

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN RUBBER ANTIDegradANTS,
COMPONENTS THEREOF, AND
PRODUCTS CONTAINING SAME**

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) **Inv. No. 337-TA-533**
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**NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION TO EXTEND
THE TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATION**

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 target date for completion of the above-captioned investigation to July 12, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Herrington, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-3090. Copies of the final initial determination (“ID”) issued by the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) and all other nonconfidential 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 (<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>. 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: The Commission instituted this section 337 investigation on March 29, 2005, based on a complaint filed by Flexsys America LP. 70 *Fed. Reg.* 15885 (March 29, 2005). The complaint, as supplemented, alleged violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain rubber antidegradants, components thereof, and products containing same that infringe claims 30 and 61 of U.S. Patent No. 5,117,063, claims 7 and 11 of U.S. Patent No. 5,608,111, and claims 1, 32, and 40 of U.S. Patent No. 6,140,538 (“the ‘538 patent”). The complaint and notice of investigation named five

respondents. The investigation was subsequently terminated as to two respondents and as to the '538 patent.

On February 17, 2006, the ALJ issued his final ID finding a violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. § 1337), by respondents Sinorgchem Co., Shandong, and Sovereign Chemical Company, but finding no violation of section 337 by respondent Korea Kumho Petrochemical Co., Ltd. The ALJ recommended that the Commission issue limited exclusion orders, but did not recommend that any bond be imposed for importations during the Presidential review period. All parties petitioned for review of various parts of the final ID. On April 13, 2006, the Commission issued notice that it had determined to review the final ID in its entirety.

The Commission has determined to extend the target date for completion of the investigation from May 29, 2006, to July 12, 2006.

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 section 210.51 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. § 210.51).

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott
Secretary to the Commission

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