

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN COMPUTING DEVICES
WITH ASSOCIATED INSTRUCTION
SETS AND SOFTWARE**

Inv. No. 337-TA-812

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 September 22, 2011, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1337, on behalf of VIA Technologies, Inc. of Taiwan; IP-First, LLC of Fremont, California; and Centaur Technology, Inc. of Austin, Texas. An amended complaint was filed on October 13, 2011. A letter further amending the Amended Complaint was filed on October 31, 2011. The amended 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 computing devices with associated instruction sets and software by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,253,312 (“the ‘312 patent”); U.S. Patent No. 6,253,311 (“the ‘311 patent”); U.S. Patent No. 6,754,810 (“the ‘810 patent”); U.S. Patent No. 7,185,180 (“the ‘180 patent”); and U.S. Patent No. 7,155,598 (“the ‘598 patent”). The amended complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists or is in the process of being established as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

The complainants request that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue an exclusion order and a cease and desist order.

ADDRESSES: The amended complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, is available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Room 112, Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000. 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 <http://www.usitc.gov>. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205-2560.

AUTHORITY: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. § 210.10 (2011).

SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION: Having considered the amended complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on November 7, 2011, 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 computing devices with associated instruction sets and software that infringe one or more of claims 1-4, 7-10, and 26-29 of the '312 patent; claims 1, 14, and 21 of the '311 patent; claims 20, 27, and 30 of the '810 patent; claims 23, 24 and 28-30 of the '598 patent; and claims 1-3 and 10-14 of the '180 patent, and whether an industry in the United States exists or is in the process of being established as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;

(2) 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:

VIA Technologies, Inc.
8F, No. 535 Zhongzheng Road
Xindian District
New Taipei City 231
Taiwan

IP-First, LLC
940 Mission Court
Fremont, CA 94539

Centaur Technology, Inc.
7600-C N. Capital of Texas Highway
Austin, TX 78731-1180

(b) The respondent is the following entity alleged to be in violation of section 337, and is the party upon which the amended complaint is to be served:

Apple Inc., a/k/a Apple Computer, Inc.
1 Infinite Loop
Cupertino, CA 95014

(c) The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Suite 401, Washington, D.C. 20436; and

(3) 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 amended complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondent 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(d)-(e) and 210.13(a), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission of the amended complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the amended complaint and the notice of investigation will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of the respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the amended complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the amended 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 amended 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.

/s/
James R. Holbein
Secretary to the Commission

Issued: November 7, 2011