

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 FINDING CERTAIN RESPONDENTS IN DEFAULT**

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review an initial determination (“ID”) (Order No. 28) of the presiding Chief Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) finding respondents All Filters LLC of Salt Lake City, Utah (“All Filters”), Jiangsu Angkua Environmental Technical Co., Ltd. of Nantong, China (“Jiangsu Angkua”), and Shenzhen Hangling ECommerce Co. Ltd of Elmhurst, Illinois (“Shenzhen Hangling”) (collectively, “Second Defaulting Respondents”) in default.

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, “Complainants”). *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 the Second Defaulting Respondents, the notice of investigation names the following respondents: (1) Freshlab LLC of Gainesville, Florida; Isave Strategic Marketing Group LLC of New York, New York; GT Sourcing Inc. of Monsey, New York; and Refresh Filters LLC of New York, New York (collectively, “First Defaulting Respondents”) and (2) Clearwater Filters of Lakewood, New Jersey; Express Parts LLC of

Keyport, New Jersey; Zhang Ping of Dongyang, China; Liu Qi of Luliang City, China; Lvliangshilishi qu huili wujin baihuoshan 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; Shenzhen Yu Tian Qi Technology Co., Ltd. of Shenzhen, China; Aicuiying of Shenzhen, China; Qinghaishunzexiaofangjianceyouxiang Ongsi of Xining City, China; Zhenpingxianjiaxuanyazhubaofuzhu Anggongyipinyouxia of Wuhanshi, China; JJ Imports LLC of Elmwood Park, New Jersey ("JJ Imports"); 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; 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 April 12, 2022, the Commission terminated the investigation as to JJ Imports based on the entry of a consent order. *See* Order No. 14 (Mar. 30, 2022), *unreviewed by* Comm'n Notice (Apr. 12, 2022).

On June 28, 2022, the Commission found the First Defaulting Respondents in default pursuant to Commission Rule 210.16 (19 CFR 210.16), for failure to respond to the complaint, notice of investigation, and order to show cause (Order No. 15). *See* Order No. 22 (June 3, 2022), *unreviewed by* Comm'n Notice (June 28, 2022).

On May 24 and June 2, 2022, Complainants filed motions pursuant to Commission Rule 210.16 for orders directing the Second Defaulting Respondents to show cause why they should not be found in default for failing to respond to the complaint and notice of investigation. The motions indicate that Complainants effected service of the complaint and notice of investigation on the Second Defaulting Respondents on January 21 and 26, 2022. On June 3 and 10, 2022, OUII filed responses in support of the motions to the extent they concern the Second Defaulting Respondents.

On June 9 and 23, 2022, the Chief ALJ issued orders (Order Nos. 23 and 24, respectively) requiring the Second Defaulting Respondents to show cause as to why they should not be held in default for failing to respond to the complaint and notice of investigation. No response was received from the Second Defaulting Respondents.

On July 28, 2022, the Chief ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 28) finding the Second Defaulting Respondents in default pursuant to Commission Rule 210.16, for failure to respond to the complaint, notice of investigation, and orders to show cause (Order Nos. 23 and 24).

No petition for review of the subject ID was filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. Respondents All Filters, Jiangsu Angkua, and Shenzhen Hangling have been found in default.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on August 29, 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.



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Acting Secretary to the Commission

Issued: August 29, 2022