

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN CENTRIFUGE UTILITY
PLATFORM AND FALLING FILM
EVAPORATOR SYSTEMS AND
COMPONENTS THEREOF**

Investigation No. 337-TA-1311

**NOTICE OF A COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL
DETERMINATION TERMINATING THE INVESTIGATION AS TO RESPONDENT
HX LABS, LLC BASED ON SETTLEMENT**

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission (“Commission”) has determined not to review an initial determination (“ID”) (Order No. 14) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”), terminating the investigation as to respondent HX Labs, LLC (“HX Labs”) based on settlement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Benjamin S. Richards, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 708-5453. 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 May 4, 2022. 87 FR 26372 (May 4, 2022). The complaint, as supplemented, alleged violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain centrifuge utility platform and falling film evaporator systems and components thereof by reason of infringement of claims 1, 10, and 14 of U.S. Patent No. 10,814,338; claims 1, 10, and 18 of U.S. Patent No. 11,014,098; and claims 1, 9, and 19 of U.S. Patent No. 10,899,728. *Id.* The complaint further alleged that a domestic industry exists. *Id.* The Commission’s notice of investigation named fifteen respondents, including HX Labs of Albany, OR. *Id.* at 26373. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is also participating in the investigation. *Id.*

On July 5, 2022, the ALJ issued Order No. 14, granting a joint motion by complainant Apeks, LLC (“Apeks”) and HX Labs to terminate the investigation as to HX Labs based on settlement. The ALJ found that the motion complied with the requirements of Commission Rule 210.21(b)(1) and found no evidence indicating that terminating this investigation as to HX Labs based on its settlement with Apeks would be contrary to the public interest. No petitions for review of the ID were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID.

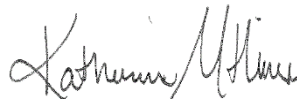
HX Labs is terminated from the investigation.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on August 2, 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.



Katherine M. Hiner
Acting Secretary to the Commission

Issued: August 2, 2022