

DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.,

Opposer,

versus -

TROPICANA PRODUCTS, INC.,

Respondent

MNO 2007-492

Opposition to:

Appln. Ser. No: 4-2006-500526

Trademark : TROPICANA GOLD

Date Filed : 11 December 2006

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Order No. 2008 - 26 (P)

## ORDER

On 15 November 2007, a Motion (Request for Extension of Time to Oppose) was filed by the Opposer through counsel requesting for a thirty (30) days extension or until December 10, 2007 within which to file the verified notice of opposition together with the affidavits of its witnesses and other supporting documents.

Record shows that the Opposer was given a first extension of thirty (30) days or until December 10, 2007 under Order No. 2116 within which to file the Verified Notice of Opposition incompliance with the requirements of Office Order No. 79, series of 2005 (Amendments of the Regulations on Inter Partes Proceedings).

To date, however, despite the lapse of the period given to Opposer within which to file its verified notice of opposition, the same neither filed any motion nor pleading relative thereto.

It appears that the non-filing of the Verified Notice of Opposition is contrary to the provisions of Sec. 134 of Republic Act 8293 and Sec. 4, Rule 7 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Inter Partes Proceedings which became effective last January 1, 1998.

WHEREFORE, for failure of the Opposer to file its Notice of Opposition within the reglementary period provided for by law, this case is, as it is hereby MOTU PROPRIO DISMISSED.

Let the filewrapper of Application No. 4-2006-500526 filed on 11 December 2006 by TROPICANA PRODUCTS, INC., for the registration of the trademark "TROPICANA GOLD 100%" for "fruit juices and fruit juice drinks" be forwarded to the Publication Section of the Bureau of Trademarks for appropriate action.

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SO ORDERED.

Makati City, 26 February 2008.

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