

below and reduce all other tariffs by 50 percent;

- All U.S. trading partners eliminate their tariffs; and
- All FTAA countries eliminate their tariffs.

The Commission will provide its advice on the effect of reduction or elimination of foreign tariffs no later than November 22, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Industry-specific information may be obtained from Robert Carr, Project Leader (202-205-3402), or George Serletis, Deputy Project Leader (202-205-3315), Office of Industries, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20436. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation, contact William Gearhart of the Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091). The media should contact Peg O'Laughlin of the Office of External Relations (202-205-1819). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

Background

In his letter to the Commission, the USTR noted that the United States will enter into multilateral negotiations on market access for industrial products as called for under the WTO Ministerial Declaration issued in Doha last November. In addition, he noted that WTO negotiations on trade in agriculture are expected to intensify this year and that the United States will begin negotiations on agricultural and non-agricultural tariffs later this year as part of broader negotiations toward establishing the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA).

Public Hearing

A public hearing in connection with the investigation will be held at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on May 3, 2002. All persons shall have the right to appear, by counsel or in person, to present information and to be heard. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, no later than 5:15 p.m., April 17, 2002. Any prehearing briefs (original and 14 copies) should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., April 19, 2002; the deadline for filing post-hearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m., May 13, 2002. In the event that, as of the close of business on April 17, 2002, no

witnesses are scheduled to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or non-participant may call the Secretary of the Commission (202-205-1806) after April 17, 2002, to determine whether the hearing will be held.

Written Submissions

In lieu of or in addition to participating in the hearing, interested parties are invited to submit written statements (original and 14 copies) concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission in its report on this investigation. Commercial or financial information that a submitter desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of § 201.6 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (19 CFR 201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary of the Commission for inspection by interested parties. The Commission may include some or all of the confidential business information submitted by interested parties in its report to the USTR. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted to the Commission at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than the close of business on May 13, 2002. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

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>). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS-ON-LINE) at <http://dockets.usitc.gov/eol/public>.

List of Subjects WTO, FTAA, tariffs, and exports.

Issued: March 1, 2002.

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Acting Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-439]

In the Matter of: Certain HSP Modems, Software and Hardware Components Thereof, and Products Containing Same; Notice of Decision To Extend the Target Date for Completion of the Investigation

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to extend by seventeen (17) days, or until March 21, 2002, the target date for the completion of the above-captioned investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Monaghan, Esq., telephone 202-205-3152, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436. Copies of all nonconfidential 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-ON-LINE) at <http://dockets.usitc.gov/eol/public>. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on the matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on October 11, 2000, based on a complaint filed by PCTEL, Inc. ("PCTEL") of Milpitas, California. The complaint named Smart Link Ltd. of Netanya, Israel and Smart Link Technologies, Inc. of Watertown, Massachusetts (collectively "Smart Link") and ESS Technology, Inc. ("ESS") of Fremont California as respondents. The complaint alleged that Smart Link and ESS had violated

section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 by importing into the United States, selling for importation, and/or selling within the United States after importation certain HSP modems, software and hardware components thereof, and products containing the same by reason of infringement of claims 1–2 of U.S. Letters Patent 5,787,305, claims 1–4, 7–8, and 11–15 of U.S. Letters Patent 5,931,950, claims 1, 2, 10, and 15–17 of U.S. Letters Patent 4,841,561, and claims 1, 6–7, 10–12, and 15–19 of U.S. Letters Patent 5,940,459. On June 28, 2001, the Commission determined not to review an ID terminating the investigation as to respondent Smart Link on the basis of a settlement agreement.

On October 18, 2001, the ALJ issued his final ID in the investigation, and on December 6, 2001, the Commission determined to review portions of the final ID and to extend the target date for completion of the investigation by 45 days, to March 4, 2002. On Friday, February 22, 2002, complainant PCTEL and respondent ESS filed a joint motion to terminate the investigation based on a settlement agreement. The Commission determined to extend the target date for completion of the investigation until March 21, 2002, to allow sufficient time for the Commission investigative attorney to respond to the joint motion to terminate and for the Commission to rule on that motion. This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and 210.51(a) of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure, 19 CFR 210.51(a).

By order of the Commission.

Issued: March 4, 2002.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–448]

In the Matter of: Certain Oscillating Sprinklers, Sprinkler Components, and Nozzles; Notice of Commission Issuance of Limited Exclusion Order and Termination of Investigation

AGENCY: International Trade
Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has issued a limited

exclusion order and terminated the above-captioned investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laurent de Winter, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202–708–5452. Copies of the limited exclusion order and all other nonconfidential 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–ON–LINE) at <http://dockets.usitc.gov/eol.public>. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on the matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202–205–1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation, which concerns allegations of unfair acts in violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 in the importation and sale of certain oscillating sprinklers, sprinkler components, and nozzles, on February 9, 2001. 66 FR 9721. In its complaint, filed on January 8, 2001, and amended on January 31, 2001, complainant L.R. Nelson Corp. (“Nelson”) alleged that Naan Sprinkler and Irrigation Systems, Inc., Watex International Co., Ltd., Lego Irrigation Equipment, Inc., Rain Bird Manufacturing Corporation, Gardena Krest + Kastner GmbH and Gardena's subsidiary Melnor, Inc., Ruey Ryh Enterprises Co., Ltd., Yuan Mei Corp., Amagine Garden Inc., Aqua Star Industries Inc., Le Yuan Industrial Co. Ltd., Shin Da Spurt Water of Garden Tool Co. Ltd., and Orbit Irrigation Products, Inc. violated section 337 through the importation, sale for importation, and/or sale within the United States after importation of certain oscillating sprinklers, sprinkler components, and nozzles by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Letters Patent Nos. 6,036,117 (“the ‘117 patent”), 5,645,218 (“the ‘218 patent”), and 5,511,727 (“the ‘727 patent”).

On May 3, 2001, complainant Nelson moved, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337(g)(1) and Commission rule 210.16, for an order to show cause why respondent Watex International Co., Ltd. (“Watex”) should not be found in default for

failing to respond adequately and properly to the amended complaint and notice of investigation, as required by Commission rule 210.13. The Commission investigative attorney (“IA”) supported complainant's motion to the extent that it requested an order to show cause against Watex. The presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) issued an ID (Order No. 4) on March 30, 2001, directing Watex to show cause why it should not be found in default. Watex did not respond to the show cause order.

On May 22, 2001, the ALJ issued an ID (Order No. 7) finding Watex in default pursuant to Commission rule 210.16, and ruling that it had waived its rights to appear, to be served with documents, and to contest the allegations at issue in the investigation. No petitions for review of the ID were filed. On June 12, 2001, the Commission determined not to review the ID, thereby allowing it to become the Commission's final determination.

On September 13, 2001, Nelson moved to withdraw all allegations related to the '117 patent from the investigation. No party responded to Nelson's motion and the IA supported the motion. On September 25, 2001, the ALJ issued an ID (Order No. 26) granting the motion to withdraw the allegations relating to the '117 patent, and on October 26, 2001, the Commission determined not to review that ID. This withdrawal terminated the investigation with respect to all respondents except Watex.

On October 1, 2001, Nelson filed a declaration seeking, pursuant to section 337(g)(1) and Commission rule 210.16(c)(1), entry of a limited exclusion order against Watex barring importation into the United States of Watex sprinklers infringing the claims in issue of the '218 and '727 patents. In its declaration, Nelson did not seek issuance of a cease and desist order against Watex. On December 11, 2001, the Commission issued a notice requesting briefing on the issues of remedy, public interest, and bonding. On January 10, 2002, Nelson, the IA, and Tekni-Plex, Inc., a purchaser of Watex sprinklers, submitted briefing on the issues of the public interest and bonding and proposed limited exclusion orders. No briefs were filed by any other person or government agency. Only the IA filed a reply brief.

Section 337(g)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930 provides that the Commission shall presume the facts alleged in a complaint to be true, and upon request issue a limited exclusion order and/or cease and desist order if: (1) A complaint is filed against a person under section 337, (2) the complaint and