NOTICE OF COMMISSION DECISION TO EXTEND THE TARGET DATE BY APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS


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 by approximately three weeks, from November 30, 2018, to December 18, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sidney A. Rosenzweig, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 708-2532. 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 TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on April 25, 2017, based on a complaint, as supplemented, filed by Ivoclar Vivadent AG of Schaan, Liechtenstein; Ivoclar Vivadent, Inc. of Amherst, New York; and Ardent, Inc. of Amherst, New York (collectively, “Ivoclar”). 82 FR 19081 (Apr. 25, 2017). The complaint, as supplemented, alleged violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. § 1337), in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain dental ceramics, products thereof, and methods of making the same by reason of the infringement of certain claims of four United States patents. The Notice of Investigation named as respondents GC Corporation of Tokyo, Japan; and GC America, Inc. of Alsip, Illinois (collectively, “GC”). The Office of Unfair Import Investigations was also named as a party.
On July 23, 2018, the ALJ issued the subject ID, finding no violation of section 337. Ivoclar, GC, and the Commission investigative attorney filed petitions for review and replies to the others’ petitions. On September 21, 2018, the Commission determined to review the ID in part and sought further briefing from the parties on the issues under review, and comments on remedy, bonding, and the public interest from the parties, interested government agencies, and other interested persons. The parties filed submissions on these issues and replied to the others’ submissions.

The Commission has determined to extend the target date for completion of the investigation by approximately three weeks, from November 30, 2018, to December 18, 2018.


By order of the Commission.

Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

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