

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN ROBOTIC VACUUM
CLEANING DEVICES AND
COMPONENTS THEREOF SUCH AS
SPARE PARTS**

Investigation No. 337-TA-1057

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION
TO EXTEND THE TARGET DATE AND THE TIME FOR DETERMINING
WHETHER TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION**

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to extend the target date for completion of the above-captioned investigation until November 12, 2018 and the time for determining whether to review an initial determination until September 12, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lucy Grace D. Noyola, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202-205-3438. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be 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, SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<https://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1337, on May 23, 2017, based on a complaint filed by iRobot Corporation of Bedford, Massachusetts ("iRobot"). 82 Fed. Reg. 23592 (May 23, 2017). The complaint alleges a violation of section 337 by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,809,490 ("the '490 patent"); 7,155,308 ("the '308 patent"); 8,474,090 ("the '090 patent"); 8,600,553 ("the '553 patent"); 9,038,233 ("the '233 patent"); and 9,486,924 ("the '924 patent"). The complaint names as respondents Bissell Homecare, Inc. of Grand Rapids, Michigan ("Bissell"); Hoover, Inc. of Glenwillow, Ohio and Royal Appliance Manufacturing Co., Inc. d/b/a TTI Floor Care North America, Inc. of

Glenwillow, Ohio (collectively, “Hoover”); bObsweep, Inc. of Toronto, Canada and bObsweep USA of Henderson, Nevada (collectively, “bObsweep”); The Black & Decker Corporation of Towson, Maryland and Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc. of Towson, Maryland (collectively, “Black & Decker”); Shenzhen ZhiYi Technology Co., Ltd., d/b/a iLife of Shenzhen, China (“iLife”); Matsutec Enterprises Co., Ltd. of Taipei City, Taiwan (“Matsutec”); Suzhou Real Power Electric Appliance Co., Ltd. of Suzhou, China (“Suzhou”); and Shenzhen Silver Star Intelligent Technology Co., Ltd. of Shenzhen, China (“SSSIT”). The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is not a party in this investigation.

The investigation has been terminated with respect to respondents Suzhou, Black & Decker, Bissell, and Matsutec. Notice (Oct. 18, 2017) (determining not to review Order No. 23); Notice (Jan. 31, 2018) (determining not to review Order No. 31); Notice (Feb. 16, 2018) (determining not to review Order No. 34). The ’924 and the ’308 patents are also no longer part of the investigation. Notice (Jan. 16, 2018) (determining not to review Order No. 29); Notice (Mar. 15, 2018) (determining not to review Order No. 40).

On June 25, 2018, the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) issued an initial determination, finding a violation of section 337 with respect to the ’553 and ’233 patents and no violation with respect to the ’490 and ’090 patents. The ALJ also issued a Recommended Determination on Remedy and Bond, recommending, if the Commission finds a section 337 violation, the issuance of (1) a limited exclusion order against certain robotic vacuum cleaning devices and components thereof that are imported, sold for importation, and/or sold after importation by Hoover, boBsweep, SSSIT, and iLife and (2) cease and desist orders against Hoover and iLife.

The Commission has determined to extend the target date for completion of the investigation until November 12, 2018 and the time for determining whether to review the initial determination until September 12, 2018.

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 C.F.R. Part 210).

By order of the Commission.



Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

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