

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

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN BALANCED ARMATURE
DEVICES, PRODUCTS CONTAINING
SAME, AND COMPONENTS THEREOF**

Inv. No. 337-TA-1186

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 August 29, 2019, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of Knowles Corporation of Itasca, Illinois; Knowles Electronics, LLC of Itasca, Illinois; and Knowles Electronics (Suzhou) Co., Ltd. of China. Supplements to the complaint were filed on September 18 and November 5, 2019. The complaint alleges violations of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, and in the sale of certain balanced armature devices, products containing same, and components thereof by reason of misappropriation of trade secrets, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure a domestic industry.

The complainants request that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a general exclusion order or, in the alternative, limited exclusion orders, 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 <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>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pathenia M. Proctor, The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205-2560.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

AUTHORITY: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. 210.10 (2018).

SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on November 22, 2019, 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)(A) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, or in the sale of certain products identified in paragraph (2) by reason of misappropriation of trade secrets, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure an industry in the United States;

(2) Pursuant to section 210.10(b)(1) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. 210.10(b)(1), the plain language description of the accused products or category of accused products, which defines the scope of the investigation, is balanced armature devices (also known as balanced armature receivers), and devices used on the ear or in the ear canal containing accused balanced armature devices (earphones, ear buds, headsets, headphones, in-ear monitors, hearing aids, hearing aid replacement receiver tubes, receiver in canal (RIC) replacement modules, and personal sound amplifiers), and components of devices used on the ear or in the ear canal containing accused balanced armature devices.

(3) 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 complainants are:

Knowles Corporation
1151 Maplewood Drive
Itasca, IL 60143

Knowles Electronics, LLC
1151 Maplewood Drive
Itasca, IL 60143

Knowles Electronics (Suzhou) Co., Ltd.
No. 20, Chunxing Road
Xiangcheng District
Suzhou, 215131, Jiangsu Province,
China

(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:

Liang Li (a/k/a Ryan Li)
Room 602, Building 48, Fengqing Shuiian Garden,
Xizhou Road, Suzhou Industrial Park, Suzhou City
215028, Jiangsu Province,
China

Shenzhen Bellsing Acoustic Technology Co., Ltd.
12/f, Sanhang Science and Technology Building
45 Gaoxin South Ninth Road
Nanshan District, Shenzhen City, 518057,
Guangdong Province,
China

Suzhou Bellsing Acoustic Technology Co., Ltd.
Ruiqi Building
No. 668, Fenting Avenue
Suzhou Industrial Park
Suzhou City, 215028, Jiangsu Province,
China

Bellsing Corporation
3333 Warrenville Rd, #155
Lisle, IL 60532

Dongguan Bellsing Precision Device Co., Ltd.
Fifth Industry Zone, Xieshan Village
Xiegang Town, Dongguan
523598, Guangdong Province,
China

Dongguan Xinyao Electronics Industrial Co., Ltd.
d/b/a Fidue Acoustics
Lihua West Street, Xiakou, Dongcheng District,
523115, Dongguan, Guangdong,
China

Soundlink Co., Ltd.
2F-1# Building North
No. 89 Songshan Road
Shishan Industrial Complex Park
New District
215129 Suzhou, China

Magnatone Hearing Aid Corporation d/b/a Persona
Medical and InEarz Audio
170 N. Cypress Way
Casselberry, FL 32707

Jerry Harvey Audio LLC
111 W. Jefferson St., Ste. 300
Orlando, FL 32801

Magic Dynamics, LLC d/b/a MagicEar
22089 U.S. Hwy 19 N
Clearwater, FL 33765

Campfire Audio, LLC
2400 SE Ankeny St.
Portland, OR 97214

Clear Tune Monitors, Inc.
5528 Commerce Dr.
Orlando, FL 32839

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

(4) 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa R. Barton', enclosed within a large, loopy oval flourish.

Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

Issued: November 22, 2019