low in fat.

8. In truth and in fact, in most cases respondents' Thinzettas thin crust pizzas are not low in fat. Six out of nine types of Thinzettas thin crust pizzas contained from 14 to 36 grams of fat per serving at the time of dissemination of the advertisements referred to in Paragraph 6. Therefore, the representation set forth in Paragraph 7 was, and is, false or misleading.

9. The acts and practices of respondents as alleged in this complaint constitute unfair or deceptive acts or practices, and the making of false advertisements, in or affecting commerce in violation of Sections 5(a) and 12 of the Federal Trade Commission Act.

THEREFORE, the Federal Trade Commission this fourth day of April, 1997, has issued this complaint against respondents.

By the Commission.

Donald S. Clark
Secretary

SEAL:

[Exhibits A1, A2, and B attached to paper copies of complaint, but not available in electronic form.]