

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN REFRIGERATOR WATER
FILTRATION DEVICES AND
COMPONENTS THEREOF**

Inv. No. 337-TA-1290

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 December 15, 2021, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of LG Electronics Inc. of Korea, and LG Electronics Alabama, Inc. of Huntsville, Alabama. A supplement was filed on December 23, 2021. The complaint 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 refrigerator water filtration devices and components thereof by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,653,984 (“the ’984 patent”); U.S. Patent No. 10,639,570 (“the ’570 patent”); and U.S. Patent No. 10,188,972 (“the ’972 patent”). 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 limited exclusion orders, 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 (2021).

SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on January 14, 2022, 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)(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 of one or more of claims 1-7 of the '984 patent; claims 1-9 of the 570 patent; and claims 1, 6, 10-13, 15, and 17-19 of the '972 patent, 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 "water filters for refrigerators, water filter assemblies and interconnection subassemblies for refrigerators, and water purifying apparatuses and filter structures for refrigerators";

(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:

LG Electronics Inc.
LG Twin Towers, 128 Yeoui-daero, Yeongdeungpo-gu
Seoul, Republic of Korea, 07736

LG Electronics Alabama, Inc.
201 James Record Road
Huntsville, AL 35824

(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:

Clearwater Filters
770 Canary Drive
Lakewood, NJ 08701

Express Parts LLC d/b/a Express Parts!!!
78 Broad Street
Keyport, NJ 07735

Freshlab LLC
9473 NW 24th Rd.
Gainesville, FL 32606

Zhang Ping d/b/a Ice Water Filter
Qianxiangzhenqianycun, Dongyang,
Zhejiang, 322100
China

Jiangsu Angkua Environmental Technical Co., Ltd.
555 Yishou North Road
Rugao, Nantong
Jiangsu, 226500
China

Liu Qi d/b/a LQQY
No. 2-19, Baijiazhuang Village
Zaolin Township, Lishi District
Luliang City
Shanxi Province, 033099
China

Lvliangshilishiquhuiliwujinbaihuoshan Ghang d/b/a LYLYMX
Zaolin Township, Lishi District
Luliang
Shanxi Province, 033000
China

Ninbo Haishu Bichun Technology Co., Ltd. D/B/A Ninbo Hai Shu Bi
Chun Ke Ji You Xian Gong Si D/B/A Pureza Filters
747 N. Church Rd., Unit G1
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Ninbo Haishu Keze Replacement Equipment Co., Ltd. d/b/a
Ningboshihaishukezejinghuashebeiyou Xiangongsi D/B/A Kozero Filter
Haishuquwangchungongyeyuanqu
Kexinlu269hao
Ningboshi
Zhejiang, 315100
China

Ningbo Bichun Technology Co., Ltd.
No. 269, Kexin Avenue, Wangchun Industrial Park
Haishu District
Ningbo City
Zhejiang Province, 315000
China

Ningbo Haishu Shun'anjie Water Purification Equipment LLC
No. 181-197, Shanshan Road, Wangchun Industrial Park
Haishu District
Ningbo
Zhejiang, 315000
China

Pursafet Water Filter (Wuhan) Inc.
(10) 1st-4th Floor, Plant 1, No. 1, Mintian Village, Jinghe Office
Dongxihu District,
Wuhan
Hubei, 430040
China

Shenzen Hangling E-Commerce Co. Ltd D/B/A
Shenzhenshilinghangdianzhishangwuy Ouxiangongshi d/b/a Best Belvita
747 N. Church Rd., Unit G1,
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Shenzhen Yu Tian Qi Technology Co., Ltd. D/B/A Shen Zhen Shi Yu
Tian Qi Ke Ji You Xian Gong Si d/b/a GLACIERFRESH
Longgangquhanggangjiedao, Huaxi12xiang9hao302shi
Shenzhen
Guangdong, 518356
China

Aicuiying d/b/a Belvita Water
803, Building 2, No.592, Bulong Road, Bantian Street
Shenzhen
Guangdong Province, 518000
China

Isave Strategic Marketing Group LLC d/b/a Isave
1460 Broadway
New York, NY 10036

Qinghaishunzexiaofangjianceyouxiang Ongsi d/b/a Ezeey
Room 20711, 7th Floor, Unit 2, Building 1, No. 71, Wusi Street
Chengxi District
Xining City
Qinghai Province, 810001
China

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Jiaxuanyazhubaofuzhuang
Dong liguojierqi15-2-301
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All Filters LLC d/b/a Allfilters
1991 W Parkway Blvd.
Salt Lake City, UT 84119

GT Sourcing Inc. d/b/a GT Sourcing
15 Melnick Dr., Unit 22
Monsey, NY 10952

JJ Imports LLC d/b/a Prime Filters
319 E 54 St.
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

Tianjin Tianchuang Best Pure Environmental Science and Technology Co.
Ltd. d/b/a Tianjin Tianchuang Bestpure Huanbao Keji Co. Ltd. d/b/a
Healthy Home~
Tianjin Tianjin Room 1247
Building 1, NO. 118, Ri
Tianjin
Tianjin, 300301
China

Top Pure (Usa) Inc. d/b/a Toppure d/b/a Icepure
717 San Gabriel River Pkwy, #A
Pico Rivera, CA 90660

W&L Trading LLC d/b/a Aqualink
1827 Peppervine Rd
Frisco, TX 75033-0707

Yunda H&H Tech (Tianjin) Co., LTD. d/b/a Tianjin Yuanda Gongmao
Youxian Gongsu d/b/a Pureplus
729hao Jinghai Jingji Kaifa Qu
Tianjinshi
Tianjinshi, 301600
China

Refresh Filters LLC d/b/a Refresh My Water
1460 Broadway
New York, NY 10036

Qingdao Ecopure Filter Co., Ltd d/b/a Waterdropdirect
No. 13 Yishengbai Rd.
Environmental Protection Industry Zone
Qingdao
Shandong, 266200
China

Qingdao Maxwell Commercial and Trading Company Ltd d/b/a Water
Purity Expert
No. 401 Mincheng Rd, Room 1102
Unit 2, Building 16
Qingdao Chengyang
Shandong, 266000
China

Qingdao Uniwell Trading Co., Ltd. d/b/a Qingdao Youniwei Shang Mao
You Xian Gong Si d/b/a Uniwell Filter
Xianggangdonglu195hao
Shangshizhongxin7haolou403
Qingdao
Shandong, 266100
China

(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 complainants 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/the respondents 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 shape.

Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

Issued: January 14, 2022