

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN STRINGED MUSICAL
INSTRUMENTS AND COMPONENTS
THEREOF**

Investigation No. 337-TA-586

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION DECISION 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 under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1337 (“section 337”) by fourteen (14) days.

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: On November 3, 2006, the Commission instituted an investigation titled *Certain Stringed Musical Instruments and Components Thereof*, Inv. No. 337-TA-586, based upon a complaint filed October 3, 2006, and supplemented October 24, 2006. 71 Fed. Reg. 64738 (November 3, 2006). The complaint alleged violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1337, in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain

stringed musical instruments and components thereof by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1-6, 8, 9, and 11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,175,066; claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 5,965,831; claims 1 and 14-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,891,094; and claims 1-3, 6-10, 14, 15, 23, 27, 28, and 32 of U.S. Patent No. 5,986,191. The complaint named as respondents Floyd Rose Guitars (Redmond, Washington) (“Rose”); Ibanez, Inc. (Hoshino) US (Bensalem, Pennsylvania); Vigier, Inc. (Grigny, France); and Schaller Electronic (Postbauer-Heng, Germany) (“Schaller”). Rose and Schaller are the only remaining respondents.

On December 3, 2007, the ALJ issued an ID finding no violation of section 337, reasoning that the economic prong of the domestic industry requirement was not met as required by section 337(a)(2), (3). Two petitions for review were filed.

On December 21, 2007, the Commission issued a notice extending the deadline for determining whether to review the final ID by fifteen (15) days until February 1, 2008. On February 1, 2008, the Commission issued a notice extending the deadline for determining whether to review the ID to February 8, 2008, and extending the target date for completion of the investigation to April 10, 2008. On February 7, 2008, the Commission determined to review the subject ID in its entirety, and issued a notice requesting briefing on the issues on review, including certain specific questions. The Commission has now determined to extend the target date by fourteen (14) days to April 24, 2008.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. § 1337), and section 210.51(a) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 210.51(a)).

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott
Secretary to the Commission

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