INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Agency Proposal for the Collection of Information Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review; Comment Request


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Commission has submitted a proposal for the collection of information to OMB for approval. The proposed information collection is a 3-year extension of the current “generic clearance” (approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control No. 3117–0016) under which the Commission can issue information collections (specifically, producer, importer, purchaser, and foreign producer questionnaires and certain institution notices) for the following types of import injury investigations: Antidumping, countervailing duty, escape clause, market disruption, NAFTA safeguard, and “interference with programs of the USDA.” Any comments submitted to OMB on the proposed information collection should be specific, indicating which part of the questionnaires or study plan are objectionable, describing the issue in detail, and including specific revisions or language changes.

DATES: To be assured of consideration, comments should be submitted to OMB by May 25, 2017.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the proposed collection of information and supporting documentation may be obtained from Nathanael Comly (USITC, Nathanael.comly@usitc.gov; 202–205–3174). Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter 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 (http://www.usitc.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

(1) The proposed information collection consists of five forms, namely the Sample Producers’, Sample Importers’, Sample Purchasers’, and Sample Foreign Producers’ questionnaires (separate forms are provided for questionnaires issued for the five-year reviews), Sample Administrative Protective Order Application Form and Sample Notice of Institution for Five-Year Reviews.

(2) The types of items contained within the sample questionnaires, administrative protective order application, and institution notice are largely determined by statute. Actual questions formulated for use in a specific investigation depend upon such factors as the nature of the industry, the relevant issues, the ability of respondents to supply the data, and the availability of data from secondary sources.

(3) The information collected through questionnaires issued under the generic clearance for import injury investigations is consolidated by Commission staff and forms much of the statistical base for the Commission’s determinations. Affirmative Commission determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty investigations result in the imposition of duties on imports entering the United States, determined by the Department of Commerce, which are in addition to any normal customs duties. If the Commission makes an affirmative determination in a five-year review, the existing antidumping or countervailing duty order remains in place. The data developed in escape-clause, market disruption, and interference-with-USDA-program investigations (if the Commission finds affirmatively) are used by the President/U.S. Trade Representative to determine the type of relief, if any, to be provided to domestic industries.

The submissions made to the Commission of the administrative protective order application form are the basis for which parties are granted disclosure of business proprietary information. The submissions made to the Commission in response to the notices of institution of five-year reviews form the basis for the Commission’s determination as to whether a full or expedited review should be conducted.

(4) Likely respondents consist of businesses (including foreign businesses) or farms that produce, import, or purchase products under investigation. Estimated total annual reporting burden for the period July 2017–June 2020 that will result from the collection of information is presented below.

TABLE 1—PROJECTED ANNUAL BURDEN DATA, BY TYPE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION, JULY 2017–JUNE 2020

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<th>Item</th>
<th>Producer questionnaires</th>
<th>Importer questionnaires</th>
<th>Purchaser questionnaires</th>
<th>Foreign producer questionnaires</th>
<th>Institution notices for 5-year reviews</th>
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<td>Number of respondents</td>
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<td>2,000</td>
<td>1,600</td>
<td>1,400</td>
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<td>856</td>
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<td>Hours per response</td>
<td>52</td>
<td>41</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>Total hours</td>
<td>39,000</td>
<td>82,000</td>
<td>36,800</td>
<td>30,800</td>
<td>1,830</td>
<td>2,568</td>
<td>192,998</td>
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1 e.g. Administrative Protective Order forms and questionnaires to purchasers in the adequacy phase of a review investigation.
No record keeping burden is known to result from the proposed collection of information.

By order of the Commission.


Lisa R. Barton,
Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–1050]

Certain Dental Ceramics, Products Thereof, and Methods of Making the Same Investigation


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on March 17, 2017, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of Ivoclar Vivadent AG of Schaan, Liechtenstein; Ivoclar Vivadent, Inc. of Amherst, New York; and Ardent, Inc. of Amherst, New York. A supplement to the complaint was filed on April 3, 2017. The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations 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 dental ceramics, products thereof, and methods of making the same by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 7,452,836 ("the '836 patent"); U.S. Patent No. 6,517,623 ("the '623 patent"); U.S. Patent No. 6,802,894 ("the '894 patent"); and U.S. Patent No. 6,455,451 ("the '451 patent"). The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by the applicable Federal Statute.

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

ADDRESSES: The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, is 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 SW., Room 112, Washington, DC 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 https://www.usitc.gov. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at https://edis.usitc.gov.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:


Scope of Investigation: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on April 18, 2017, 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, of products allegedly infringing one or more of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15–19, and 22 of the '836 patent; claim 27 of the '623 patent; claims 1, 2, 4, 12, 16, 21, 23, 38, and 39 of the '894 patent; and claims 3, 4, 17, 18, 19, 30, 52, 53, and 61 of the '451 patent, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;

(2) Pursuant to Commission Rule 210.50(b), 19 CFR 210.50(b)(1), the presiding administrative law judge shall take evidence or other information and hear arguments from the parties and other interested persons with respect to the public interest in this investigation, as appropriate, and provide the Commission with findings of fact and a recommended determination on this issue, which shall be limited to the statutory public interest factors set forth in 19 U.S.C. 1337(e)(1), (f)(1), (g)(1);

(3) 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:

Ivoclar Vivadent AG, Benderserstrasse 2, FL–9494, Schaan, Liechtenstein
Ivoclar Vivadent, Inc., 175 Pineview Drive, Amherst, NY 14228
Ardent, Inc., 175 Pineview Dr., Amherst, NY 14228

(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:

GC Corporation, 3–2–14 Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113–0033 Japan
GC America, Inc., 3737 W. 127th Street, Alsip, IL 60803

(c) The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Suite 401, Washington, DC 20436; and

(4) For the investigation so instituted, the Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. International Trade Commission, shall designate the presiding Administrative Law Judge.

The Office of Unfair Import Investigations will not participate as a party in this investigation.

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 CFR 210.13. Pursuant to 19 CFR 201.16(o) 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 a cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: April 19, 2017.

Lisa R. Barton.
Secretary to the Commission.

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