

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20436

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN DIGITAL MEDIA DEVICES,
INCLUDING TELEVISIONS, BLU-RAY
DISC PLAYERS, HOME THEATER
SYSTEMS, TABLETS AND MOBILE
PHONES, COMPONENTS THEREOF
AND ASSOCIATED SOFTWARE**

Inv. No. 337-TA-882

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 May 13, 2013, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1337, on behalf of Black Hills Media, LLC of Wilmington, Delaware. The complaint 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 digital media devices, including televisions, blu-ray disc players, home theater systems, tablets and mobile phones, components thereof and associated software, by reason of infringement of U.S. Patent No. 8,028,323 (“the ‘323 patent”), U.S. Patent No. 8,214,873 (“the ‘873 patent”), U.S. Patent No. 8,230,099 (“the ‘099 patent”), U.S. Patent No. 8,045,952 (“the ‘952 patent”), U.S. Patent No. 8,050,652 (“the ‘652 patent”), and U.S. Patent No. 6,618,593 (“the ‘593 patent”). The complaint further alleges that an industry exists in the United States as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

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

ADDRESSES: The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, is 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: The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205-2560.

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 (2012).

SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on June 11, 2013, 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 digital media devices, including televisions, blu-ray disc players, home theater systems, tablets and mobile phones, components thereof and associated software by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1-5, 10, 11, 13, 14, and 16-18 of the '323 patent; claims 1, 2, 5-8, 15-19, 22, 23, 25-27, 30, 31, 34-37, and 44-46 of the '873 patent; claims 1 and 10-12 of the '099 patent; claims 1, 2-4, 9-12, and 14 of the '952 patent; claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 42-45, 47-50, 52 and 55 of the '652 patent; and claims 1, 4, 7, 10 and 13-21 of the '593 patent; 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:

Black Hills Media, LLC
1000 N. West Street
Suite 1200
Wilmington, Delaware 92064

(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:

Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.
1320-10, Seocho 2-dong Seocho-gu
Seoul, Republic of Korea

Samsung Electronics America, Inc.
105 Challenger Road
Ridgefield Park, New Jersey 02660

Samsung Telecommunications America, LLC
1301 East Lookout Drive
Richardson, Texas 75082

LG Electronics, Inc.
LG Twin Towers
20 Yeouido-dong, Yeogdeungpo-gu
Seoul 150-721,
Republic of Korea

LG Electronics U.S.A., Inc.
1000 Sylvan Avenue
Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632

LG Electronics MobileComm U.S.A., Inc.
10101 Old Grove Road
San Diego, California 92131

Panasonic Corporation
10006 Oaza Kodoma
Kadoma-shi, Osaka 571-8501
Japan

Panasonic Corporation of North America
One Panasonic Way
Secaucus, New Jersey 07904

Toshiba Corporation
1-1, Shibaura 1-Chome
Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-8001
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Toshiba America Information Systems, Inc.
9740 Irvine Boulevard
Irvine, California 92618

Sharp Corporation
22-22 Nagaike-cho
Abenko-ku, Osaka 545-8522
Japan

Sharp Electronics Corporation
1 Sharp Plaza
Mahwah, New Jersey 07495

(c) The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Suite 401, Washington, D.C. 20436; and

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

/s/

Lisa R. Barton
Acting Secretary to the Commission

Issued: June 13, 2013