

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN WET DRY SURFACE
CLEANING DEVICES**

Investigation No. 337-TA-1304

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR
DETERMINING WHETHER TO REVIEW A FINAL INITIAL DETERMINATION**

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 deadline for determining whether to review a final initial determination (“FID”) of the Chief Administrative Law Judge (“CALJ”) in the above-captioned investigation to August 1, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynde Herzbach, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-3228. 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>. 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 9, 2022, 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 Bissell Inc. and Bissell Homecare, Inc., both of Grand Rapids, Michigan (collectively, “Complainants”). *See* 87 FR 13311-12 (March 9, 2022). 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 wet dry surface cleaning devices by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 11,076,735 (“the ’735 patent”); 11,071,428 (“the ’428 patent”); 11,122,949 (“the ’949 patent”); 11,096,541 (“the ’541 patent”) and 10,820,769 (“the ’769 patent”). *Id.* The complaint further alleges that a domestic industry exists. *Id.* The notice of investigation names as respondents Tineco Intelligent Technology Co., Ltd. of Suzhou City, China; TEK (Hong Kong) Science & Technology Ltd. of Hong Kong; and Tineco Intelligent, Inc. of Seattle, Washington (collectively, “Respondents”). *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is not participating in this investigation.

On March 24, 2023, the CALJ issued the FID finding that a violation of section 337 has occurred in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation, of certain wet dry surface cleaning devices that infringe asserted claims 1, 13, and 15 of the '735 patent and asserted claim 1 of the '428 patent. The FID further finds no violation of section 337 with respect to the asserted claims of the '949 patent, the '769 patent, and the '541 patent. On April 7, 2023, the CALJ issued a recommended determination on remedy and bonding should the Commission find a violation of section 337.

On April 7, 2023, both Complainants and Respondents filed combined petitions and contingent petitions requesting review of certain findings. On April 17, 2023, Complainants and Respondents filed their respective responses to the petitions for review.

On May 8, 2023, Representative Hillary J. Sholten filed a submission in response to a Commission notice seeing public interest submission. *See* 88 FR 22479-80 (Apr. 13, 2023). On May 9, 2023, Complainants filed a submission on the public interest pursuant to Commission Rule 210.50(a)(4). 19 CFR 210.52(a)(4).

The Commission has determined to extend the deadline for determining whether to review the FID to August 1, 2023.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on July 17, 2023.

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.



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Secretary to the Commission

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