

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN PANEL FASTENERS,  
PRODUCTS CONTAINING SAME,  
AND COMPONENTS THEREOF

Inv. No. 337-TA-480

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. §1337.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on September 4, 2002, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. §1337, on behalf of Kason Industries, Inc. of Shenandoah, Georgia. A supplement to the complaint was filed on September 19, 2002. The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain panel fasteners, products containing same, and components thereof by reason of infringement of claim 1 of U.S. Letters Patent 6,299,224 and claims 1-4 of U.S. Letters Patent 6,409,235. The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337. The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a permanent exclusion order and a permanent cease and desist order.

ADDRESSES: The 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, S.W., Room 112, Washington, D.C. 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 <http://www.usitc.gov>.

The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS-ON-LINE) at <http://dockets.usitc.gov/eol/public>.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jay Reiziss, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-2579.

AUTHORITY: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. §210.10 (2002).

SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on September 27, 2002, 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)(1)(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 certain panel fasteners, products containing same, or components thereof by reason of infringement of claim 1 of U.S. Letters Patent 6,299,224 or claims 1, 2, 3 or 4 of U.S. Letters Patent 6,409,235 and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

(2) 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 complainant is–

Kason Industries, Inc.  
57 Amlajack Blvd.  
Shenandoah, GA 30265

(b) The respondents are the following companies alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint is to be served:

Cheng Tai Company  
Flat A-68F  
Mai Hing Industrial  
Bldg. 16-18  
Hing Yip Street  
Kwun Tong Kowloon, Hong Kong

Ningbo Foreign Trading Company, Ltd.  
No. 1 Youngor Avenue  
Ningbo, China

Component Hardware Group  
1890 Swarthmore Avenue  
Lakewood, NJ 08701

(c) Jay Reiziss, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Suite 401, Washington, D.C. 20436, who shall be the Commission investigative attorney, party to this investigation; and

(3) For the investigation so instituted, the Honorable Delbert R. Terrill, Jr. is designated as the presiding administrative law judge.

Responses to the 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 C.F.R. §210.13. Pursuant to 19 C.F.R. §§201.16(d) and 210.13(a), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received no later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

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

By order of the Commission.



Marilyn R. Abbott  
Secretary to the Commission

Issued: September 30, 2002

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Marilyn R. Abbott hereby certify that the attach Notice of Investigation, was served upon Jay Reiziss, Esq., and the following parties, via first class mail and air mail, where necessary on October 1, 2002.

**COMPLAINANT:**

Kason Industries, Inc.  
57 Amlajack Blvd.  
Shenandoah, GA 30265

**ON BEHALF OF COMPLAINANT:**

Lea Hall Speed, Esq.  
Baker, Donelson, Bearman and Caldwell  
165 Madison Avenue  
Suite2000  
Memphis, TN 38103

**RESPONDENTS:**

Cheng Tai Company  
Flat A-68F  
Mai Hing Industrial  
Bldg. 16-18  
Hing Yip Street  
Kwun Tong Kowloon, Hong Kong

Ningbo Foreign Trading Company, Ltd.  
No. 1 Youngor Avenue  
Ningbo, China

Component Hardware Group  
1890 Swarthmore Avenue  
Lakewood, NJ 08701

**EMBASSIES:**

Embassy of the People's Republic of China  
2300 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, 20008  
Attn: Chancery

Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office  
1520 18<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

**GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:**

Edward T. Hand  
Chief, Foreign Commerce Section  
Antitrust Division  
U.S. Department of Justice  
601 D Street, N.W.  
Room 10023  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Randy Tritell, Esq.  
Director for Int'l Antitrust  
Federal Trade Commission  
Room 380  
Penn. Ave., at 6<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20580

Richard Lambert, Esq.  
National Institute of Health  
9000 Rockville Pike  
Bldg. 31, Room 2B50  
Bethesda, MD 20892-2111

Joanne Stump, Chief  
Intellectual Property Rights Branch  
U.S. Customs Service  
Ronald Reagan Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
1300 Penn. Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20229

  
Marilyn R. Abbott, Secretary  
U.S. International Trade Commission  
500 E Street, SW - Room 112  
Washington, DC 20436

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**UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20436

October 1, 2002

Joanne Stump, Chief  
Intellectual Property Rights Branch  
U.S. Customs Service  
Ronald Reagan Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20220

**Re: Certain Panel Fasteners, Products Containing Same, and  
Components Thereof  
Investigation No. 337-TA-480**

Dear Ms. Stump:

The Commission has instituted an investigation under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. §337). A copy of the notice of investigation is enclosed. Nonconfidential copies of the complaint and any supplements filed in the investigation, will be provided upon request. Requests should be directed to Marilyn R. Abbott, Secretary at (202) 205-1802.

If you have questions concerning this investigation, please contact the Commission investigative attorney whose name and telephone number appear in the enclosed notice.

Sincerely,

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Marilyn R. Abbott  
Secretary

Enclosures:

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October 1, 2002

Randy Tritell, Esq.  
Director for International Antitrust  
Federal Trade Commission  
Room 380  
Pennsylvania Avenue at Sixth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20580

**Re: Certain Panel Fasteners, Products Containing Same, and  
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Dear Mr. Tritell:

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October 1, 2002

Richard Lambert, Esq.  
Department of Health & Human Services  
Office of General Counsel  
National Institute of Health  
Building 31, Room 2B50  
9000 Rockville Pike  
Bethesda, Maryland 20892-2111

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Dear Mr. Lambert:

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October 1, 2002

Lea Hall Speed, Esq.  
Baker, Donelson, Bearman and Caldwell  
165 Madison Avenue  
Suite 2000  
Memphis, TN 38103

**Re: Institution of Commission Investigation No. 337-TA-480**

Dear Ms. Hall Speed:

This letter is to advise you that the U.S. International Trade Commission has instituted an investigation pursuant to section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1337). A copy of the Commission's **notice of investigation** is enclosed.

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Component Hardware Group  
1890 Swarthmore Avenue  
Lakewood, NJ 08701

**Re: Certain Panel Fasteners, Products Containing Same and  
Components Thereof  
Investigation No.: 337-TA-480**

Dear Sir/Madam:

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We are hereby serving you with a copy of the complaint filed in this case. We are also enclosing copies of the section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, the Commission's notice of investigation issued in this matter, and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Please note that the notice requires a response to the allegations in the complaint and the response must be received not later than twenty (20) days after the date of service of the complaint. Failure to file a response may result in inferences being drawn against your interests.

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Pursuant to Commission rule 210.11(a)(3), we are hereby serving you with a copy of the complaint filed in this investigation together with a copy of the Commission's notice of investigation.

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