

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20436

In the Matter of

CERTAIN ENERGY DRINK PRODUCTS

Inv. No. 337-TA-678

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 May 15, 2009, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1337, on behalf of Red Bull GmbH of Austria and Red Bull North America, Inc. of Santa Monica, California. The complainants filed a letter supplementing the complaint on June 1, 2009. The complaint 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 energy drink products that infringe U.S. Trademark Registration Nos. 3,092,197; 2,946,045; 2,994,429; and 3,479,607 and U.S. Copyright Registration No. VA0001410959. The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

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

ADDRESSES: The complaint and supplement, except for any confidential information contained therein, are 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) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Juan Cockburn, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205-2572.

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 (2009).

SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on June 11, 2009, ORDERED THAT –

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine:

(a) 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 energy drink products by reason of infringement of U.S. Copyright Registration No. VA0001410959, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337; and

(b) whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(C) 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 energy drink products by reason of infringement of U.S. Trademark Registration Nos. 3,092,197; 2,946,045; 2,994,429; or 3,479,607, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337; and

(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 complainants are –

Red Bull GmbH
Am Brunnen 1
Fuschl am See
5330 Austria

Red Bull North America, Inc.
1740 Stewart Street
Santa Monica, CA 90404

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

Chicago Import Inc.

3801-11 West Laurence Avenue
Chicago, IL 60625

Lamont Dist., Inc.,
a/k/a Lamont Distributors Inc.
5 Lamont Court Suite 3A
Brooklyn, NY 11225

India Imports, Inc.,
a/k/a International Wholesale Club
2901 Richland Avenue
Metairie, LA 70002

Washington Food and Supply of D.C., Inc.,
a/k/a Washington Cash & Carry
1270 4th Street NE
Washington, DC 20002

Vending Plus, Inc.
2409 Peppermill Drive, Unit J
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

Baltimore Beverage Co.
2409 Peppermill Drive., Unit J
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

(c) The Commission investigative attorney, party to this investigation, is Juan Cockburn, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Suite 401, Washington, D.C. 20436; and

(3) For the investigation so instituted, Paul J. Luckern, Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. International Trade Commission, shall designate 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 not 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 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 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 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 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.

/s/

Marilyn R. Abbott
Secretary to the Commission

Issued: June 12, 2009