

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN HIGH-PERFORMANCE
GRAVITY-FED WATER FILTERS AND
PRODUCTS CONTAINING THE SAME**

Investigation No. 337-TA-1294

**NOTICE OF A 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. 52) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) extending the target date for completion of the investigation by approximately one month to June 28, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Panyin A. Hughes, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-3042. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. For help accessing EDIS, please email EDIS3Help@usitc.gov. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at <https://www.usitc.gov>. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal, telephone (202) 205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 31, 2022, the Commission instituted this investigation based on a complaint filed by Brita LP (“Brita”) of Neuchatel NE, Switzerland. 87 FR 4913 (Jan. 31, 2022). The complaint, as supplemented, alleged 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 high-performance gravity-fed water filters and products containing the same by reason of infringement of claims 1-6, 20-21, and 23-24 of U.S. Patent No. 8,167,141 (“the ’141 patent”). *Id.* The Commission’s notice of investigation named nine respondents: Mavea LLC of West Linn, Oregon and Brita GmbH of Taunusstein, Switzerland (collectively, “the Mavea Respondents”); Ecolife Technologies, Inc. of City of Industry, California and Qingdao Ecopure Filter Co., Ltd. of Shandong Province, China (collectively, “the Aqua Crest Respondents”); Kaz USA, Inc. and Helen of Troy Limited, both of El Paso, Texas; Zero Technologies, LLC of Trevoise, Pennsylvania; Culligan International Co. of Rosemont, Illinois; and Vestergaard

Frandsen Inc. of Baltimore, Maryland. *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is not participating in this investigation. *Id.*

The Commission has previously terminated the Mavea and Aqua Crest Respondents from the investigation. *See* Order No. 13 (May 3, 2022), *unreviewed by* Comm'n Notice (May 24, 2022); Order No. 43 (Sept. 22, 2022), *unreviewed by* Comm'n Notice (Oct. 11, 2022). The Commission also terminated claims 20, 21, and 24 of the '141 patent. Order No. 19 (June 1, 2022), *unreviewed by* Comm'n Notice (June 21, 2022).

On January 30, 2023, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 52) extending the target date for completion of this Investigation by approximately one month to June 28, 2023. The ID indicates that, under this schedule, the due date to issue the final ID on violation is February 28, 2023. No one petitioned for review of the subject ID.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. The target date for completion of the investigation is extended to June 28, 2023.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on February 22, 2023.

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.



Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

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