INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–1109]

Certain Clidinium Bromide and Products Containing Same; Commission Decision Not To Review an Initial Determination Granting Complainants’ Unopposed Motion To Terminate the Investigation Based on the Withdrawal of the Amended Complaint; Termination of the Investigation


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review an initial determination ("ID") (Order No. 12) of the presiding Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") granting Complainants’ unopposed motion to terminate the investigation in its entirety based on the withdrawal of the amended complaint. The investigation is terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Houda Morad, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 708-4716. 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, Room 112, 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: The Commission instituted this investigation on April 23, 2018, based on a complaint filed by Valeant Pharmaceuticals North America LLC of Bridgewater, New Jersey and Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. of Laval, Canada (collectively, “Valeant”). See 83 FR 17676–7 (Apr. 23, 2018). The complaint, as amended, alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain clidinium bromide and products containing same by reason of unfair acts or methods of competition, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure an industry in the United States. See id. The notice of investigation named as respondents in this investigation: Bi-Coastal Pharma International LLC and Bi-Coastal Pharmaceutical Corporation (collectively, “Bi-Coastal”) of Shrewsbury, New Jersey; ECI Pharmaceuticals LLC of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Virtus Pharmaceuticals LLC of Tampa, Florida; and Virtus Pharmaceuticals OPCO II LLC of Nashville, Tennessee. See id. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is also a party to this investigation. See id. On June 12, 2018, the ALJ partially terminated the investigation as to Bi-Coastal based on a settlement agreement. See Order No. 9 (June 12, 2018), unreviewed, Comm’n Notice (June 28, 2018).

On July 9, 2018, Valeant filed an unopposed motion ("Motion") to terminate the investigation in its entirety based on the withdrawal of the amended complaint. On July 10, 2018, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 12) granting the Motion. In accordance with Commission Rule 210.21(a)(1), 19 CFR 210.21(a)(1), the ID notes that “[t]here are no agreements, written or oral, express or implied between Complainants and Respondents concerning the subject matter of this Investigation.” See id at 1 (citing Motion at 2). In addition, the ID finds that “there are no extraordinary circumstances that warrant denying the motion.” See id.

No petition for review of the ID was filed. The Commission has determined not to review the ID.

The authority for the Commission’s determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in part 210 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR part 210).


Lisa Barton.
Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–1126]

Certain Water Filters and Components Thereof Institution of Investigation


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on June 8, 2018, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of Electrolux Home Products, Inc. of Charlotte, North Carolina and KX Technologies, LLC of West Haven, Connecticut. An amended complaint was filed on June 28, 2018. A letter supplementing the amended complaint was filed on July 9, 2018. The amended complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain water filters and components thereof by reason of infringement of U.S. Patent No. 8,673,146 ("the '146 patent"); U.S. Patent No. 8,137,551 ("the '551 patent"); U.S. Patent No. 9,233,322 ("the '322 patent"); and U.S. Patent No. 9,901,852 ("the '852 patent"). The amended complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by the applicable Federal Statute.

The complainants request that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a general exclusion order or, in the alternative, a limited exclusion order, and cease and desist orders.

ADDRESSES: The amended complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, is 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, Room 112, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–2000. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on (202) 205–1810.

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.

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.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:


Scope of investigation: Having considered the amended complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on July 26, 2018, ordered that—

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(i)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of products identified in paragraph (2) by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1–3, 6, 7, and 15 of the ’146 patent; claim 49 of the ’551 patent; claims 1–3, 7–9, and 12–15 of the ’322 patent; and claims 1, 4–6, 9–11, 14–18, and 21–31 of the ’852 patent; and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;

(2) Pursuant to section 210.10(b)(1) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10(b)(1), the plain language description of the accused products or category of accused products, which defines the scope of the investigation, is “water filter cartridges for refrigerators, including water filter cartridge assemblies and interconnection subassemblies’’;

(3) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainants are: Ecolife Technologies, Inc., 17910 Ajax Circle, City of Industry, CA 91748; Crystala Filters LLC, 555 Preakness Avenue, Suite 301, Patterson, NJ 07502 (c) The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Suite 401, Washington, DC 20436; and

For the investigation so instituted, the Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. International Trade Commission, shall designate the presiding Administrative Law Judge. Responses to the amended complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.13. Pursuant to 19 CFR 201.16(e) and 210.13(a), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission of the amended complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the amended complaint and the notice of investigation will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the amended complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the amended complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the amended complaint and this notice and to enter an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of an exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.

By order of the Commission.


Lisa Barton,
Secretary to the Commission.


TIME AND DATE: August 3, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.


STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Agendas for future meetings: None.

2. Minutes.

3. Ratification List.

4. Vote on Inv. Nos. 701–TA–608 and 731–TA–1420 (Preliminary) (Steel Racks from China). The Commission is currently scheduled to complete and file its determinations on August 6, 2018; views of the Commission are currently scheduled to be completed and filed on August 13, 2018.


6. Outstanding action jackets: None.

In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

By order of the Commission.


William Bishop,
Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer.

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