

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN WATER FILTERS AND
COMPONENTS THEREOF**

Investigation No. 337-TA-1126

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION DECISION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL
DETERMINATION GRANTING AN UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR PARTIAL
TERMINATION OF THE INVESTIGATION AS TO CERTAIN PATENT CLAIMS**

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. 12) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) granting an unopposed motion for partial termination of the investigation as to certain patent claims, based on the withdrawal of the allegations pertaining to those claims.

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 this investigation on August 1, 2018, based on a complaint filed by Complainants Electrolux Home Products, Inc. of Charlotte, North Carolina and KX Technologies, LLC of West Haven, Connecticut (collectively, “Complainants”). *See* 83 Fed. Reg. 37514-15 (Aug. 1, 2018). The complaint, as amended and 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 water filters and components thereof by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 8,673,146 (“the ’146 patent”); U.S. Patent No. 8,137,551; U.S. Patent No. 9,233,322; and U.S. Patent No. 9,901,852 (“the ’852 patent”). *See id.* The notice of investigation named as respondents: Shenzhen Calux Purification

Technology Co., Limited of Shenzhen, China; Ningbo Pureza Limited of Ningbo, China; JiangSu Angkua Environmental Technical Co., Ltd. of RuGao, China; Ecopure Filter Co., Ltd. of Qindao, China; Shenzhen Dakon Purification Tech Co., Ltd. of Shenzhen, China; HongKong Ecoaqua Co., Limited of Hong Kong, China; Ecolife Technologies, Inc. of City of Industry, California; and Crystala Filters LLC of Patterson, New Jersey. *See id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is also a party to the investigation. *See id.*

On October 12, 2018, Complainants filed an unopposed motion (“*Motion*”) for partial termination of the investigation as to claim 15 of the ’146 patent and claims 1, 4-6, and 9-11 of the ’852 patent based on the withdrawal of the allegations pertaining to those claims.

On October 29, 2018, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 12) granting the *Motion*. The ID notes that “pursuant to Commission Rule 210.21(a), complainants ‘state that there are no agreements, written or oral, express or implied between the parties concerning the subject matter of the Investigation.’” *See ID at 2 (citing Motion at 3; 19 CFR 210.21(a)).* The ID also finds “no extraordinary circumstances that warrant denying the [*Motion*].” *See id.*

No petition for review of the subject ID was filed. 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.

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Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

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