

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

**In the Matter of**

**CERTAIN LIQUID COOLERS FOR  
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS IN  
COMPUTERS, COMPONENTS  
THEREOF, DEVICES FOR  
CONTROLLING SAME, AND  
PRODUCTS CONTAINING SAME**

**Inv. No. 337-TA-1394**

**NOTICE OF INSTITUTION OF INVESTIGATION**

Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337

**AGENCY:** U.S. International Trade Commission

**ACTION:** Notice

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on February 14, 2024, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of Cooler Master Co., Ltd. of Taiwan; CMI USA, Inc. of Claremont, California; and CMC Great USA, Inc. of San Jose, California. A supplement to the complaint was filed on March 6, 2024. The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain liquid coolers for electronic components in computers, components thereof, devices for controlling same, and products containing same by reason of the infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,509,446 (“the ‘446 patent”); U.S. Patent No. 11,061,450 (“the ‘450 patent”); and U.S. Patent No. D856,941 (“the ‘941 patent”). The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by the applicable Federal Statute.

The complainants request that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a limited exclusion order and a cease and desist order.

**ADDRESSES:** The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. For help accessing EDIS, please email [EDIS3Help@usitc.gov](mailto:EDIS3Help@usitc.gov). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at <https://www.usitc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Katherine Hiner, The Office of Docket Services, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205-2560.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**AUTHORITY:** The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and in section 210.10 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. 210.10 (2023).

**SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION:** Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on March 15, 2024, ORDERED THAT –

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain products identified in paragraph (2) by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1-3 and 14 of the ’446 patent; claims 1-4 of the ’450 patent; and the claim of the ’941 patent, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;

(2) Pursuant to section 210.10(b)(1) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. 210.10(b)(1), the plain language description of the accused products or category of accused products, which defines the scope of the investigation, is “liquid coolers for electronic components in computers, components thereof, LED controllers for controlling same, and products containing same”;

(3) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainants are:

Cooler Master Co., Ltd.  
6F, No. 398, Xinhua 1st Rd., Neihu Dist.  
Taipei City, 114065  
Taiwan

CMI USA, Inc.  
1 N Indian Hill Blvd STE 200,  
Claremont, CA 91711

CMC Great USA, Inc.  
780 Montague Expressway  
Suite 208  
San Jose, CA 95131

(b) The respondents are the following entities alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint is to be served:

SilverStone Technology Co., Ltd.  
12F, No. 168, Jiankang Road, Zhonghe  
District, New Taipei City  
Taiwan 23585

SilverStone Technology, Inc.  
13626 Monte Vista Ave. Unit A  
Chino, CA 91710  
USA

Enermax Technology Corp.  
2F-1, No 888, Jingguo Rd., Taoyuan Dist.,  
Taoyuan City 330  
Taiwan

Enermax USA  
14020 Central Ave STE 500  
Chino, CA 91710  
USA

Shenzhen Apaltek Co., Ltd.  
2907-2908, Building 2, OCT Creative  
Building, North Station Community, Minzhi  
Street, Longhua District  
Shenzhen, Guangdong Province  
People's Republic of China

Guangdong Apaltek Liquid Cooling  
Technology Co., Ltd.  
Factory:No.12, West 2nd Lane, Shenzhenzai  
Road,Qingxi Town, Dongguan City,  
People's Republic of China

(4) For the investigation so instituted, the Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. International Trade Commission, shall designate the presiding Administrative Law Judge.

The Office of Unfair Import Investigations will not be a party to this investigation.

Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. 210.13. Pursuant to 19 C.F.R. 201.16(e) and 210.13(a), as amended in 85 Fed. Reg. 15798 (March 19, 2020), such responses will be considered by the Commission if

received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the complainants of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of an exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.

By order of the Commission.

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

Lisa Barton  
Secretary to the Commission

Issued: March 15, 2024