

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

**In the Matter of**

**CERTAIN ELECTRIC ROBOTS  
AND COMPONENT PARTS THEREOF**

**Inv. No. 337-TA-530**

**NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION**

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

**ACTION:** Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. §1337

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on December 16, 2004, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. §1337, on behalf of FANUC Robotics America, Inc. of Rochester Hills, Michigan. A letter supplementing the complaint was filed on January 4, 2005. The complaint alleges violations of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain electric robots and component parts thereof by reason of infringement of claims 1-24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,477,913. The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a permanent exclusion order and permanent cease and desist orders.

**ADDRESSES:** The complaint and supplement, except for any confidential information contained therein, are 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., Room 112, Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. 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 <http://www.usitc.gov>. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Baer, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-2221.

AUTHORITY: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. § 210.10 (2004).

SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on January 10, 2005, 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 electric robots or component parts thereof by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1-24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,477,913, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

(2) 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 complainant is –

FANUC Robotics America, Inc.  
3900 W. Hamlin Road  
Rochester Hills, Michigan 48309

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

Behr Systems, Inc.  
2469 Executive Hills Blvd.  
Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326

Dürr AG  
Otto-Dürr Strasse 8  
70435 Stuttgart, Germany

Motoman, Inc.

805 Liberty Lane  
West Carrollton, Ohio 45449

Yaskawa Electric Corporation  
2-1 Kurosaki-Shiroishi, Yahatanishi-Ku  
Kitakyushu, Fukuoka  
806-0004, Japan

- (c) Kevin Baer, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations,  
U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W.,  
Suite 401, Washington, D.C. 20436, who shall be the  
Commission investigative attorney, party to this  
investigation; and

(3) For the investigation so instituted, the Honorable Paul J. Luckern is designated as the presiding administrative law judge.

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(d) and 210.13(a), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission 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 a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of a limited exclusion order or cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott  
Secretary to the Commission

Issued: January 11, 2005