NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION TO EXTEND THE TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATION BY ONE MONTH


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 by one month to February 23, 2009.

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: The Commission instituted this investigation on May 10, 2007, based upon a complaint filed on behalf of Tate & Lyle Technology Ltd. of London, United Kingdom, and Tate & Lyle Sucralose, Inc. of Decatur, Illinois (collectively, “Tate & Lyle”). The complaint alleged violations of section 337(a)(1)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (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 sucralose, sweeteners containing sucralose, and related intermediate compounds thereof by reason of infringement of various claims of United States Patent Nos. 4,980,463; 5,470,969; 5,034,551; 5,498,709; and 7,049,435. The notice of investigation named twenty-five respondents.

On August 25, 2008, the Commission issued notice of its determination not to review an initial determination of the presiding administrative law judge extending the target date for completion of the investigation by one week to January 21, 2009.
On September 22, 2008, the presiding administrative law judge issued a final initial determination (“final ID”) finding no violation of section 337 in the above-identified investigation (with the exception of certain non-participating and defaulted respondents). On November 21, 2008, the Commission determined to review the final ID in its entirety, and issued a notice requesting briefing on the issues on review, remedy, the public interest, and bonding, including certain specific questions.

The Commission has determined to extend the target date for completion of the investigation by one month to Monday, February 23, 2009.

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 section 210.51(a) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 210.51(a)).

By order of the Commission.

/s/
Marilyn R. Abbott
Secretary to the Commission

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