

In re Packaged Seafood Products Antitrust Litigation

Consumer, Privacy & Antitrust

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Background Plaintiffs allege defendants entered into a conspiracy involving packaged seafood product in violation of the Sherman Act and state antitrust law.

Court U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

Case Number 15-md-02670

Status Pending

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On July 30, 2019, Judge Janis L. Sammartino of the Southern District of California granted class certification to a class of direct purchasers. In January 2021, Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs and Defendant Tri-Union Seafoods d/b/a Chicken of the Sea International and Thai Union Group PCL (collectively, "COSI"), announced a settlement agreement in principle, and for final approval was granted in the amount of \$13,001,961.86 on March 7, 2023.

On July 18, 2023, the Court granted final approval of a \$20 million settlement between End Payer Plaintiffs and Defendants COSI. On August 22, 2022, the Court granted final approval of a \$6,500,000 settlement between Commercial Food Preparer Plaintiffs and Defendants COSI. Commercial Food Preparer Plaintiffs and Defendants StarKist Co. and Dongwon Industries Co., Ltd. reached a settlement on January 5, 2024. The remaining parties have briefed motions for summary judgment and are awaiting a decision.