UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN SOFT PROJECTILE LAUNCHING DEVICES, COMPONENTS THEREOF, AMMUNITION, AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING SAME **Investigation No. 337-TA-1325**

NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW THREE INITIAL DETERMINATIONS TERMINATING THE INVESTIGATION WITH RESPECT TO PATENT CLAIMS AND RESPONDENTS

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review three initial determinations ("ID") (Order Nos. 42, 44, and 45) issued by the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ"), terminating the investigation with respect to seven respondents based on settlement and with respect to three patent claims based on the complainants' partial withdrawal of the complaint.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 26, 2022, the Commission instituted this investigation based on a complaint, as amended, filed on behalf of Hasbro, Inc. of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and Spin Master, Inc. of Los Angeles, California (together, "Complainants"). 87 FR 52595-96 (Aug. 26, 2022). The complaint, as amended and supplemented, alleged violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, 19 U.S.C. 1337, based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain soft projectile launching devices, components thereof, ammunition, and products containing same that infringe claims 1-15 and 17-21 of U.S. Patent No. 8,371,282 ("the '282 patent") and claims 1-6 and 10-15 of U.S. Patent No. 8,640,683 ("the '683 patent"). *Id.* at 52595. The complaint also alleged that a domestic industry exists or is in the process of being established. *Id.* The Commission's notice of investigation names as respondents, which are

divided into three groups: (1) Shenzhen Yi Jin Electronics Science of Shenzhen City, China; Guangdong Yu Lee Technology Corporation of Dongguan City, China; Yu Lee Company Ltd. of Tsuen Wan, Hong Kong; and Gel Blaster Inc. f/k/a Gel Blaster, LLC of Austin, Texas (collectively, "Gel Blaster"); (2) S-Beam Precision Products Ltd. of Zhongshan City, China; Splat-R-Ball, LLC of Rogers, Arkansas; and Daisy Manufacturing Company of Rogers, Arkansas (collectively, "Splat-R-Ball"); and (3) Prime Time Toys Ltd. of Kwun Tong, Hong Kong; Prime Time Toys LLC of Pompton Lakes, New Jersey; and Easebon Services Ltd. of Kwun Tong, Hong Kong ("collectively, "PTT"). *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is participating in this investigation. *Id.*

The Commission previously terminated the investigation with respect to claims 1-5, 7, 9-15, 17, 18 and 21 of the '282 patent and claims 2-4, 6, 10, 12, 13 and 15 of the '683 patent based on Complainants' partial withdrawal of its allegations. Order No. 10 (Oct. 25, 2022), unreviewed by Comm'n Notice (Nov. 16, 2022); Order No. 21 (Jan. 18, 2023), unreviewed by Comm'n Notice (Feb. 14, 2023).

On May 15, 2023, Complainants filed unopposed motions to terminate the investigation with respect to Gel Blaster based on settlement and with respect to claim 6 of the '282 patent and claims 1 and 11 of the '683 patent ("the withdrawn claims"), respectively. On May 17, 2023, Complainants filed a motion to terminate the investigation with respect to Splat-R-Ball based on settlement. Although PTT initially opposed the termination of Splat-R-Ball, they later withdrew their opposition.

On May 17, 2023, the ALJ issued two IDs (Order Nos. 42 and 44) pursuant to Commission Rule 210.21(b) (19 CFR 210.21(b)), granting the motions to terminate the investigation with respect to Gel Blaster and the withdrawn claims. On May 19, 2023, the ALJ issued an ID (Order No. 45) pursuant to Commission Rule 210.21(b), granting the motion to terminate the investigation with respect to Splat-R-Ball. No party petitioned for review of any of the IDs.

The Commission has determined not to review these three IDs—Order Nos. 42, 44, and 45. Gel Blaster, Splat-R-Ball, claim 6 of the '282 patent, and claims 1 and 11 of the '683 patent are hereby terminated from this investigation.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on May 30, 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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