

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-634]

In the Matter of: Certain Liquid Crystal Display Modules, Products Containing Same, and Methods Using the Same; Notice of Commission Determination to Rescind a Limited Exclusion Order and Cease and Desist Orders

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to rescind the limited exclusion order issued in the above-captioned investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Clint A. Gerdine, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 708-2310. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation 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, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.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 March 4, 2008, based on a complaint filed by Sharp Corporation ("Sharp") of Japan. 73 FR 11678. The complaint, as amended and 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, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain liquid crystal display devices, products containing same, and methods for using the same by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,879,364 ("the '364 patent"); 6,952,192 ("the '192 patent"); 7,304,703 ("the '703 patent"); and 7,304,626 ("the '626 patent"). The complaint further alleged the existence of a domestic industry. The Commission's notice of investigation named the following respondents:

Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. of Korea; Samsung Electronics America, Inc. of Ridgefield Park, New Jersey; and Samsung Semiconductor, Inc. of San Jose, California (collectively, "Samsung").

On June 12, 2009, the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ") issued his final initial determination ("ID") finding a violation of section 337 by Samsung with respect to all four patents at issue and his recommendations on remedy and bonding. On June 29, 2009, Samsung and the Commission investigative attorney ("IA") filed petitions for review of the final ID. The IA and Sharp filed responses to the petitions on July 7, 2009. On September 9, 2009, the Commission issued notice of its determination not to review the ALJ's final ID and requested written submissions on the issues of remedy, the public interest, and bonding from the parties and interested non-parties. 74 FR 47616-17 (Sept. 16, 2009).

On September 16 and 23, 2009, respectively, complainant Sharp, the Samsung respondents, and the IA filed briefs and reply briefs on the issues for which the Commission requested written submissions. On September 21, 2009, Samsung filed a petition for reconsideration of the Commission's determination not to review certain portions of the final ID. On October 19, 2009, the Commission issued an order denying the petition for reconsideration.

On October 30, 2009, Samsung filed a supplemental submission on the issues of remedy, the public interest, and bonding. On November 2 and 3, 2009, respectively, Sharp and the IA filed a response to Samsung's supplemental submission.

On November 9, 2009, the Commission issued notice of its determination to terminate the investigation with a finding of a violation of section 337, and issued: (1) A limited exclusion order prohibiting the unlicensed entry of LCD devices, including display panels and modules, and products containing the same that infringe one or more of (i) claims 5-7 of the '364 patent; (ii) claims 1 and 4 of the '192 patent; (iii) claims 1-2, 6-8, 13-14, and 16-17 of the '703 patent; and (iv) claims 10, 17, and 20 of the '626 patent, where the infringing LCD devices are manufactured abroad by or on behalf of, or are imported by or on behalf of, Samsung, or any of its affiliated companies, parents, subsidiaries, licensees, contractors, or other related business entities, or successors or assigns; and (2) cease and desist orders prohibiting Samsung Electronics America, Inc. and Samsung Semiconductor, Inc. from conducting

any of the following activities in the United States: importing, selling, marketing, advertising, distributing, offering for sale, transferring (except for exportation), and soliciting U.S. agents or distributors for, LCD devices, including display panels and modules, and products containing the same that infringe one or more of (i) claims 5-7 of the '364 patent; (ii) claims 1 and 4 of the '192 patent; (iii) claims 1-2, 6-8, 13-14, and 16-17 of the '703 patent; and (iv) claims 10, 17, and 20 of the '626 patent. 74 FR 58978-79 (November 16, 2009).

On February 12, 2010, complainant Sharp and respondent Samsung filed a joint petition to rescind the remedial orders under Commission Rule 210.76(a)(1) on the basis of a settlement agreement between the parties. The parties asserted that their settlement agreement constitutes "changed conditions of fact or law" sufficient to justify rescission of the order under Commission Rule 210.76(a)(1), 19 CFR 210.76(a)(1). The IA did not oppose the joint petition.

Having reviewed the parties' submissions, the Commission has determined that the settlement agreement satisfies the requirement of Commission Rule 210.76(a)(1), 19 CFR 210.76(a)(1), that there be changed conditions of fact or law. The Commission therefore has issued an order rescinding the limited exclusion order and cease and desist orders previously issued in this investigation.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1337) and section 210.76(a)(1) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 210.76(a)(1)).

Issued: March 1, 2010.

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

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Bureau of Justice Assistance; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review Extension of currently approved collection. Bureau of Justice Assistance Application Form: