

Section 7A(c)(1) of the HSR Act.

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Premier Notification Office  
Bureau of Competition  
Room 303  
Federal Trade Commission  
Washington, DC 20580

Attn: Richard Smith

Dear Mr. Smith:

As you requested, this letter is to supplement my letter to you dated April 27, 1992. I have discussed the meanings of the terms "finance lease" and "installment sale obligation" with my client. In the lease financing business, the difference is essentially form over substance.

A finance lease is a lease which calls for monthly rent payments to be made to the lessor. Generally, there would then be an addendum which would provide an option for the lessee to purchase the underlying asset for a nominal amount at the end of the lease term. On the other hand, the installment sale contracts which give rise to the installment sale obligations would have sale and conveyance language in the main document and would credit monthly payments towards the purchase price (including interest).

While the two terms are often used interchangeably within the lease financing industry, the standard form of transaction for the industry is the finance lease. My client does not originate installment sale contracts, but has acquired a few as part of lease portfolios. The installment sale obligations generally become part of a lease portfolio when a lease financing company purchases the obligations from the supplier or manufacturer of the assets as part of a financing

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