

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

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN VACUUM INSULATED
FLASKS AND COMPONENTS
THEREOF**

Inv. No. 337-TA-1216

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 July 29, 2020, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of Steel Technology, LLC d/b/a Hydro Flask of Bend, Oregon and Helen of Troy Limited of El Paso, Texas. A supplement was filed on August 18, 2020. The complaint, as supplemented, 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 vacuum insulated flasks and components thereof by reason of infringement of: (1) the sole claims of U.S. Design Patent No. D806,468 (“the ’468 patent”); U.S. Design Patent No. D786,012 (“the ’012 patent”); U.S. Design Patent No. D799,320 (“the ’320 patent”); and (2) U.S. Trademark Registration No. 4,055,784 (“the ’784 trademark”); U.S. Trademark Registration No. 5,295,365 (“the ’365 trademark”); U.S. Trademark Registration No. 5,176,888 (“the ’888 trademark”); and U.S. Trademark Registration No. 4,806,282 (“the ’282 trademark”). The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by the applicable Federal Statute.

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

ADDRESSES: The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. For help accessing EDIS, please email EDIS3Help@usitc.gov. 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>.

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 (2020).

SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on August 28, 2020, 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:

(a) 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 products identified in paragraph (2) by reason of infringement the sole claim of the '468 patent; the sole claim of the '012 patent; and the sole claim of the '320 patent; and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;

(b) there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(C) 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 products identified in paragraph (2) by reason of infringement of one or more of the '784 trademark; the '365 trademark; the '888 trademark; and the '282 trademark, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337

(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 “vacuum insulated flasks made of stainless steel and caps for such flasks, including round caps with a strap secured on either side of the cap, and straw caps.”;

(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:

Steel Technology, LLC d/b/a
Hydro Flask
525 NW York Drive
Bend, OR 97703

Helen of Troy Limited
1 Helen Of Troy Plaza
El Paso, TX 79912

(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:

Everich and Tomic Houseware Co., Ltd.
29/F, UDC Times Building, Tower A, No. 8,
Xinye Road, Hangzhou, China 310016

Cangnan Kaiyisi E-Commerce Technology
Co., Ltd.
Room 201, No. 119, Building 4,
Demonstration Industrial Park, Longjin
Avenue, Longgang Town, Cangnan County,
Wenzhou, Zhejiang, China 325800

Shenzhen Huichengyuan Technology Co.,
Ltd.
No. 249 Shopping Street, Fuwei Road,
Xiashiwei Village, Fuyong, Baoan District,
Shenzhen, Guangdong, China 518130

Sinbada Impex Co., Ltd.
Room 1001, Baiyue Center, Zhidi Plaza, 200
Huaining Road, Government Affairs District,
Hefei, Anhui, China 231000

Yongkang Huiyun Commodity Co., Ltd.
No. 1, Jiasheng Road, Fangyan Town,
Yongkang, Jinhua, Zhejiang, China 321308

Wuyi Loncin Bottle Co., Limited
Yugui Road, Huachuan Industry Zone,
Yongkang, Jinhua, Zhejiang, China 321300

Yiwu Honglu Daily Necessities Co., Ltd.
No. 53, Lake Gate Village, Yiwu City,
Zhejiang, China 322003

Zhejiang Yuchuan Industry & Trade Co.,
Ltd.
Wangyuan Industry Zone, Quanxi Town, Wuyi
County, Jinhua, Zhejiang, China 321201

Zhejiang Yongkang Unique Industry &
Trade Co., Ltd.
No. 3, Yuansan Road, Baiyun Industry Zone,
Yongkang, Jinhua, Zhejiang, China 321300

Suzhou Prime Gifts Co., Ltd.
Room 412, Block 38, Qidi Tech Park, No. 60,
Weixin Road, Ind. Zone, Suzhou, Jiangsu,
China 215021

Hangzhou Yuehua Technology Co., Ltd.
Room 203, Building 4, Chuangzhi Lvgu
Development Centre, No. 788, Hongpu Road,
Jiangan Dist., Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China
310000

Guangzhou Yawen Technology Co., Ltd.
Room 503, No. 85 South Shatai Road, Tianhe
District, Guangzhou, China 510000

Yiwu Yiju E-commerce Firm
Room 502, Unit 1, Building 55, Zongtang 1st
District, Jiangdong Street, Yiwu City, Zhejiang
Province, China 322000

Jinhua Ruizhi Electronic Commerce Co.,
Ltd.
No. 19 East Huangyantou Village, Bailongqiao
Town, Wucheng District, Jinhua City,
Zhejiang Province, China 321000

Womart (Tianjin) International Trade Co.,
Ltd.
18-1-402, Yilinyuan, Donghai Street, Tianjin,
China 300000

Shenzhen Yaxin General Machinery Co.,
Ltd.
301A, 3 / F, No. 17, Phase 1, Xinxing
Industrial Park, Xinhe Community, Fuhai
Street, Baoan District, Shenzhen, China
518130

Dunhuang Group a.k.a. DHgate
6F Dimeng Commercial Building
No. 3-2 Hua Yuan Road

Haidian District, Beijing, China 100191

Eddie Bauer, LLC
10401 NE 8th Street Suite 500
Bellevue, WA 98004

PSEB Holdings, LLC
Corporation Trust Center 1209 Orange Street,
Wilmington, DE 19810

HydroFlaskPup
4525 East Gelding Drive,
Phoenix, Arizona 85032

(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), as amended in 85 Fed. Reg. 15798 (March 19, 2020), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the complainant 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.



Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

Issued: August 28, 2020