

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

CELINE SA,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE PARTNERSHIPS AND
UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATIONS
IDENTIFIED ON SCHEDULE “A”,

Defendants.

Case No. 24-cv-01842

Judge Elaine E. Bucklo

Magistrate Judge Heather K. McShain

SEALED TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

Plaintiff Celine SA (“Celine” or “Plaintiff”) filed an *Ex Parte* Motion for Entry of a Temporary Restraining Order and Other Relief, including a Temporary Injunction, a Temporary Asset Restraint, Expedited Discovery, and Service of Process by Email and/or Electronic Publication (the “Motion”) against the fully interactive, e-commerce stores operating under the seller aliases identified in Schedule A to the Complaint and attached hereto (collectively, “Defendants”) and using at least the online marketplace accounts identified in Schedule A (the “Defendant Internet Stores”). After reviewing the Motion and the accompanying record, this Court GRANTS Celine’s Motion as follows.

This Court finds, in the absence of adversarial presentation, that it has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because Defendants directly target their business activities toward consumers in the United States, including Illinois. Specifically, Celine has provided a basis to conclude that Defendants have targeted sales to Illinois residents by setting up and operating e-commerce stores that target United States consumers using one or more seller aliases, offer shipping to the United States, including Illinois, and have sold products using infringing and counterfeit versions of Celine’s federally registered trademarks, which are protected by U.S. Trademark Registration Nos.

982,010; 1,000,156; 1,744,898; 1,772,927; 2,475,129; 3,919,067; 4,879,264; 5,959,186; 6,187,133; and 6,337,314 (the “Celine Trademarks”) to residents of Illinois. In this case, Celine has presented screenshot evidence that each Defendant e-commerce store is reaching out to do business with Illinois residents by operating one or more commercial, interactive internet stores through which Illinois residents can purchase products using counterfeit versions of the Celine Trademarks. *See* Docket No. [16], which includes screenshot evidence confirming that each Defendant internet store does stand ready, willing, and able to ship its counterfeit goods to customers in Illinois bearing infringing and/or counterfeit versions of the Celine Trademarks.

This Court also finds that issuing this Order without notice pursuant to Rule 65(b)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure is appropriate because Celine has presented specific facts in the Declaration of Nicolas Lambert in support of the Motion and accompanying evidence clearly showing that immediate and irreparable injury, loss, or damage will result to the movant before the adverse party can be heard in opposition. Specifically, in the absence of an *ex parte* Order, Defendants could and likely would move any assets from accounts in financial institutions under this Court’s jurisdiction to offshore accounts. Accordingly, this Court orders that:

1. Defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons acting for, with, by, through, under, or in active concert with them be temporarily enjoined and restrained from:
 - a. using the Celine Trademarks or any reproductions, counterfeit copies, or colorable imitations in any manner in connection with the distribution, marketing, advertising, offering for sale, or sale of any product that is not a genuine Celine product or not authorized by Celine to be sold in connection with the Celine Trademarks;

- b. passing off, inducing, or enabling others to sell or pass off any product as a genuine Celine product or any other product produced by Celine, that is not Celine's or not produced under the authorization, control, or supervision of Celine and approved by Celine for sale under the Celine Trademarks;
 - c. committing any acts calculated to cause consumers to believe that Defendants' products are those sold under the authorization, control, or supervision of Celine, or are sponsored by, approved by, or otherwise connected with Celine; and
 - d. manufacturing, shipping, delivering, holding for sale, transferring or otherwise moving, storing, distributing, returning, or otherwise disposing of, in any manner, products or inventory not manufactured by or for Celine, nor authorized by Celine to be sold or offered for sale, and which bear any of Celine's trademarks, including the Celine Trademarks, or any reproductions, counterfeit copies, or colorable imitations.
- 2. Defendants shall not transfer or dispose of any money or other of Defendants' assets in any of Defendants' financial accounts.
- 3. Celine is authorized to issue expedited written discovery to Defendants, pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 33, 34, and 36, related to:
 - a. the identities and locations of Defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and any persons acting in active concert or participation with them, including all known contact information and all associated e-mail addresses;
 - b. the nature of Defendants' operations and all associated sales, methods of payment for services, and financial information, including, without limitation, identifying information associated with the Defendant Internet Stores and Defendants' financial

accounts, including Defendants' sales and listing history related to their respective Defendant Internet Stores; and


- c. any financial accounts owned or controlled by Defendants, including their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and any persons acting in active concert or participation with them, including such accounts residing with or under the control of any banks, savings and loan associations, payment processors or other financial institutions, including, without limitation, Huguang International Limited or Dunhuang Group d/b/a DHGATE, DHGate.com, DHPORT, DHLINK and DHPAY ("DHgate"), ContextLogic Inc. d/b/a Wish.com ("WISH"), Amazon Payments, Inc. ("Amazon"), or other merchant account providers, payment providers, third party processors, and credit card associations (e.g., MasterCard and VISA).
4. Upon Celine's request, any third party with actual notice of this Order who is providing services for any of the Defendants, or in connection with any of Defendants' Defendant Internet Stores, including, without limitation, any online marketplace platforms such as DHgate, WISH, and Amazon (collectively, the "Third Party Providers"), shall, within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of such notice, provide to Celine expedited discovery, limited to copies of documents and records in such person's or entity's possession or control sufficient to determine:
- a. the identities and locations of Defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and any persons acting in active concert or participation with them, including all known contact information and all associated e-mail addresses;
 - b. the nature of Defendants' operations and all associated sales, methods of payment for services, and financial information, including, without limitation, identifying

information associated with the Defendant Internet Stores and Defendants' financial accounts, including Defendants' sales and listing history related to their respective Defendant Internet Stores; and

- c. any financial accounts owned or controlled by Defendants, including their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and any persons acting in active concert or participation with them, including such accounts residing with or under the control of any banks, savings and loan associations, payment processors or other financial institutions, including, without limitation, DHgate, WISH, and Amazon, or other merchant account providers, payment providers, third party processors, and credit card associations (e.g., MasterCard and VISA).
5. Upon Celine's request, those with notice of this Order, including the Third Party Providers as defined in Paragraph 4, shall within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of such notice, disable and cease displaying any advertisements used by or associated with Defendants in connection with the sale of counterfeit and infringing goods using the Celine Trademarks.
6. Any Third-Party Providers, including DHgate, WISH, and Amazon, shall, within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of this Order:
- a. locate all accounts and funds connected to Defendants' seller aliases, including, but not limited to, any financial accounts connected to the information listed in Schedule A hereto, the e-mail addresses identified in Exhibit 2 to the Declaration of Nicolas Lambert, and any e-mail addresses provided for Defendants by third parties; and
 - b. restrain and enjoin any such accounts or funds from transferring or disposing of any money or other of Defendants' assets until further order by this Court.

7. Celine may provide notice of the proceedings in this case to Defendants, including notice of the preliminary injunction hearing, service of process pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(f)(3), and any future motions, by electronically publishing a link to the Complaint, this Order, and other relevant documents on a website or by sending an e-mail with a link to said website to the e-mail addresses identified in Exhibit 2 to the Declaration of Nicolas Lambert and any e-mail addresses provided for Defendants by third parties. The Clerk of the Court is directed to issue a single original summons in the name of “Remix US and all other Defendants identified in the Complaint” that shall apply to all Defendants. The combination of providing notice via electronic publication or e-mail, along with any notice that Defendants receive from payment processors, shall constitute notice reasonably calculated under all circumstances to apprise Defendants of the pendency of the action and afford them the opportunity to present their objections.
8. Celine must provide notice to Defendants of any motion for preliminary injunction as required by Rule 65(a)(1).
9. Celine’s Schedule A to the Complaint [2], Exhibit 2 to the Declaration of Nicolas Lambert [16], and this Order shall remain sealed until further order by this Court or until the Order expires, whichever occurs earlier.
10. Within seven (7) calendar days of entry of this Order, Celine shall deposit with the Court ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), either cash or surety bond, as security, which amount has, in the absence of adversarial testing, been deemed adequate for the payment of such damages as any person may be entitled to recover as a result of a wrongful restraint hereunder.

11. Any Defendants that are subject to this Order may appear and move to dissolve or modify the Order as permitted by and in compliance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Northern District of Illinois Local Rules. Any third party impacted by this Order may move for appropriate relief.
12. This Temporary Restraining Order without notice is entered at 9:45 A.M. on this 13th day of March 2024 and shall remain in effect for fourteen (14) calendar days. Any motion to extend this Order must be filed by March 27, 2024.


Elaine E. Bucklo
United States District Judge