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

In the Matter of

CERTAIN RAISED GARDEN BEDS AND COMPONENTS THEREOF

Inv. No. 337-TA-1334

## NOTICE OF INSTITUTION OF INVESTIGATION

Institution of Investigation Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337

**AGENCY**: U.S. International Trade Commission

**ACTION**: Notice

**SUMMARY**: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on September 13, 2022, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of Vego Garden, Inc. of Houston, Texas. On September 21, 2022, the complainant filed a letter supplementing the complaint. On September 22, 2022, the complainant filed an amended complaint. The amended complaint alleges violations of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, and in the sale of, certain raised garden beds and components thereof by reason of misappropriation of trade secrets and unfair competition, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure a domestic industry.

The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a limited exclusion order and cease and desist orders.

ADDRESSES: The amended complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <a href="https://edis.usitc.gov">https://edis.usitc.gov</a>. For help accessing EDIS, please email <a href="https://edis.usitc.gov">EDIS3Help@usitc.gov</a>. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at <a href="https://www.usitc.gov">https://www.usitc.gov</a>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: Pathenia M. Proctor, The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205-2560.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**AUTHORITY**: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. 210.10 (2021).

**SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION**: Having considered the amended complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on October 13, 2022, **ORDERED THAT** –

- (1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(A) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, or in the sale of, certain products identified in paragraph (2) by reason of misappropriation of trade secrets and unfair competition, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure a domestic industry in the United States;
- (2) Pursuant to section 210.10(b)(1) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. 210.10(b)(1), the plain language description of the accused products or category of accused products, which defines the scope of the investigation, is "raised metal garden beds";
- (3) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:
  - (a) The complainant is:

Vego Garden, Inc. 1521 Greens Road, Suite # 100 Houston, TX 77032

(b) The respondents are the following entities alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the amended complaint is to be served:

Huizhou Green Giant Technology Co., Ltd. Xiao Ao Tou, Hong Tian Management Area Xin Yu Zhen Hui Yang District Hui Zhou, Guangdong, China 516223

Utopban International Trading Co., Ltd., d/b/a Vegega 2646 River Avenue, Suite #A Rosemead, CA 91770

Utopban Limited UNIT 2 22/F Richmond Comm. Bldg 109 Argyle Street Mongkok KL Hong Kong 999077

The Hydro Source Inc., d/b/a Forever Garden Beds 4411 Rowland Avenue El Monte, CA 91731

VegHerb, LLC, d/b/a Frame It All 102 Lake Hickory Court Cary, NC 27519

- (c) The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Suite 401, Washington, D.C. 20436; and
- (4) For the investigation so instituted, the Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. International Trade Commission, shall designate the presiding Administrative Law Judge.

Responses to the amended complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. 210.13. Pursuant to 19 C.F.R. 201.16(e) and 210.13(a), as amended in 85 Fed. Reg. 15798 (March 19, 2020), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the complainant of the amended complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the amended complaint and the notice of investigation will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the amended complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the amended complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the amended complaint and this notice and to enter an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of an exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.

By order of the Commission.

Katherine M. Hiner

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Acting Secretary to the Commission

Issued: October 13, 2022