

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

In the Matter of

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

Investigation No. 337-TA-1294

**NOTICE OF A COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL
DETERMINATION GRANTING A JOINT MOTION TO TERMINATE THE
INVESTIGATION AS TO TWO RESPONDENTS BASED ON SETTLEMENT**

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. 13) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) granting an unopposed joint motion to terminate the investigation as to respondents Mavea LLC of West Linn, Oregon and Brita GmbH of Taunusstein, Switzerland (collectively, “the Mavea Respondents”) based on settlement. The Mavea Respondents are terminated from the investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clint Gerdine, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 708-2310. 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 Jan. 31, 2022, the Commission instituted this investigation 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 of U.S. Patent No. 8,167,141. *Id.* The complaint also alleged the existence of a domestic industry. *Id.* The Commission’s notice of investigation named nine respondents: the Mavea Respondents; 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 Trevese, 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.*

On March 29, 2022, Brita LP and the Mavea Respondents jointly moved to terminate the investigation as to the Mavea Respondents based on a settlement agreement between Brita LP and the Mavea Respondents. The motion was unopposed.

On May 3, 2022, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 13) granting the unopposed joint motion to terminate the investigation as to the Mavea Respondents based on settlement. The ID finds that the joint motion satisfies the requirements of Commission Rule 210.21(b) (19 CFR 210.21(b)) and that terminating the investigation as to the Mavea Respondents is not contrary to the public interest. No party petitioned for review of the ID.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. The Mavea Respondents are terminated from the investigation.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on May 24, 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.



Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

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