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

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN OPAQUE POLYMERS** 

**Investigation No. 337-TA-883** 

## NOTICE OF COMMISSION DECISION TO EXTEND THE DATE FOR DECIDING WHETHER TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION OF DEFAULT AND SANCTIONS BY APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS

**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 date for determining whether to review an initial determination ("ID") (Order No. 27) by the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ") finding respondents in default and ordering sanctions from November 19, 2014 to December 11, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clark S. Cheney, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-2661. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be 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., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at <a href="http://www.usitc.gov">http://www.usitc.gov</a>. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <a href="http://edis.usitc.gov">http://edis.usitc.gov</a>. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on June 21, 2013, based on a complaint filed by the Dow Chemical Company of Midland, Michigan, and by Rohm and Haas Company and Rohm and Haas Chemicals LLC, both of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (collectively, "Dow"). 78 Fed. Reg. 37571 (June 21, 2013). The complaint alleged violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended 19 U.S.C. § 1337, by reason of the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain opaque polymers that infringe certain claims of four United States patents. The notice of institution named five respondents: Organik Kimya San. ve Tic. A.Ş of Istanbul, Turkey; Organik Kimya Netherlands B.V. of Rotterdam-Botlek, Netherlands; Organik Kimya US, Inc. of Burlington, Massachusetts; Turk International LLC of Aptos,

California; and Aalborz Chemical LLC d/b/a All Chem of Grand Rapids, Michigan (collectively, "Organik Kimya"). The complaint and notice of investigation have since been amended to add allegations of misappropriation of trade secrets. 78 Fed. Reg. 71643 (Nov. 29, 2013).

On May 19, 2014, Dow filed a motion for default and other sanctions against Organik Kimya for discovery abuse. On May 21, 2014, Organik Kimya filed a motion to terminate based upon a consent order. On July 8-9, 2014, the ALJ conducted a hearing on the pending motions. On October 20, 2014, the ALJ issued an ID finding Organik Kimya in default, under Commission Rule 210.42(c), and ordering monetary sanctions jointly and severally against Organik Kimya and its counsel. On October 28, 2014, Organik Kimya filed a petition with the Commission for review of the ID.

Under Commission Rule 210.43(d), the Commission shall decide whether to grant Organik Kimya's petition for review of the ID within 30 days after service of the ID or by such other time as the Commission may order. The Commission has determined to extend the date for deciding whether to review the ID until December 11, 2014.

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 C.F.R. Part 210).

By order of the Commission.

Lisa R. Barton

Secretary to the Commission

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