

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 COMPLAINANT’S UNOPPOSED MOTION TO
TERMINATE THE INVESTIGATION AS TO TWO RESPONDENTS BASED ON
WITHDRAWAL**

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. 43) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) granting complainant’s unopposed motion to terminate the investigation as to respondents Ecolife Technologies, Inc. of City of Industry, California and Qingdao Ecopure Filter Co., Ltd. of Shandong Province, China (collectively, “the Aqua Crest Respondents”) based on withdrawal of the complaint as to those respondents. The Aqua Crest 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 (“Brita”) 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 of 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: Mavea LLC of West Linn, Oregon and Brita GmbH of Taunusstein, Switzerland (collectively, “the Mavea Respondents”); the Aqua Crest Respondents;

Kaz USA, Inc. and Helen of Troy Limited, both of El Paso, Texas; Zero Technologies, LLC of Treviso, 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.*

The Commission has previously terminated the Mavea Respondents from the investigation. *See* Order No. 13 (May 3, 2022), *unreviewed by* Comm'n Notice (May 24, 2022).

On September 8, 2022, Brita filed an unopposed motion to terminate the investigation as to the Aqua Crest Respondents based on the withdrawal of the allegations in the complaint as to these respondents. *See* Mot. at 2.

On September 22, 2022, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 43) granting Brita's unopposed motion to terminate the investigation as to the Aqua Crest Respondents. The ID finds that the motion for termination satisfies Commission Rule 210.21(a)(1), 19 CFR 210.21(a)(1), and that termination would serve the public interest by conserving public and private resources. No party petitioned for review of the subject ID.

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

The Commission vote for this determination took place on October 7, 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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Acting Secretary to the Commission

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