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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

LISA M. AVIGLIANO, <u>et al.</u>, Plaintiffs,

v.

SUMITOMO SHOJI AMERICA, INC.

Defendant.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Civil Action No. 77-5641 (CHT)

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Motion to Participate as <u>Amicus Curiae</u> will be presented to the Honorable Judge Tenney, United States District Judge, United States Courthouse, Foley Square, New York, New York 10007 at 9:30a.m. on June <u>23</u>, 1978, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard.

Dated: May 5 , 1978

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION 2401 E Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20506 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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LISA M. AVIGLIANO, <u>et al</u>., Plaintiffs,

v.

SUMITOMO SHOJI AMERICA, INC. Defendant.

Civil Action No. 77-561 (CHT)

MOTION OF THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION FOR LEAVE TO PARTICIPATE AS <u>AMICUS</u> CURIAE

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission moves for leave to participate as <u>amicus</u> <u>curiae</u>.

The Commission is the agency established by Congress to administer, interpret and enforce Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000e <u>et seq.</u> (Supp. V, 1975). Currently at issue in this case is whether Sumitomo's \$325,000 tort counterclaim is barred because the conduct alleged to be tortious--the filing of EEOC charges and the bringing of this suit--is absolutely privileged. This issue involves an important question of public policy. It is therefore in the public interest that the Commission be permitted to present its views.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Motion to Participate As Amicus Curiae were today mailed to the following counsel of record.

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