

direction of CALFED. The Program is exploring and developing a long-term solution for a cooperative planning process that will determine the most appropriate strategy and actions necessary to improve water quality, restore health to the Bay-Delta ecosystem, provide for a variety of beneficial uses, and minimize Bay-Delta system vulnerability. A group of citizen advisors representing California's agricultural, environmental, urban, business, fishing, and other interests who have a stake in finding long-term solutions for the problems affecting the Bay-Delta system has been chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The BDAC provides advice to CALFED on the program mission, problems to be addressed, and objectives for the Program. BDAC provides a forum to help ensure public participation, and will review reports and other materials prepared by CALFED staff. BDAC has established a subcommittee called the Ecosystem Roundtable to provide input on annual workplans to implement ecosystem restoration projects and programs.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Program, Suite 1155, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: March 7, 2000.

Kirk Rodgers,

Acting Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Investigation No. 337-TA-429

Certain Bar Clamps, Bar Clamp Pads, and Related Packaging, Display, and Other Materials; Notice of Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on February 9, 2000, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, on behalf of American Tool Companies, Inc. of Hoffman Estates, Illinois, and Petersen Manufacturing Co., Inc., of De Witt, Nebraska. A supplement to the complaint was filed on March 1, 2000. The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of

section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain bar clamps, bar clamp pads, and related packaging, display, and other materials by reason of (a) infringement of claims 1, 2, 19-23, 37, 38, 40, 42, 46, 48, 67, and 68 of U.S. Letters Patent 5,988,616, (b) infringement of U.S. Trademark Registration Nos. 1,638,906 and 2,063,062 and (c) misappropriation of trade dress, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure an industry in the United States. The complaint also alleges that there exists an industry in the United States with respect to the asserted intellectual property.

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

ADDRESSES: The complaint, as supplemented, except for any confidential information contained therein, is available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Room 112, Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. 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 (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anne Goalwin, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-2574.

Authority: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10 (1998).

Scope of Investigation: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on March 6, 2000, *ordered that*—

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine:

(a) whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the

importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain bar clamps, bar clamp pads, and related packaging, display, and other materials by reason of infringement of claims 1, 2, 19-23, 37, 38, 40, 42, 46, 48, 67, or 68 of U.S. Letters Patent 5,988,616, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337; or

(b) whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(C) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain bar clamps, bar clamp pads, and related packaging, display, and other materials by reason of infringement of U.S. Trademark Registration Nos. 1,638,906 or 2,063,062, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337; or

(c) whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(A) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain bar clamps, bar clamp pads, and related packaging, display, and other materials by reason of misappropriation of trade dress, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure an industry in the United States.

(2) 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 complainants are—
American Tool Companies, Inc., 2800 West Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60195
Petersen Manufacturing Co., Inc., 108 S. Pear St., De Witt, Nebraska 68341

(b) The respondents are the following companies alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint is to be served:
Wolfcraft GmbH, Wolff-Straße, D-56746 Kempenich, Germany
Wolfcraft, Inc., P.O. Box 687, 1222 W. Ardmore Ave., Itasca, IL 60143

(c) Anne Goalwin, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Room 401-P, Washington, D.C. 20436, who shall be the Commission investigative attorney, party to this investigation; and

(3) For the investigation so instituted, the Honorable Sidney Harris is designated as the presiding administrative law judge.

Responses to the 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 CFR 210.13. Pursuant to 19 CFR 201.16(d) and 210.13(a), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received no later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission of the complaint and notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the 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 complaint and this notice and to enter both an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of a limited exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against such respondent.

Issued: March 7, 2000.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-419]

In the Matter of Certain Excimer Laser Systems for Vision Correction Surgery and Components Thereof and Methods for Performing Such Surgery; Notice of Final Determination

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has found no violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, 19 U.S.C. 1337, in the above-referenced investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Timothy P. Monaghan, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-3152. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://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: This investigation was instituted on March 1, 1999, based on a complaint by VISX, Inc. ("VISX"), 64 FR 10016-17. The respondents named in the investigation are Nidek Co., Ltd., Nidek Inc., and Nidek Technologies, Inc (herein collectively "Nidek"). Complainant alleges importation and sale of certain excimer laser systems for vision correction surgery that infringe claims of U.S. Letters Patents Nos. 4,718,418 ("the '418 patent") and 5,711,762 ("the '762 patent"). An evidentiary hearing was held from August 18, 1999, to August 27, 1999.

On December 6, 1999, the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ") issued her final initial determination ("ID") finding that complainant VISX failed to establish the required domestic industry, that there was no infringement of any claim at issue, and that the '762 patent was invalid and unenforceable.

VISX, Nidek, and the Commission investigative attorneys filed petitions for review of the ID on December 17, 1999, and on December 27, 1999, all parties responded to each other's petitions for review of the ID. On February 2, 2000, the Commission determined not to review the ID's findings with respect to the '418 patent and determined to review all the ID's findings with respect to the '762 patent.

Having examined the record in this investigation, including the briefs and the responses thereto, the Commission determined that there is no violation of section 337. More specifically, the Commission found no infringement of any claim at issue of the '762 patent and no domestic industry with respect to the '762 patent. The Commission determined to take no position on the issues of the validity and enforceability of the '762 patent.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and sections 210.45-210.51 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.45-210.51.

Copies of the public versions of the Commission order and the Commission opinion in support thereof are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-2000.

Issued: March 6, 2000.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332-388]

Simplification of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Revised schedule for publication of report for the subject investigation; request for submissions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 7, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eugene A. Rosengarden, Director, Office of Tariff Affairs and Trade Agreements (O/TA&TA) (202-205-2592); Janis L. Summers, Attorney-Advisor (202-205-2605); or Gil Whitson, Special Assistant to the Director (202-205-2602). The O/TA&TA fax number is 202-205-2616. These officials may be reached via Internet e-mail at rosengarden@usitc.gov; jsummers@usitc.gov; or gwhitson@usitc.gov, respectively. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting our TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Media representatives should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Public Affairs Officer (202-205-1819). This notice, and other notices published pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, can be obtained from the ITC Internet web server: <http://www.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation, Simplification of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, on November 5, 1997, following receipt of a letter of request seeking the Commission's report by July 13, 2000. Subsequently, on February 25, 1998, the Commission issued a revised schedule for the subject investigation; on March 25, 1999, the Commission issued a schedule for public comment in conjunction with the investigation, with a closing date of June 30, 1999, for such submissions. That revised work schedule calls for the publication of the Commission's report in the subject investigation by February 28, 2000, following an evaluation of the comments received.

The Commission has determined that additional time should be devoted to preparing its report. Accordingly, the