

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

**In the Matter of**

**CERTAIN COMPOSITE AEROGEL  
INSULATION MATERIALS AND  
METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING  
THE SAME**

**Inv. No. 337-TA-1003**

**NOTICE OF INSTITUTION OF INVESTIGATION**

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

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission

ACTION: Notice

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on May 5, 2016, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1337, on behalf of Aspen Aerogels, Inc. of Northborough, Massachusetts. The complaint 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 composite aerogel insulation materials and methods for manufacturing the same by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,989,123 (“the ’123 patent”); U.S. Patent No. 7,078,359 (“the ’359 patent”); U.S. Patent No. 7,399,439 (“the ’439 patent”); U.S. Patent No. 7,780,890 (“the ’890 patent”); and U.S. Patent No. 9,181,486 (“the ’486 patent”). The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a general exclusion order, or in the alternative a limited exclusion order, and cease and desist orders.

**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, 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: The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205-2560.

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 (2015).

SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on June 1, 2016, 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 composite aerogel insulation materials and methods for manufacturing the same by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 15-17 and 19 of the '123 patent; claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 10, 12-18, 49, and 50 of the '359 patent; claims 1-4, 6-9, 15, 16, and 18-21 of the '439 patent; claims 11-13, 15, 17-19, and 21 of the '890 patent; and claims 1, 2, and 11 of the '486 patent, 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 complainant is:

Aspen Aerogels, Inc.  
30 Forbes Road, Building B  
Northborough, MA 01532

(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:

Nano Tech Co., Ltd.  
No. 9 Baichuan Road, Binhai New Area,  
Shaoxing, Zhejiang  
China

Guangdong Alison Hi-Tech Co., Ltd.  
Rm 1202, Golden Lake Building  
No. 2 Donghu Road West  
Guangzhou, China

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa R. Barton". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Lisa R. Barton  
Secretary to the Commission

Issued: June 2, 2016