

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

In Re: ROYAL AHOLD N.V. SECURITIES : 1:03-md-01539  
AND ERISA LITIGATION

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**ORDER**

While a more formal scheduling and procedural order will follow, this is to advise you of certain matters of immediate concern.

1. These cases are subject to electronic filing. Information on electronic filing procedures is available on the Court's web site: [www.mdd.uscourts.gov](http://www.mdd.uscourts.gov).

2. Counsel properly admitted in cases that were filed in other districts and transferred to Maryland need not file a motion for admission *pro hac vice* in these proceedings.

3. Counsel are advised to review the docket to ensure that their appearances have been entered. If an attorney is not listed on the docket, she or he should file a notice of appearance in both the MDL case and the individual District of Maryland case. Attorneys who are registered users of the electronic filing system should file the notice electronically. Attorneys who are not yet registered users may file the notice in paper format.

4. Registration for the electronic filing system is on-line at:  
[www.mdd.uscourts.gov/attyRegb/attorneyAccess.htm](http://www.mdd.uscourts.gov/attyRegb/attorneyAccess.htm). Attorneys who are members of the bar of this Court should click on Attorney Registration Form. Attorneys who are not members of the bar of this Court must first ensure that their appearance has been entered in this case. They then may register by going to the web site listed above and clicking on Pro Hac Vice Registration Form.

5. Any attorney not listed on the docket sheet and not registered to use the electronic filing system will not receive notice from the Clerk's Office of orders and other documents filed by the Court.

6. All documents filed in these proceedings shall be captioned as above and include the following additional information: (a) if a document generally applies to all of the cases in MDL No. 1539 the caption shall include a notation that it relates to "ALL ACTIONS;" (b) if a document generally applies to all the securities cases, or to all the ERISA cases, the caption shall include a notation that it relates to "ALL SECURITIES ACTIONS" or "ALL ERISA ACTIONS"; (c) if a document applies to a particular case or cases, the caption shall include the District of Maryland case number(s) and names of the individual case(s) to which it applies in addition to the MDL case number.

7. Documents which apply to all cases, or which apply to more than one case, should be filed only in 1:03-md-01539.

8. Documents which apply to only one case should be filed in both 1:03-md-01539 and in the individual case.

9. Liaison counsel shall be responsible for serving a copy of this Order on counsel in all cases hereinafter transferred into MDL No. 1539.

10. Pending a final decision on the selection of Plaintiffs' lead and liaison counsel, as a matter of interim convenience only, Steven J. Toll of the firm of Cohen, Milstein, Hausfeld & Toll, PLLC shall act as liaison counsel to assist the Court and other counsel in matters of

scheduling and notice for the Securities cases, and Ronald B. Rubin of the firm of Rubin & Rubin, Chtd.  
shall serve that function for the ERISA cases.

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Date                      July 16, 2003

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/s/  
Catherine C. Blake  
United States District Judge