

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN BOTULINUM TOXIN
PRODUCTS, PROCESSES FOR
MANUFACTURING OR RELATING TO
SAME AND CERTAIN PRODUCTS
CONTAINING SAME**

Investigation No. 337-TA-1145

NOTICE OF COMMISSION DECISION TO EXTEND THE TARGET DATE

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 December 16, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Houda Morad, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 708-4716. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. For help accessing EDIS, please email EDIS3Help@usitc.gov. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at <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: On March 6, 2019, the Commission instituted this investigation under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337 ("section 337"), based on a complaint filed by Medytox Inc. of Seoul, South Korea; Allergan plc of Dublin, Ireland; and Allergan, Inc. of Irvine, California (collectively, "Complainants"). *See* 84 FR 8112-13 (Mar. 6, 2019). The complaint, as supplemented, alleges a violation 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 botulinum toxin products, processes for manufacturing or relating to same and certain products containing same by reason of misappropriation of trade secrets, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure a domestic industry in the United States. *See id.* The notice of investigation names as respondents Daewoong Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd. ("Daewoong") of Seoul, South Korea and Evolus, Inc. ("Evolus") of Irvine, California (collectively, "Respondents"). *See id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations ("OUII") is also a party to the investigation. *See id.*

On July 6, 2020, the Administrative Law Judge issued a final initial determination (“FID”) finding a violation of section 337 based on the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain botulinum neurotoxin products by reason of the misappropriation of trade secrets, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure an industry in the United States. *See* FID at 273.

The recommended determination (“RD”) recommends that the Commission issue: (1) a limited exclusion order barring entry of certain botulinum toxin products that are imported, sold for importation, and/or sold after importation by respondents Daewoong and Evolus; and (2) a cease and desist order against Evolus. The RD also recommends that the Commission impose a bond based on price differential during the period of Presidential review. On July 20, 2020, Respondents filed a petition for Commission review of the FID. On July 28, 2020, Complainants and OUII filed responses to Respondents’ petition.

On September 21, 2020, the Commission issued a notice determining to review the FID in part. *See* 85 FR 60489-90 (Sept. 25, 2020) (“the WTR Notice”). Specifically, the Commission determined to review the FID’s findings with respect to subject matter jurisdiction, standing, trade secret existence and misappropriation, and domestic industry, including the existence of such domestic industry as well as any actual or threatened injury thereto.

On October 9, 2020, the parties, including OUII, filed written submissions in response to the WTR Notice, and on October 16, 2020, the parties filed responses to each other’s submissions.

The Commission has determined to extend the target date for completion of this investigation until December 16, 2020.

The Commission’s vote on this determination took place on November 19, 2020.

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

Issued: November 19, 2020