

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN MODIFIED VACCINIA
ANKARA (“MVA”) VIRUSES AND
VACCINES AND PHARMACEUTICAL
COMPOSITIONS BASED THEREON**

Investigation No. 337-TA-550

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION
NOT TO REVIEW INITIAL DETERMINATION EXTENDING
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 not to review the initial determination (“ID”) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”), extending the target date for completion of the above-captioned investigation to February 20, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James A. Worth, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-3065. 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 (<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: This investigation was instituted on September 23, 2005, based on a complaint filed by Bavarian Nordic A/S of Denmark (“Bavarian Nordic”). The complaint alleged violations of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain Modified Vaccinia

Ankara (“MVA”) viruses and vaccines and pharmaceutical compositions based thereon by reason of infringement of various claims of United States Patent Nos. 6,761,893 and 6,913,752. The complaint also alleged violations of section 337 in the importation of certain MVA viruses and vaccines and pharmaceutical compositions based thereon or in the sale of such articles by reason of misappropriation of trade secrets, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure an industry in the United States. The complaint named a single respondent, Acambis PLC (“Acambis”) of the United Kingdom. Only the patent allegations remain in this investigation.

After a hearing and post-hearing briefing, the ALJ issued a final initial determination (“final ID”) on September 6, 2006, finding no violation of section 337. The ALJ held that the patents were infringed but invalid.

Bavarian Nordic, Acambis, and the Commission investigative attorney filed petitions for review of the final ID. By notice of November 22, 2006, the Commission determined to review the final ID in its entirety, as well as Order No. 10, and to ask the parties for briefing on the issues on review and on remedy, the public interest, and bonding. On February 21, 2007, the Commission determined to remand the final ID to the ALJ and to extend the target date for completion of the investigation by eight months to October 19, 2007. On June 11, 2007, the Commission reassigned the investigation to another ALJ because of the departure of the presiding ALJ. On July 19, 2007, the new presiding ALJ issued the subject ID, extending the target date to February 20, 2008. No petitions for review have been filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. § 1337), and of sections 210.42(h)(3) and 210.51(a) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR §§ 210.42(h)(3) and 210.51(a)).

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott
Secretary to the Commission

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