UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of
CERTAIN MAGNETIC DATA STORAGE TAPES AND CARTRIDGES CONTAINING THE SAME
Investigation No. 337-TA-1012

NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION TO EXTEND THE TARGET DATE


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to extend the target date for completion of the above-captioned investigation to March 8, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Megan M. Valentine, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 708-2301. 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, S.W., 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 this investigation on July 1, 2016, based on a Complaint filed by Fujifilm Corporation of Tokyo, Japan, and Fujifilm Recording Media U.S.A., Inc. of Bedford, Massachusetts. 81 Fed. Reg. 43243-44 (July 1, 2016). The Complaint alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1337 (“section 337”), in the sale for importation, importation, and sale within the United States after importation of certain magnetic data storage tapes and cartridges containing the same by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,641,891; 6,703,106; 6,703,101 (“the ’101 patent”); 6,767,612; 8,236,434; and 7,355,805. The Complaint further alleges the existence of a domestic industry. The Commission’s Notice of Investigation named as respondents Sony Corporation of Tokyo, Japan, Sony Corporation of America of New York, New York, and Sony Electronics Inc. of San Diego, California. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations was also named as a party to the investigation. The Commission later terminated the investigation as to the ’101 patent. Order No. 24 (Jan. 18, 2017); Notice (Feb. 15, 2017).
On September 1, 2017, the presiding administrative law judge issued his final ID finding a violation of section 337 with respect to two of the asserted patents and no violation with respect to the remaining asserted patents. On September 18, 2017, the parties filed petitions for review of various issues decided in the final ID. Responses to the petitions were filed on September 26, 2017.

On December 12, 2017, the Commission issued a notice determining to review certain aspects of the final ID. The notice included certain briefing questions and requested the parties to file their initial and response submissions on December 27, 2017 and January 5, 2018, respectively. The notice also moved the target date for completion of the investigation to February 20, 2018.

On December 13, 2017, the parties filed a joint unopposed motion to extend the due dates for their initial and response submissions in response to the Commission’s notice of review to January 3, 2018, and January 12, 2018, respectively. On December 15, 2017, the Chairman approved the parties’ request.

The Commission has determined to extend the target date for completion of the investigation until March 8, 2018.


By order of the Commission.

Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

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