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

In the Matter of

CERTAIN OIL-VAPING CARTRIDGES, COMPONENTS THEREOF, AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING THE SAME

Inv. No. 337-TA-1286

## 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 October 4, 2021, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of Shenzhen Smoore Technology Limited of China. Supplements were filed on October 8, 2021, and October 21, 2021. 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 oil-vaping cartridges, components thereof, and products containing the same by reason of infringement of: (1) certain claims of Patent No. 10,357,623 ("the '623 patent"); U.S. Patent No. 10,791,763 ("the '763 patent"); U.S. Patent No. 10,791,762 ("the '762 patent"); and (2) U.S. Registered Trademark No. 5,633,060 ("the '060 mark"). 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 limited exclusion order and a cease and desist order.

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

**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 November 3, 2021, **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 subsections (a)(1)(B) and (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 claims 1-3, 5, and 6 of the '623 patent; claims 1, 2, and 7 of the '762 patent; claims 1 and 11 of the '763 patent; and the '060 mark, 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 "oil-vaping cartridges having a liquid reservoir for containing a vaporizable oil;"
- (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 complainant is:

Shenzhen Smoore Technology Limited Block 16, Dongcai Industry Park Gushu Village, Bao'an District Shenzhen, 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:

BBTank USA, LLC 213 Secor Road #583 Lambertville, MI 48144

Glo Extracts 6230 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90048 BulkCarts.com 42010 Koppernick Road, Ste 114 Canton, MI 48187

Greenwave Naturals LLC 11800 Silkwood Cove Austin, TX 78739

BoldCarts.com 1810 W. 4th St. Tempe, AZ 85281

Bold Crafts, Inc. 420 Goddard Ave., Irvine, CA 92618

Blinc Group Holdings, LLC 40 Fulton Street, 6 Floor New York, NY 10038

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Advanced Vapor Devices, LLC 1230 Long Beach Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90021

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AlderEgo Group Limited ("AEG") Room 21, Unit A, 11F, Tin Wui Industrial Building, No. 3 Hing Wong Street, Tuen Mun, N.T., Hong Kong A&A Global Imports, Inc. d/b/a Marijuana Packaging 3359 East 50th Street Vernon, CA 90058

Bulk Natural, LLC d/b/a True Terpenes 524 E Burnside Street, Suite 600 Portland, OR 97214

Brand King, LLC 717 Del Paso Road Sacramento, CA 95834

ZTCSMOKE USA Inc. 599B West John Sims Pkwy Niceville, FL 35278

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Head Candy Enterprise Ltd. 121-618 East Kent Ave. South Vancouver, BC V5X 0B1, Canada

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Cannary Packaging Inc. 9-1415 Hunter Court Kelowna BC, V1X 6E6, Canada

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HW Supply, LLC 324 Airport Industrial Dr. Ypsilanti, MI, 48198

International Vapor Group, LLC 14300 Commerce Way Miami Lakes, FL 33016

Obsidian Supply, Inc. 16 Technology Dr. #103 Irvine, CA 92618

Ygreeninc.com 671 Brea Canyon Road, Suite-2 Walnut, CA 91789

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Best Value Vacs, LLC 1251 Frontenac Road, Suite 150 Naperville, IL 60563

Royalsupplywholesale.com 5432 Geary Blvd., Suite 321 San Francisco, CA 94121

Customcanabisbranding.com 5432 Geary Blvd., Ste. 321 San Francisco, CA 94121 CLK Global, Inc. 5432 Geary Blvd., Ste. 321 San Francisco, CA 94121

iKrusher.com 11818 Clark Street Arcadia, CA 91006

The Calico Group Inc. 2801 Via Fortuna Suite 675 Austin, TX 78746

- (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: November 4, 2021