

**UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.**

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN REFRIGERATOR WATER
FILTRATION DEVICES AND
COMPONENTS THEREOF**

Investigation No. 337-TA-1290

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION DECISION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL
DETERMINATION GRANTING AN UNOPPOSED JOINT MOTION FOR
PARTIAL TERMINATION OF THE INVESTIGATION AS TO A RESPONDENT
BASED ON A CONSENT ORDER; ISSUANCE OF A CONSENT ORDER**

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to affirm an initial determination (“ID”) (Order No. 14) of the presiding Chief Administrative Law Judge (“CALJ”) granting an unopposed joint motion for termination of the investigation as to respondent JJ Imports LLC of Elmwood Park, New Jersey (“JJ Imports”) based upon entry of a consent order stipulation and a proposed consent order. The Commission has issued a consent order as to JJ Imports.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Houda Morad, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 708-4716. 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: On January 21, 2022, the Commission instituted this investigation under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337 (“section 337”), based on a complaint filed by LG Electronics Inc. of Seoul, South Korea and LG Electronics Alabama, Inc. of Huntsville, Alabama (collectively, “LGE”). *See* 87 FR 3331-33 (Jan. 21, 2022). The complaint, as supplemented, alleges a violation of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain refrigerator water filtration devices and components thereof by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 10,653,984; 10,639,570; and 10,188,972. *See id.* In addition to JJ Imports, the notice of investigation names the following respondents: Clearwater Filters of Lakewood, New Jersey; Express Parts LLC of Keyport, New Jersey; Freshlab LLC of Gainesville, Florida; Zhang Ping of Dongyang, China; Jiangsu Angkua

Environmental Technical Co., Ltd., of Nantong, China; Liu Qi of Luliang City, China; Lvliangshilishiquhuiliwujinbaihuoshan Ghang of Luliang, China; Ninbo Haishu Bichun Technology Co., Ltd. of Elmhurst, Illinois; Ninbo Haishu Keze Replacement Equipment Co., Ltd. of Ningboshi, China; Ningbo Bichun Technology Co., Ltd. of Ningbo City, China; Ningbo Haishu Shun'anjie Water Purification Equipment LLC of Ningbo, China; Pursafet Water Filter (Wuhan) Inc. of Wuhan, China; Shenzen Hangling E-Commerce Co. Ltd of Elmhurst, Illinois; Shenzhen Yu Tian Qi Technology Co., Ltd. of Shenzhen, China; Aicuiying of Shenzhen, China; Isave Strategic Marketing Group LLC of New York, New York; Qinghaishunzexiaofangjianceyouxiang Ongsi of Xining City, China; Zhenpingxianjiaxuanyazhubaofuzhu Anggongyipinyouxia of Wuhanshi, China; All Filters LLC of Salt Lake City, Utah; GT Sourcing Inc. of Monsey, New York; Tianjin Tianchuang Best Pure Environmental Science And Technology Co. Ltd. of Tianjin, China; Top Pure (Usa) Inc. of Pico Rivera, California; W&L Trading LLC of Frisco, Texas; Yunda H&H Tech (Tianjin) Co., LTD. of Tianjinshi, China; Refresh Filters LLC of New York, New York; Qingdao Ecopure Filter Co., Ltd of Qingdao, China; Qingdao Maxwell Commercial and Trading Company Ltd of Qingdao Chengyang, China; Qingdao Uniwell Trading Co., Ltd. of Qingdao, China. *See id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations (“OUII”) is also a party to the investigation. *See id.*

On March 16, 2022, LGE and JJ Imports filed an unopposed joint motion to terminate the investigation as to JJ Imports based on the entry of a consent order stipulation and a proposed consent order. On March 23, 2022, OUII filed a response in support of the joint motion. No other response was filed.

On March 30, 2022, the CALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 14) granting the joint motion. The ID notes that, pursuant to Commission Rule 210.21(c)(1)(ii), 19 CFR 210.21(c)(1)(ii), LGE and JJ Imports provided a consent order stipulation and a proposed consent order, and represented that “[t]here are no other agreements, written or oral, express or implied, between LGE and JJ Imports concerning the subject matter of this Investigation.” *See* ID at 1. In addition, the ID finds that the consent order stipulation and the proposed consent order comply with Commission Rule 210.21(c)(3)-(4), 19 CFR 210.21(c)(3)-(4). *See id.* at 2. Furthermore, in accordance with Commission Rule 210.50(b)(2), 19 CFR 210.50(b)(2), the ID finds that “any effect the proposed consent order may have on the statutory public interest factors does not counsel against entry of the order.” *See id.* at 3. The ID also suspends the procedural schedule with respect to JJ Imports pending Commission review of the ID. *See id.* at 3-4.

No petition for review of the subject ID was filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID and has issued a consent order as to JJ Imports.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on April 12, 2022.

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).

While temporary remote operating procedures are in place in response to COVID-19, the Office of the Secretary is not able to serve parties that have not retained counsel or otherwise provided a point of contact for electronic service. Accordingly, pursuant to Commission Rules 201.16(a) and 210.7(a)(1) (19 CFR 201.16(a), 210.7(a)(1)), the Commission orders that the complainant(s) complete service for any party/parties without a method of electronic service noted on the attached Certificate of Service and shall file proof of service on the Electronic Document Information System (EDIS).

By order of the Commission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa R. Barton", enclosed within a large, loopy oval flourish.

Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

Issued: April 12, 2022