

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN FOODSERVICE
EQUIPMENT AND COMPONENTS
THEREOF**

Investigation No. 337-TA-1166

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION TO EXTEND THE TARGET DATE
FOR COMPLETION OF THIS INVESTIGATION**

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission (“Commission”) has determined to extend until October 14, 2021, the target date for completion of the above-captioned investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Traud, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-3427. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. For help accessing EDIS, please email EDIS3Help@usitc.gov. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at <https://www.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 July 3, 2019, based on a complaint filed on behalf of Illinois Tool Works, Inc. of Glenview, Illinois; Vesta Global Limited of Hong Kong; Vesta (Guangzhou) Catering Equipment Co., Ltd. of China; and Admiral Craft Equipment Corp. of Westbury, New York (collectively, “Complainants”). 84 FR 31911 (Jul. 3, 2019). The complaint, as supplemented, alleged violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, based upon the importation of articles into the United States, or in the sale of such articles by the owner, importer, or consignee of certain foodservice equipment and components thereof by reason of misappropriation of trade secrets and unfair competition through tortious interference with contractual relationships, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure a domestic industry. *Id.* at 31911–12. The notice of investigation named as respondents Guangzhou Rebenet Catering Equipment Manufacturing Co., Ltd.; Zhou Hao; Aceplus International Limited (aka Ace Plus International Ltd.); Guangzhou Liangsheng Trading Co.,

Ltd.; and Zeng Zhaoliang, all of China. *Id.* at 31912. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations (“OUII”) was also named as a party in this investigation. *Id.*

On June 4, 2021, the ALJ issued the final initial determination (“ID”), which found that Respondents did not violate section 337. On June 21, 2021, Complainants, Respondents, and OUII filed petitions for review. On June 29, 2021, the parties filed responses to the petitions. On August 4, 2021, the Commission determined to review in part the final ID and requested briefing on the issues under review and on remedy, the public interest, and bonding. 86 FR 44054 (Aug. 11, 2021).

On August 19, 2021, the parties filed their written submissions on the issues under review and on remedy, public interest, and bonding, and on August 26, 2021, the parties filed their reply submissions.

Currently, the target date for completion of this investigation is October 4, 2021. The Commission has determined to extend the target date for completion of this investigation to October 14, 2021.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on October 4, 2021.

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 Part 210 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR Part 210).

By order of the Commission.



Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

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