like or directly competitive articles in the United States consumers, it finds that such articles should not be excluded from entry. 19 U.S.C. 1337(d)(1). A similar provision applies to cease and desist orders. 19 U.S.C. 1337(f)(1).

The Commission is interested in further development of the record on the public interest in its investigations. Accordingly, members of the public are invited to file submissions of no more than five (5) pages, inclusive of attachments, concerning the public interest in light of the administrative law judge’s Recommended Determination on Remedy and Bonding issued in this investigation on November 17, 2015. Comments should address whether issuance of an exclusion order and/or cease and desist orders in this investigation could affect the public health and welfare in the United States, competitive conditions in the United States economy, the production of like or directly competitive articles in the United States, or United States consumers. In particular, the Commission is interested in comments that:

(i) Explain how the articles potentially subject to the recommended orders are used in the United States;

(ii) identify any public health, safety, or welfare concerns in the United States relating to the recommended orders;

(iii) indicate the extent to which like or directly competitive articles are produced in the United States or are otherwise available in the United States, with respect to the articles potentially subject to the recommended orders;

(iv) indicate whether Complainant, Complainant’s licensees, and/or third party suppliers have the capacity to replace the volume of articles potentially subject to the recommended orders within a commercially reasonable time; and

(v) explain how the recommended orders would impact consumers in the United States.

Written submissions must be filed no later than by close of business on December 28, 2015.


Persons with questions regarding filing should contact the Secretary (202–205–2000).

Any person desiring to submit a document (or portion thereof) to the Commission in confidence must request confidential treatment unless the information has already been granted such treatment during the proceedings. All such requests should be directed to the Secretary of the Commission and must include a full statement of the reasons why the Commission should grant such treatment. See 19 CFR 201.6. Documents for which confidential treatment by the Commission is sought will be treated accordingly. A redacted non-confidential version of the document must also be filed simultaneously with any confidential filing. All non-confidential written submissions will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Secretary and on EDIS.


By order of the Commission. Issued: November 18, 2015.

Lisa R. Barton,
Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–926]

Certain Marine Sonar Imaging Systems, Products Containing the Same, and Components Thereof; Commission’s Final Determination Finding a Violation of Section 337; Issuance of Limited Exclusion Order and Cease and Desist Orders; Termination of the Investigation


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has found a violation of section 337 in this investigation and has (1) issued a limited exclusion order prohibiting importing of infringing marine sonar imaging systems, products containing the same, and components thereof and (2) issued cease and desist orders directed to the domestic respondents. The investigation is terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Panyin A. Hughes, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202–205–3042. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202–205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (http://www.usitc.gov).

The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at http://edis.usitc.gov. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on 202–205–1810.


On January 30, 2015, the parties entered into a stipulation that the domestic industry requirement was met. The parties also agreed to a stipulation regarding importation of Garmin accused products. That same day, Johnson Outdoors filed two unopposed motions for summary determination: (1) That Garmin’s importation and sales satisfy the importation requirement and (2) that Johnson Outdoors satisfies the

On July 13, 2015, the ALJ issued his final ID, finding a violation of section 337 by Garmin in connection with claims 14, 18, 21, 22, 23, and 33 of the ‘974 patent. The ID found no violation of section 337 in connection with the asserted claims of the ‘952 and ‘825 patents; and claim 25 of the ‘974 patent. Specifically, the ID found that the Commission has subject matter jurisdiction, in rem jurisdiction over the accused products, and in personam jurisdiction over Garmin. ID at 21. The ID further found that the accused products infringe asserted claims 14, 18, 21, 22, 23, and 33 of the ‘974 patent but do not infringe the asserted claims of the ‘952 and ‘825 patents or claim 25 of the ‘974 patent. See ID at 55–57, 58–59, and 60–62. The ID also found that Garmin failed to establish by clear and convincing evidence that the asserted claims of the ‘952, ‘825, or ‘974 patents were anticipated or rendered obvious by the cited prior art references. See id. at 68–80, 89–100. Finally, the ID found that the ‘974 patents are not unenforceable due to inequitable conduct and that the ‘952 patent is not invalid under 35 U.S.C. 102(f) for derivation. ID at 80–83, 100–109.

On July 27, 2015, Garmin filed a petition for review of the ID. That same day, Johnson Outdoors filed a contingent petition for review of the ID. On August 4, 2015, the parties filed responses to the petitions. On August 25, 2015, the Commission determined to review the final ID on all issues petitioned. 80 FR 55872–74 (Sept. 17, 2015). Specifically, the Commission asked the parties to discuss any impact on the ID’s findings if it were to construe the claim term “mounted to a boat” to mean “proximately secured to the boat in a fixed manner.”

On September 21, 2015, the parties filed written submissions on the issues under review, remedy, the public interest, and bonding. On September 28, 2015, the parties filed reply submissions.

Having examined the record of this investigation, including the final ID, and the parties’ submissions, the Commission has determined to modify the ID’s construction of the claim term “mounted to a boat,” a claim term recited in each of the asserted claims of the ‘952, ‘974, and ‘825 patents (save for asserted claim 29 of the ‘825 patent), which the ID construed as “attached to a bottom surface of the boat.” Instead, the Commission adopts the construction proposed by complainants before the ALJ and construes the limitation to mean “proximately secured to the boat in a fixed manner.” The Commission finds that the record evidence supports the ID’s findings on infringement and invalidity based on this construction. The Commission has determined to affirm the ID’s finding of no violation of section 337 in connection with the asserted claims of the ‘952 patent, ‘825 patent, and claim 25 of the ‘974 patent. The Commission further finds a violation of Section 337 with respect to claims 14, 18, 21, 22, 23, and 33 of the ‘974 patent. The Commission adopts the ID’s findings to the extent they are not inconsistent with the Commission opinion issued herewith. Having found a violation of section 337 in this investigation, the Commission has determined that the appropriate form of relief is: (1) A limited exclusion order prohibiting the unlicensed entry of marine sonar imaging systems, products containing the same, and components thereof that infringe one or more of claims 14, 18, 21, 22, 23, and 33 of the ‘974 patent that are manufactured by, or on behalf of, or are imported by or on behalf of Garmin or any of its affiliated companies, parents, subsidiaries, agents, or other related business entities, or their successors or assigns; and (2) cease and desist orders prohibiting domestic respondents Garmin International, Inc.; Garmin North America, Inc.; and Garmin USA, Inc. from conducting any of the following activities in the United States: Importing, selling, marketing, advertising, distributing, transferring (except for exportation), and soliciting U.S. agents or distributors for marine sonar imaging systems, products containing the same, and components thereof covered by claims 14, 18, 21, 22, 23 and 33 of the ‘974 patent. The proposed cease and desist orders include the following exemptions: (1) If in a written instrument, the owner of the patents authorizes or licenses such specific conduct, or such specific conduct is related to the importation or sale of covered products by or for the United States.

The Commission has also determined that the public interest factors enumerated in section 337(d) and (f) (19 U.S.C. 1337(d) and (f)) do not preclude issuance of the limited exclusion order or cease and desist orders. Finally, the Commission has determined that a bond in the amount of zero is required to permit temporary importation during the period of Presidential review (19 U.S.C. 1337(j)) of marine sonar imaging systems, products containing the same, and components thereof that are subject to the remedial orders. The Commission’s orders and opinion were delivered to the President and to the United States Trade Representative on the day of their issuance.


Lisa R. Barton, Secretary to the Commission.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division


Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act, 15 U.S.C. 16(b)–(h), that a proposed Final Judgment, Asset Preservation Stipulation and Order, and Competitive Impact Statement have been filed with the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in United States et al. v. Springleaf Holdings, Inc., et. al., Civil Action No. 15–1992 (RMC). On November 13, 2015, the United States filed a Complaint alleging that the proposed acquisition by Springleaf Holdings, Inc. of OneMain Financial Holdings, LLC would violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18. The proposed Final Judgment, filed at the same time as the Complaint, requires Springleaf Holdings to divest 127 branches in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia.

Copies of the Complaint, proposed Final Judgment and Competitive Impact Statement are available for inspection on the Antitrust Division’s Web site at http://www.justice.gov/atr, and at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of