UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN ARGON PLASMA COAGULATION SYSTEM PROBES, THEIR COMPONENTS, AND OTHER ARGON PLASMA COAGULATION SYSTEM COMPONENTS FOR USE THEREWITH

Investigation No. 337-TA-1182

NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION TERMINATING THE INVESTIGATION AS TO U.S. PATENT NO. D577,671

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission ("Commission") has determined not to review an initial determination ("ID") of the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ") terminating this investigation as to U.S. Patent No. D577,671.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Traud, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202-205-3427. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be 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, Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at <u>https://www.usitc.gov</u>. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket ("EDIS") at <u>https://edis.usitc.gov</u>. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal, telephone 202-205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 8, 2019, the Commission instituted this investigation based on a complaint filed by Erbe Elektromedizin GmbH of the Republic of Germany and Erbe USA, Inc. of Marietta, Georgia (collectively, "Erbe"). 84 FR 60451. The complaint alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337 based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain argon plasma coagulation system probes, their components, and other argon plasma coagulation system components for use therewith by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. D577,671 ("the '671 patent"); 7,311,707; 7,717,911; 9,510,889; and 9,603,653. *Id.* The Commission's notice of investigation

named nine respondents. *Id.* at 60451–52. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations was also named as a party to this investigation. *Id.* at 60452.

On January 15, 2020, Erbe filed an unopposed motion seeking to terminate this investigation in part based on withdrawal of the complaint as to the '671 patent.

On January 16, 2020, the ALJ issued Order No. 9, the subject ID, granting the motion. The ID finds that the motion complies with the Commission's Rules and that no extraordinary circumstances warrant denying the motion. No petitions for review of the subject ID were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID.

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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