UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN ELECTRONIC CANDLE PRODUCTS AND COMPONENTS THEREOF

Investigation No. 337-TA-1195

NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION EXTENDING THE TARGET DATE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATION

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to extend the target date for the completion of the investigation to August 13, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Needham, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 708-5468. 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 April 6, 2020, based on a complaint filed by complainants L&L Candle Company LLC of Brea, California and Sotera Tschetter, Inc. of St. Paul, Minnesota that certain electronic candle products and components thereof manufactured and sold by twenty-two respondents infringe certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 8,550,660; 9,366,402; 9,512,971; 9,523,471; and 10,533,718. 85 Fed. Reg. 19158-59 (Apr. 6, 2020). Of the twenty-two respondents, five were terminated based on consent orders, eight were terminated based on settlement agreements, three were terminated based on a voluntary withdrawal of the complaint due to an inability to serve, and one was terminated based on a summary determination of no importation. The Commission found the remaining five respondents in default for failing to respond to the complaint and notice of investigation and for failing to show cause why they had not done so, or for failing to participate in discovery. These five respondents ("the Defaulting Respondents") are Veraflame International, Inc. of Vancouver, Canada; Ningbo Mascube Import Export Company of Ningbo City, China; Ningbo Shanhuang Electric Appliance Co. of Ningbo City, China; Yiwu Shengda Art Co., Ltd. of Yiwu City, China; and Virtual Candles Limited of Kent, United Kingdom. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is also participating.

On April 2, 2021, the ALJ issued the subject ID and granted Complainants' motion for a summary determination of violation by each of the five Defaulting Respondents. Order No. 41 (Apr. 2, 2021). On May 19, 2021, Commission determined to review the subject ID in part.

The Commission has determined to extend the target date for the completion of the investigation to August 13, 2021

The Commission vote for this determination took place on August 6, 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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