(Commission) instituted investigation No. 332–530, Trade Facilitation in the East African Community: Recent Developments and Potential Benefits.

DATES:
July 2, 2012: Transmittal of Commission report to the USTR.

ADRESSES:
All Commission offices, including the Commission’s hearing rooms, are located in the United States International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC. All written submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at https://edis.usitc.gov/edis3-internal/app.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Falan Yinug (202–205–2160 or falan.yinug@usitc.gov) for information specific to this investigation. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation, contact William Gearhart of the Commission’s Office of the General Counsel (202–205–3091 or william.gearhart@usitc.gov). The media should contact Margaret O’Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202–205–1819 or margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov). Hearing-impaired individuals may obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal at 202–205–1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (http://www.usitc.gov).

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.

Background: As requested by the USTR, the Commission will conduct an investigation and prepare a report that summarizes recent developments relating to trade facilitation in the East African Community (EAC). The report will also describe the potential benefits of trade facilitation in the EAC countries, based on empirical studies and the experiences of other developing countries. As requested, the information in the report will be based principally on a review of the literature, and, to the extent the literature permits, include the following:

• A description of the present conditions and recent developments relating to the movement of goods to and from the countries of the EAC, including policies enforced at the border and procedures for their enforcement, as well as transport infrastructure. To the extent feasible, the report will address elements referenced in U.S. trade facilitation agreements, such as those between the United States and the Philippines, the United States and Uruguay, and trade facilitation chapters in U.S. free trade agreements. The description will focus on conditions in individual EAC countries as well as the EAC region as a whole.

• A summary of findings from the empirical literature on the benefits of overall trade facilitation improvements, such as effects on import and export volumes, export diversification, and economic development, highlighting economic studies that illustrate the benefits of trade facilitation.

The USTR asked that the Commission provide its report no later than July 2, 2012.

Written Submissions: Because of the short timeframe requested by the USTR, the Commission will not hold a public hearing in connection with this investigation. However, interested parties are invited to file written submissions concerning this investigation. All written submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, and should be received no later than 5:15 p.m., May 10, 2012. All written submissions must conform to the requirements of section 201.8 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.8). Section 201.8 and the Commission’s Handbook on Filing Procedures require that interested parties file documents electronically on or before the filing deadline and submit eight (8) true paper copies by 12 noon eastern time on the next business day.

In the event that confidential treatment of a document is requested, interested parties must file, at the same time as the eight paper copies, at least four (4) additional true paper copies in which the confidential information must be deleted (see the following paragraph for further information regarding confidential business information). Persons with questions regarding electronic filing should contact the Secretary (202–205–2595).

Any submissions that contain confidential business information (CBI) must also conform to the requirements of section 201.6 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). Section 201.6 of the rules requires that the cover of the document and the individual pages be clearly marked as to whether they are the “confidential” or “non-confidential” version, and that the confidential business information be clearly identified by means of brackets. All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available for inspection by interested parties.

In his request letter the USTR said that he anticipates that the Commission’s report will be made available to the public in its entirety, and asked that the Commission not include any confidential business information in the report it sends him. Accordingly, any confidential business information received by the Commission in this investigation and used in preparing this report will not be included in the report that the Commission sends to the USTR and will not be published in a manner that would reveal the operations of the firm supplying the information.

By order of the Commission.
Issued: April 9, 2012.

James R. Holbein,
Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–778]

Certain Equipment for Communications Networks, Including Switches, Routers, Gateways, Bridges, Wireless Access Points, Cable Modems, IP Phones and Products Containing Same; Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination; Termination of Investigation


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review the presiding administrative law judge’s (“ALJ”) initial determination (“ID”) (Order No. 47) granting a joint motion to terminate the investigation in its entirety based on a settlement agreement. The investigation is hereby terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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 at 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 June 21, 2011, based on a complaint filed by MOSAID Technologies Inc. of Ottawa, Canada (“MOSAID”), alleging 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 equipment for communications networks, including switches, routers, gateways, bridges, wireless access points, cable modems, IP phones and products containing same by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 7,035,280; 7,292,600; 7,830,858; 6,842,459; 7,633,966; and 5,841,360. 76 FR 36154–55 (June 21, 2011). The Notice of Investigation named the following as respondents: Cisco Systems, Inc. of San Jose, California; Cisco Consumer Products LLC of Irvine, California; Cisco Systems International B.V. of Amsterdam, Netherlands; and Scientific Atlanta LLC of Lawrenceville, California (collectively “Respondents”). The Office of Unfair Import Investigations was named as a party.

On March 14, 2012, MOSAID and Respondents jointly filed to terminate the investigation in its entirety based on a settlement agreement, which was attached to the motion. On March 21, 2012, the parties supplemented their motion to identify additional agreements that concern the investigation.

On March 21, 2012, the ALJ issued the subject ID granting the joint motion to terminate the investigation in its entirety pursuant to section 210.21(b) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 210.21(b)). No petitions for review of the subject ID were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the ID.


By order of the Commission.

Issued: April 9, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1105–NEW]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested: September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Objection Form

ACTION: 30-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Division, September 11th Victim Compensation Fund, will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the Federal Register, Volume 77, Number 20, Page 4827 on January 31, 2012, allowing for a 60 day comment period.

The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days for public comment until May 14, 2012. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments concerning this information collection should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attn: DOJ Desk Officer. The best way to ensure your comments are received is to email them to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov or fax them to 202–395–7285. All comments should reference the 8 digit OMB number for the collection or the title of the collection. If you have questions concerning the collection, please call Jonathan Olin, 202–514–5585.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

—Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

—Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

—Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

—Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) Type of Information Collection: New collection.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Victim Compensation Objection Form.

(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: Form Number: N/A, Civil Division.

(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Anyone expressing a potential objection to the filing of a claim by a purported personal representative of a deceased victim. Abstract: This form is to be submitted in connection with potential objections made to claims filed with the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001. The form asks that the objection be characterized and explained or be withdrawn.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 50 objectors with an average of 2.0 hours per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: There are an estimated 100 annual total burden hours associated with this collection.

If additional information is required contact: Jerri Murray, Department Clearance Officer, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, Two Constitution