

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN PRE-STRETCHED SYNTHETIC
BRAIDING HAIR AND PACKAGING
THEREFOR**

Investigation No. 337-TA-1415

**NOTICE OF A COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN
INITIAL DETERMINATION FINDING RESPONDENT
LOC N PRODUCTS, LLC IN DEFAULT**

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. 26) issued by the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) finding respondent Loc N Products, LLC of Atlanta, Georgia (“LocN”) to be in default.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Lall, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-2043. 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, telephone (202) 205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 9, 2024, the Commission instituted this investigation based on a complaint filed by JBS Hair, Inc. (“JBS Hair”) of Atlanta, GA. 89 FR 73123-24 (Sept. 9, 2024). The complaint alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 USC 1337, based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain pre-stretched synthetic braiding hair and packaging therefor by reason of the infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 10,786,026 (“the ’026 patent”); 10,945,478 (“the ’478 patent”); and 10,980,301 (“the ’301 patent”). The Commission’s notice of investigation (“NOI”) named the following respondents: LocN; Sun Taiyang Co., Ltd. d/b/a Outre® of Moonachie, NJ; Beauty Elements Corporation d/b/a Bijouz® of Miami Gardens, FL; Hair Zone, Inc. d/b/a Sensationnel® of Moonachie, NJ; Beauty Essence, Inc. d/b/a Supreme™ Hair US of Moonachie, NJ; SLI Production Corp. d/b/a It’s a Wig! of Moonachie, NJ; Royal Imex, Inc. d/b/a Zury® Hollywood of Santa Fe Springs, CA; GS Imports, Inc. d/b/a Golden State Imports, Inc.’ of Paramount, CA; Eve Hair, Inc. of Lakewood, CA; Kum Kang Trading USA, Inc. d/b/a BNGHAIR of Paramount,

CA (“Kum Kang”); Midway International, Inc. d/b/a BOBBI BOSS of Cerritos, CA; Mayde Beauty Inc. of Port Washington, NY; Hair Plus Trading Co., Inc. d/b/a Femi Collection of Suwanee, GA; Optimum Solution Group LLC d/b/a Oh Yes Hair of Duluth, GA; Choix International, Inc. of Norcross, GA; Twin Peak International, Inc. d/b/a Dejavu Hair of Atlanta, GA; Crown Pacific Group Inc. of Doraville, GA; Vivace, Inc. d/b/a Dae Do Inc. of Levittown, NY; A-Hair Import Inc. of Norcross, GA ; Chade Fashions, Inc. of Niles, IL; Mink Hair, Ltd. d/b/a Sensual® Collection of Wayne, NJ (“Mink Hair”); Mane Concept Inc. of Moonachie, NJ; Oradell International Corp. d/b/a MOTOWN TRESS of Manalapan, NJ (“Oradell”); Beauty Plus Trading Co., Inc. d/b/a Janet Collection™ of Moonachie, NJ; Model Model Hair Fashion, Inc. of Port Washington, NY; New Jigu Trading Corp. d/b/a Harlem 125® of Port Washington, NY; Shake N Go Fashion, Inc. of Port Washington, NY; Amekor Industries, Inc. d/b/a Vivica A. Fox® Hair Collection of Conshohocken, PA; I & I Hair of Dallas, TX; Zugoo Import Inc. of Norcross, GA. *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations (“OUII”) was also named as a party in this investigation. *Id.* at 73124.

On November 15, 2024, the Commission terminated the investigation as to respondents Kum Kang, Mink Hair, and Oradell based on respective consent order stipulations and proposed consent orders. *See* Order No. 10 (Oct. 18, 2024), *unreviewed by* Comm’n Notice (Nov. 15, 2024). On December 11, 2024, the Commission terminated the investigation as to respondent I & I Hair based on a consent order stipulation and a proposed consent order. *See* Order No. 16 (Nov. 14, 2024), *unreviewed by* Comm’n Notice (Dec. 11, 2024).

On October 21, 2024, JBS Hair filed a motion (“JBS Hair’s Motion”) for an order directing respondents LocN, Choix International, Inc. (“Choix”) and Twin Peak International, Inc. (“Twin Peak”) to show cause as to why they should not be held in default in this investigation. *See* Order No. 17 (Nov. 19, 2024), at 1. On November 18, 2024, OUII filed a response to JBS Hair’s motion. *See* OUII Response to JBS Hair’s Motion for an Order to Show Cause (Nov. 18, 2024). In its response, OUII notes that JBS Hair had mailed a service package with the NOI and complaint to LocN’s registered principal place of business on September 7, 2024. *Id.* at 3. The package was noted as returned to sender and “the building appeared vacant.” *Id.* at 3-4. OUII notes, however, that the Georgia Secretary of State’s website identifies this address as the registered principal place of business, and LocN is listed as an “Active/Compliant business.” *Id.* n.4. According to OUII, service of the NOI and complaint was clearly effected when JBS Hair later mailed the service package on LocN’s registered agent listed with the Georgia Secretary of State on October 15, 2024. *Id.* (citing JBS Hair Motion, Ex. 9 (USPS tracking)).

On November 19, 2024, the chief administrative law judge (“CALJ”) ordered respondents LocN, Choix, and Twin Peak to show cause no later than December 13, 2024, as to why each of them should not be found in default. *Id.* at 2. The show cause order was served on LocN’s principal place of business registered with the Georgia Secretary of State. EDIS Doc. ID 837555. The order to show cause was returned as non-deliverable on November 22, 2024. EDIS Doc. ID 837901. On the same day, JBS Hair filed a Notice of Proof of Unsuccessful Attempt of Service. EDIS Doc. ID 837946. In its Notice, JBS Hair states that its process server attempted but was unable to serve a copy of Order No. 17 on LocN’s registered agent. *Id.* The Notice attached an affidavit from the process server stating, “Address provided is vacant, doors locked, no sign or

anything inside, per business nearby this block has been bought by a developer for new construction.” *Id.* LocN did not respond to the order to show cause. *See* Order No. 26, at 1.

On December 19, 2024, the presiding ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 26) finding respondent LocN to be in default pursuant to Commission Rule 210.16 (19 CFR 210.16), for failure to respond to the complaint, notice of investigation, and order to show cause. *See id.* at 1. The ID explains “[a]fter being ordered to do so, LocN did not attempt to show cause why it should not be held in default.” *Id.*

No party filed a petition for review of the subject ID.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. The Commission finds that service of the complainant, NOI, and show cause order were properly attempted on the LocN’s registered agent, and thus that LocN properly is found to be in default.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on January 17, 2025.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa R. Barton", written in a cursive style.

Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

Issued: January 17, 2025