

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of)	
CERTAIN LAMINATED)	
FLOOR PANELS)	Inv. No. 337-TA-545

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION TO EXTEND THE TARGET DATE
FOR COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATION**

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has extended the target date for completion of the above-captioned investigation to January 5, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Haldenstein, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-3041. Copies of nonconfidential 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, S.W., Washington, D.C. 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on July 29, 2005, based on a complaint filed by Unilin Beheer B.V., Flooring Industries Ltd., and Unilin Flooring N.C. LLC. 70 *Fed. Reg.* 44694 (August 3, 2005). The complaint (as amended) alleged violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain laminated floor panels by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21, 37, 52, 65, and 66 of U.S. Patent No. 6,006,486 ("the '486 patent"); claims 1, 2, 10, 13, 18, 19, 22-24, and 27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,490,836 ("the '836 patent"); claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,874,292 ("the '292 patent"); and claims 1, 5, 13, 17, 27, and 28 of U.S. Patent No. 6,928,779 ("the '779 patent"). The investigation was subsequently terminated with respect to the '486 patent. The

Commission named as respondents 32 companies located in Canada, China, South Korea, Malaysia, and the United States. *Id.* Two respondents have been terminated from the investigation as a result of settlement agreements. The administrative law judge set October 3, 2006, as the target date for completion of the investigation.

On July 3, 2006, the ALJ issued his final Initial Determination (“ID”), including his recommended determination on remedy and bonding. The complainants, the Commission investigative attorney, and several respondents petitioned for review of various portions of the ID. After considering the ID, the petitions for review, the responses thereto, and other relevant portions of the record, the Commission determined to review those portions of the ALJ’s final ID concerning: (1) construction of the “elastically bendable portion” limitation of claim 1 of the ‘836 patent and claim 4 of the ‘292 patent, (2) infringement of claims 1 and 2 of the ‘836 patent and claims 3 and 4 of the ‘292 patent; (3) infringement by the defaulting respondents; (4) invalidity of the asserted claims of the ‘779 patent; and (5) the validity of the asserted claims of the ‘836 and ‘292 patents to the extent implicated by the Commission’s review described in item (1). The Commission also extended the target date for completion of the investigation to November 21, 2006. The Commission has received written submissions on the issues under review, as well as remedy, the public interest, and bonding, from the parties. It has also received submissions from certain non-parties on remedy, the public interest and bonding.

The Commission has determined to extend the target date for completion of the investigation until Friday, January 5, 2007.

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 sections 210.45 - 210.51 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. §§ 210.45 - 210.51).

By order of the Commission.

/s/
Marilyn R. Abbott
Secretary to the Commission

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