public inspection at the Office of the Secretary and on EDIS.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and of sections 201.10 and 210.8(c) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.10, 210.8(c)).


By order of the Commission.

James R. Holbein,
Secretary to the Commission.

For Further Information Contact: Jean Jackson, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–3104. 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) 205–3104. 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 submissions concerning a remedy, interest, and bonding 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 May 30, 2008, based on a complaint filed by John Mezzalingua Associates, Inc., db/a PPC, Inc. of East Syracuse, New York (“PPC”), 73 FR 31145 (May 30, 2008). The complaint alleged violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1337) (“Section 337”) in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain coaxial cable connectors and components thereof and products containing the same by reason of infringement of various patents, including U.S. Patent No. 6,558,194 (“the ‘194 patent”). The notice of institution named eight respondents. After institution, two respondents were terminated based on consent orders and four respondents were found to be in default (“defaulting respondents”). Two respondents, Fu-Ching Technical Industry, Co., Ltd., and Gem Electronics, Inc., remained active.

On October 13, 2009, the Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) issued his final initial determination (“ID”) and recommended determination on remedy and bonding. The ALJ found a violation of section 337 by the defaulting respondents in connection with the ’194 patent. On December 14, 2009, the Commission determined to review the final ID in part, but the Commission did not review the ALJ’s determination with respect to the ’194 patent. The Commission issued a general exclusion order on March 31, 2010, with respect to the ’194 patent based on a finding of violation of Section 337 by the defaulting respondents.

On September 12, 2011, non-respondent, Holland Electronics, LLC (“Holland”) filed a request for an advisory opinion under Commission Rule 210.79 (19 CFR 210.79) that would declare that its coaxial cable connectors, utilizing an axial but not radial compression for deformation, are outside of the scope of the Commission’s March 31, 2010 general exclusion order. Holland further requested that the Commission conduct all proceedings related to the advisory opinion in an expedited manner and not refer the matter to an administrative law judge (ALJ).

On October 31, 2011, the Commission determined to institute an advisory opinion proceeding based on Holland’s request. 76 FR 68504 (November 4, 2011). The Commission directed PPC and the Commission Investigative Attorney (“IA”) to state their views regarding whether they oppose Holland’s request for an advisory opinion that its subject connectors are not covered by the March 31, 2010, general exclusion order, and if so, whether they believe the matter should be referred to an ALJ. Id. On November 11, 2011, PPC filed a response in support of Holland’s request for an advisory opinion. On November 14, 2011, the IA also filed a response in support of Holland’s request. Both PPC and the IA stated that it was not necessary to refer this matter to the ALJ.

The Commission has reviewed the parties’ submissions and has determined to grant Holland’s request for an advisory opinion that its products embodying the design set forth in Exhibit H to Holland’s advisory opinion request, and specifically the products listed in Exhibit I to Holland’s request that embody that design, are not covered by the Commission’s general exclusion order issued on March 31, 2010.

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 section 210.79(a) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 210.79(a)).

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On January 20, 2012, the ALJ issued the subject ID, granting a joint motion by Remy and EMS to terminate EMS based on a settlement agreement. The Commission investigative attorney supported the motion. The ALJ found that the motion was in compliance with Commission rule 210.21(b)(1), 19 CFR 210.21(b)(1) and that termination of the investigation as to EMS presented no public interest concerns under Commission rule 210.50(b)(2), 19 CFR 210.50(b)(2). No petitions for review of this ID were filed. The Commission has determined not to review the ID. Section 337(g)(1) (19 U.S.C. 1337(g)(1)) and Commission Rule 210.16(c) (19 CFR 210.16(c)) authorize the Commission to order limited relief against a respondent found in default, unless after consideration of the public interest factors, it finds that such relief should not issue. The Commission may (1) issue an order that could result in the exclusion of the subject articles from entry into the United States, and/or (2) issue one or more cease and desist orders that could result in the respondent being required to cease and desist from engaging in unfair acts in the importation and sale of such articles. Accordingly, the Commission is interested in receiving written submissions that address the form of remedy, if any, that should be ordered against AAP. If a party seeks exclusion of an article from entry into the United States for purposes other than entry for consumption, the party should so indicate and provide information establishing the scope of the exclusion. The information must include the name of any specific article, the description of the article, the country of origin, the HTSUS number, and the amount of the bond that should be imposed if a remedy is ordered. The factors the Commission will consider include the extent that an exclusion order and/or cease and desist order would have (1) the public health and welfare, (2) competitive conditions in the U.S. economy, (3) U.S. production of articles that are like or directly competitive with those that are subject to investigation, and (4) U.S. consumers.

Written Submissions: The parties to the investigation, interested government agencies, and any other interested parties are encouraged to file written submissions on the issues of remedy, the public interest, and bonding. Complainant and the investigative attorney are also requested to submit proposed remedial orders for the Commission’s consideration. Complainant is requested to state the dates that the patents at issue expire and the HTSUS numbers under which the accused products are imported. The written submissions and proposed remedial orders must be filed no later than close of business on March 2, 2012. Any submissions must be filed no later than the close of business on March 9, 2012. No further submissions on these issues will be permitted unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

Persons filing written submissions must file the original document and 8 true copies thereof on or before the deadlines stated above with the Office of the Secretary. Any person desiring to submit a document (or portion thereof) to the Commission in confidence must request confidential treatment unless the information has already been generally made public through the proceedings. All such requests should be directed to the Secretary of the
Commission and must include a full statement of the reasons why the Commission should grant such treatment. See 19 CFR 210.6. Documents for which confidential treatment by the Commission is sought will be treated accordingly. All nonconfidential written submissions will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Secretary.


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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act

Notice is hereby given that on February 9, 2012, a proposed Consent Decree in United States and Nebraska v. NL Industries, Inc., Civil Action No. 8:12-cv-00059 was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska.

In that lawsuit, the United States and State of Nebraska seek to recover response costs pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (“CERCLA”) in connection with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s continuing cleanup of the Omaha Lead Superfund Site. The proposed consent decree will require NL Industries, Inc. to pay $624,000 to the Hazardous Substance Superfund in partial reimbursement of the United States’ response costs and pay $26,000 to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, and either emailed to pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov or mailed to P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044–7611, and should refer to United States and Nebraska v. NL Industries, Inc., D.J. Ref. 90–11–3–07834/5.

During the public comment period, the Consent Decree, may also be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site, http://