INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332–566]

Trade Authorities Extension: Economic Impact of Trade Agreements Implemented Under the Bipartisan Trade Act of 2015


ACTION: Institution of investigation and request for written submissions.

SUMMARY: Having been notified by the U.S. Trade Representative that the President on March 20, 2018, submitted a report to Congress that contains a request for an extension of trade authorities procedures, the Commission, as required by section 103(c)(3)(B) of the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 (Bipartisan Trade Act), has instituted an investigation for the purpose of preparing a report to Congress that contains a review and analysis of the economic impact on the United States of all trade agreements implemented between the date of the enactment of the Bipartisan Trade Act and March 20, 2018. The Commission is unaware of any trade agreements that were implemented under the Bipartisan Trade Act between the date of its enactment and March 20, 2018.

DATES: May 2, 2018: Deadline for filing written submissions.

June 1, 2018: Transmittal of Commission report to Congress.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Written Submissions: The Commission does not plan to hold a public hearing in connection with this investigation. However, interested parties are invited to file written submissions concerning this investigation. All written submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/edis.htm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information specific to this investigation may be obtained from Yasannah Cabral, Project Leader, Office of Operations (202–205–2230, or yasannah.cabral@usitc.gov). For information on the legal aspects of this investigation, contact William Gearhart of the Commission’s Office of the General Counsel (202–205–3091 or william.gearhart@usitc.gov).

The media should contact Peg O’Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202–205–1819 or margaret.oloughlin@usitc.gov). Hearing-impaired individuals may obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal at 202–205–1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its website (http://www.usitc.gov). Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: As indicated above, the Commission is unaware of any trade agreements that were implemented under the Bipartisan Trade Act between the date of its enactment (June 29, 2015) and March 20, 2018, the date of the President’s request to Congress to extend trade authorities procedures. While at least one trade agreement was negotiated during this period, the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement, it was not implemented during this period.

The Commission instituted this investigation under section 332 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332) to facilitate public filing of comments and public review of such comments and to include the report in an existing series of Commission reports. The Commission will submit its report to Congress by June 1, 2018.

Written Submissions: The Commission’s report to Congress is due June 1, 2018. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.8). Section 201.8 and the Commission’s Handbook on Filing Procedures require that interested parties file documents electronically on or before the filing deadline and submit eight (8) true paper copies by 12:00 p.m. eastern time on the next business day. In the event that confidential treatment is requested, interested parties must file, at the same time as the eight paper copies, at least four (4) additional true paper copies in which the confidential information must be deleted (see the following paragraph for further information regarding confidential business information). Persons with questions regarding electronic filing should contact the Office of the Secretary, Docket Services Division (202–205–1802).

Confidential Business Information. Any submissions that contain confidential business information must also conform to the requirements of section 201.6 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). Section 201.6 of the rules requires that the cover of the document and the individual pages be clearly marked as to whether they are the “confidential” or “non-confidential” version, and that the confidential business information is clearly identified by means of brackets. All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available for inspection by interested parties.

The Commission will not include any confidential business information in the report that it sends to Congress or that it makes available to the public. However, all information, including confidential business information, submitted in this investigation may be disclosed to and used: (i) By the Commission, its employees and offices, and contract personnel (a) for developing or maintaining the records of this or a related proceeding, or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission including under 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3; or (ii) by U.S. government employees and contract personnel for cybersecurity purposes.

The Commission will not otherwise disclose any confidential business information in a manner that would reveal the operations of the firm supplying the information.

Summaries of Written Submissions: The Commission intends to publish summaries of the positions of interested persons. Persons wishing to have a summary of their position included in the report should include a summary with their written submission. The summary may not exceed 500 words, should be in MSWord format or a format that can be easily converted to MSWord, and should not include any confidential business information. The summary will be published as provided if it meets these requirements and is germane to the subject matter of the investigation. The Commission will identify the name of the organization furnishing the summary and will include a link to the Commission’s Electronic Document Information System (EDIS) where the full written submission can be found.

By order of the Commission.

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Lisa Barton,
Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–1033]

Certain Arrowheads With Arcuate Blades and Components Thereof; Commission Final Determination of Violation of Section 337; Issuance of a General Exclusion Order; Termination of Investigation


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined that there is a violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended in the above-captioned investigation. The Commission has issued a general exclusion order (“GEO”) barring entry of certain arrowheads with arcuate blades and components thereof that infringe the patents asserted in this investigation. The Commission has terminated this investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Liberman, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–3115. 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 at https://www.usitc.gov. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at https://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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 6, 2017, the Commission instituted an investigation under section 337, based on a complaint filed by complainant Flying Arrow Archery, LLC of Belgrade, Montana (“Flying Arrow,” or Complainant), alleging a violation of section 337 in the importation, sale for importation, and sale within the United States after importation of certain arrowheads with arcuate blades and components thereof (the “Accused Products”) by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 5 and 25 of U.S. Patent No. 8,920,269 (“the ’269 patent”); the claim of U.S. Design Patent No. D713,919 (“the ’919 design patent”); and the claim of U.S. Design Patent No. D729,336 (“the ’336 design patent”) (collectively, the “Asserted Patents”). See 82 FR 1760–61 (Jan. 6, 2017) (Notice of Investigation). The Notice of Investigation named the following respondents: Arthur Sifuentes of Spring, Texas; Liu Mengbao and Zhou Yang, both of Guangdong, China; Jiangfeng Mao of Jiangsu, China; Sandun Precision Industry (China) Co., Ltd. (In-Sail) of Guangdong Province, China; Wei Ran, Dongtian Hongsong, and Wanyuxue, all of Guangdong, China; and Yandong of Henan, China. A Commission investigative attorney (“IA”) is participating in this investigation.

On April 4, 2017, the ALJ found that Arthur Sifuentes, Zhou Yang, Jiangfeng Mao, Sandun Precision, and Liu Mengbao (collectively, the “Defaulting Respondents”) in default. See Order No. 6 (unreviewed, Commission Notice (Apr. 28, 2017)). On April 6, 2017, the ALJ issued an Initial Determination granting Flying Arrow’s motion to terminate the investigation as to the remaining respondents based on withdrawal of the infringement allegations in the Complaint. See Order No. 7 (unreviewed, Commission Notice (Apr. 28, 2017)). On August 15, 2017, complainant filed a motion for summary determination of a violation of section 337 pursuant to Commission Rule 210.16(c)(2) to support its request for entry of a general exclusion order with respect to all asserted patents. The IA filed a timely response in support of the motion. No respondent filed a response to the motion.

On November 8, 2017, the presiding ALJ issued an ID (Order No. 9) granting Complainant’s motion for summary determination thus finding a violation of section 337, and recommending the issuance of a GEO. No party petitioned for review of the ID.


The Commission requested written submissions on remedy, public interest, and bonding. Id. Complainant and the IA timely filed their submissions pursuant to the Commission Notice. No other parties filed any submissions in response to the Commission Notice.

Having reviewed the submissions filed in response to the Commission’s Notice and the evidentiary record, the Commission has determined that the appropriate form of relief in this investigation is a GEO prohibiting the unlicensed importation of certain arrowheads with arcuate blades and components thereof covered by one or more of claims 5 and 25 of the ’269 patent, the claim of the ’919 design patent, and the claim of the ’336 design patent.

The Commission has further determined that the public interest factors enumerated in subsection (g)(1) (19 U.S.C. 1337(g)(1)) do not preclude issuance of the above-referenced remedial order. Finally, the Commission has determined that a bond in the amount of one hundred (100) percent of the entered value is required to permit temporary importation of the articles in question during the period of Presidential review (19 U.S.C. 1337(j)). The investigation is terminated.

The Commission’s order, opinion, and the record upon which it was based were delivered to the President and to the United States Trade Representative on the day of their issuance. The Commission has also notified the Secretary of the Treasury of the order.


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