

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN R-134a COOLANT
(OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 1,1,1,2-
TETRAFLUOROETHANE)**

Inv. No. 337-TA-623

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission

ACTION: Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. § 1337

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on November 20, 2007, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1337, on behalf of INEOS Fluor Limited of the United Kingdom and INEOS Fluor Americas LLC of St. Gabriel, Louisiana. A supplemental letter and amended complaint, which included another complainant, INEOS Fluor Holdings Limited of the United Kingdom, were filed on December 13, 2007. The complaint, as supplemented and amended, alleges 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 R-134a coolant (otherwise known as 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane) by reason of infringement of the claims of U.S. Patent No. 5,744,658. The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

The complainants request that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a general exclusion order and cease and desist orders.

ADDRESSES: The complaint, supplement, and amended complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, are 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., Room 112, Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at <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>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Joffre, Esq., Office of Unfair Import

Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205-2550.

AUTHORITY: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. § 210.10 (2007).

SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on December 19, 2007, ORDERED THAT –

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain R-134a coolant (otherwise known as 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane) by reason of infringement of claims 1 and 2 of U.S. Patent No. 5,744,658, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;

(2) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainants are –

INEOS Fluor Holdings Limited
The Heath
Runcorn, Cheshire, WA74QX
United Kingdom

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Runcorn, Cheshire, WA74QX
United Kingdom

INEOS Fluor Americas LLC
4990 B ICI Road
St. Gabriel, LA 70776

(b) The respondents are the following entities alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint is to be served:

SinoChem Modern Environmental
Protection Chemicals (Xi'an) Co., Ltd.
(Corporation China)
Jinhe Industrial Area
Xi'an Economic-Technological
Development Zone
Xi'an, 710201
Shaanxi, China

SinoChem Ningbo Ltd.
21 Jiangxia Str.
Ningbo, 315000
Zhejiang, China

(c) The Commission investigative attorney, party to this investigation, is Erin Joffre, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Room 401E, Washington, D.C. 20436; and

(3) For the investigation so instituted, the Honorable Paul J. Luckern is designated as the presiding administrative law judge.

Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. § 210.13. Pursuant to 19 C.F.R. §§ 201.16(d) and 210.13(a), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of an exclusion order or cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott
Secretary to the Commission