

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

**In the Matter of**

**CERTAIN HIGH-PERFORMANCE  
GRAVITY-FED WATER FILTERS AND  
PRODUCTS CONTAINING THE SAME**

**Inv. No. 337-TA-1294**

**NOTICE OF A COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW  
AN INITIAL DETERMINATION GRANTING COMPLAINANT'S UNOPPOSED  
MOTION FOR PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN CLAIMS**

**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 the presiding administrative law judge's ("ALJ") initial determination ("ID") (Order No. 19), granting complainant's unopposed motion for partial termination of the investigation based on withdrawal of claims 20, 21, and 24 of U.S. Patent No. 8,167,141 ("the '141 patent").

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cathy Chen, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-2392. 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](mailto: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 January 31, 2022, based on a complaint, as supplemented, filed on behalf of Brita LP of Neuchatel NE, Switzerland. 87 FR 4913 (Jan. 31, 2022). The complaint, as supplemented, alleged 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, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain high-performance gravity-fed water filters and products containing the same that infringe one or more claims 1-6, 20-21, and 23-24 of the '141 patent. *Id.* The complaint also alleged the existence of a domestic industry. *Id.* The Commission's notice of investigation named nine respondents: Mavea LLC of West Linn, Oregon; Brita GmbH of Taunusstein, Switzerland; EcoLife Technologies, Inc. of City of Industry, California; Qingdao Ecopure Filter Co., Ltd. of Shandong Province, China; Kaz USA, Inc. and Helen of Troy Limited, both of El Paso, Texas; Zero Technologies, LLC of Treveose, Pennsylvania;

Culligan International Co. of Rosemont, Illinois; and Vestergaard Frandsen Inc. of Baltimore, MD. *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is not participating in this investigation. *Id.*

Respondents Mavea LLC and Brita GmbH have been terminated from the investigation based on a settlement agreement. *See* Order No. 13 (May 3, 2022), *unreviewed by* Comm'n Notice (May 24, 2022).

On May 31, 2022, Complainant filed a motion to withdraw their allegations of infringement with respect to claims 20, 21, and 24 of the '141 patent. Respondents did not oppose the motion.

On June 1, 2022, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 19), granting Complainant's unopposed motion for partial termination of the investigation. The ID finds that the motion complies with Commission Rule 210.21(a)(1), 19 CFR 210.21(a)(1), and there are no extraordinary circumstances preventing the withdrawal of the identified allegations. No petition for review of the ID was filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. Claims 20, 21, and 24 of the '141 patent have been terminated from the investigation.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on June 21, 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.

By order of the Commission.



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Secretary to the Commission

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