

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

**In the Matter of**

**CERTAIN L-TRYPTOPHAN,  
L -TRYPTOPHAN PRODUCTS, AND  
THEIR METHODS OF PRODUCTION**

**Investigation No. 337-TA-1005**

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW  
AN INITIAL DETERMINATION EXTENDING 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 determined not to review an initial determination (“ID”) (Order No. 8) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) extending the target date for completion of the investigation by approximately two (2) months, from October 16, 2017, to December 18, 2017.

**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., Washington, D.C. 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 Investigation No. 337-TA-1005 on June 14, 2016, based on a complaint filed by Complainants Ajinomoto Co., Inc. of Tokyo, Japan and Ajinomoto Heartland Inc. of Chicago, Illinois. *See* 81 FR 38735-36 (June 14, 2016). The complaint, as supplemented, 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 L-tryptophan, L-tryptophan products, and their methods of production by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 7,666,655 and U.S. Patent No. 6,180,373. *Id.* The notice of investigation identified CJ CheilJedang Corp. of Seoul, Republic of Korea; CJ America, Inc. of Downers Grove, Illinois; and PT CheilJedang Indonesia of Jakarta, Indonesia as respondents in

this investigation. *See id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is not a party to the investigation.

On November 21, 2016, the parties filed a joint motion to amend the procedural schedule and to extend the target date. On December 1, 2016, the ALJ issued the ID (Order No. 8) granting in-part the parties' joint motion and extending the target date by approximately two (2) months, from October 16, 2017, to December 18, 2017. The ALJ found good cause for extending the target date based on the parties' argument that such extension was needed "to allow them to complete extensive discovery, including foreign discovery." *See ID* at 1. The ALJ also extended the deadline for issuing the final ID to August 18, 2017. Furthermore, based on his docket and courtroom availability, the ALJ rescheduled the evidentiary hearing for the week of May 15, 2017, through May 19, 2017. No party petitioned for review.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject 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).

By order of the Commission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa R. Barton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lisa R. Barton  
Secretary to the Commission

Issued: December 27, 2016