UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN COMPOSITE INTERMEDIATE BULK CONTAINERS

Investigation No. 337-TA-1434

NOTICE OF COMMISSION DECISION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION PARTIALLY TERMINATING 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. 9) of the presiding Chief Administrative Law Judge ("Chief ALJ") partially terminating the investigation as to certain patent claims based on withdrawal of the complaint as to those claims.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 27, 2025, the Commission instituted this investigation based on a complaint filed by Schütz Container Systems, Inc. of North Branch, New Jersey and Protechna S.A. of Fribourg, Switzerland (collectively, "Complainants"). 90 FR 8222-23 (Jan. 27, 2025). The complaint, as supplemented, alleged violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337 ("section 337"), by reason of the infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 9,718,581 ("the '581 patent"); 8,708,150 ("the '150 patent"); 8,919,562; 8,567,626; 9,004,310; and 8,276,299. *Id.* The Commission's notice of investigation named the following respondents: Shandong Jinshan Jieyuan Container Co., Ltd. of Zhengjiang City, China; Zibo Jielin Plastic Pipe Manufacture Co. Ltd. of Zibo City, China; Shanghai Sakura Plastic Products Co., Ltd. (d/b/a Shanghai Yinghua Plastic Products Co., LTD) of Shanghai, China; and Hebei Shijiheng Plastics, Co., Ltd. of Zhongjie Huanghua City, China. *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations ("OUII") was also named as a party in the investigation. *Id.*

On March 25, 2025, Complainants filed an unopposed motion ("Motion") to partially terminate the investigation as to claim 4 of the '150 patent and claim 5 of the '581 patent based on withdrawal of the complaint as to those claims. On March 28, 2025, OUII filed a response in support of the Motion.

On April 2, 2025, the Chief ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 9) granting the Motion. The ID finds that the Motion complies with Commission Rule 210.21(a), 19 CFR 210.21(a). See ID at 1-2. The ID notes that the Motion indicates that "there are no other agreements, written or oral, express or implied, among the parties concerning the subject matter of this Investigation." *Id.* at 2. The ID also finds no extraordinary circumstances that warrant denying the Motion. *Id.*

No petition for review of the subject ID was filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. Claim 4 of the '150 patent and claim 5 of the '581 patent are terminated from the investigation.

The Commission's vote for this determination took place on April 21, 2025.

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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