valid but not infringed, and Apple’s iPhone 3G and 3GS do not practice the D’757 patent. With some modifications to the ALJ’s analysis for the ‘922 patent, the Commission has determined to affirm the ALJ’s constructions of disputed claim terms, and the ALJ’s conclusion that Apple failed to prove that Samsung contributorily infringes the asserted claims of the ‘922 patent. The Commission, however, has determined to reverse the ALJ’s conclusion that Apple has proven that Samsung induced infringement of the asserted claims of the ‘922 patent. With respect to the ‘697 patent, the Commission has determined to modify the ALJ’s construction and application of certain disputed terms in the asserted claims. Under the modified constructions, the Commission has determined that Apple has proven that the accused Samsung devices infringe the asserted claims of the ‘697 patent and that Apple’s domestic industry products practice the ‘697 patent. The Commission, however, ultimately finds that Apple has not proven a violation of section 337 with respect to the ‘697 patent because Samsung has proven with clear and convincing evidence that the asserted claims are invalid as anticipated by the YP–T7J media player. The Commission has further determined that Apple has proven a domestic industry exists in the United States relating to articles protected by the ‘678, the ‘922 and the ‘697 patents, but not the D’757 patent.

The Commission has determined that the appropriate remedy is a limited exclusion order prohibiting Samsung from importing certain electronic digital media devices that infringe one or more of claims 1, 4–6, 10, and 17–20 of the ‘949 patent and claims 1–4 and 8 of the ‘501 patent. The Commission has also determined to issue cease and desist orders prohibiting SEA and STA from further importing, selling, and distributing articles that infringe one or more of claims 1, 4–6, 10, and 17–20 of the ‘949 patent and claims 1–4 and 8 of the ‘501 patent in the United States. The orders are to the adjudicated design around products found not to infringe the asserted claims of the ‘949 and the ‘501 patents as identified in the final ID. The Commission has carefully considered the submissions of the parties and the public and has determined that the public interest factors enumerated in section 337(d)(1) and (f)(1) do not preclude issuance of the limited exclusion order and cease and desist orders.

Finally, the Commission has determined that excluded mobile phones, media players, and tablet computers may be imported and sold in the United States during the period of Presidential review (19 U.S.C. 1337(j)) with the posting of a bond in the amount of 1.25 percent of the entered value. The Commission’s order and opinion were delivered to the President and to the United States Trade Representative on the day of their issuance.


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By order of the Commission.

Lisa R. Barton,
Acting Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–845]

Certain Products Containing Interactive Program Guide and Parental Control Technology; Commission Determination To Review in Its Entirety a Final Initial Determination Finding No Violation of Section 337


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to review in its entirety a final initial determination (‘‘ID’’) issued by the presiding administrative law judge (‘‘ALJ’’), finding no violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, 19 U.S.C. 1337, in this investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Needham, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 708–5468. 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.


Originally, Complainants asserted numerous claims from seven patents against various respondents. Complainants later moved to terminate the investigation as to three of the seven patents, as to certain claims of one of the remaining four patents, and as to respondents LGE, Mitsubishi, and Vizio. Order No. 9 (Sept. 4, 2012), not reviewed, Oct. 2, 2012; Order No 16 (Nov. 6, 2012), not reviewed, December 7, 2012; Order Nos. 17 (Dec. 19, 2012) and 19 (Dec. 20, 2012), not reviewed, January 18, 2013; Order No. 21 (Jan. 22, 2013), not reviewed Feb. 13, 2013; Order Nos. 34 (Feb. 27, 2013) and 36 (Mar. 1, 2013), not reviewed (Mar. 22, 2013). What remains in the investigation are respondents Netflix and Roku, as well as claims 1, 6, 13, and 17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,898,762 (‘‘the ‘762 patent’’), claims 13–20 of U.S. Patent No. 7,065,709 (‘‘the ‘709 patent’’); claims 1–3, 10, and 11 of U.S. Patent No. 7,103,906 (‘‘the ‘906 patent’’); and claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 14, 15, 17, and 19 of U.S. Patent No. 8,112,776 (‘‘the ‘776 patent’’).

On June 7, 2013, the presiding ALJ issued his final ID, finding no violation of section 337. Specifically, the ALJ found that none of the accused products met the importation requirement of section 337. While the ALJ found that his importation finding was dispositive, the ALJ made additional findings in the event that the Commission determined that the importation requirement was met. The ALJ found that no party infringed any of the four asserted
patents. He also found that the '776 patent is invalid as anticipated and obvious, but that the respondents had failed to show that the other three asserted patents were invalid. The ALJ found a domestic industry for articles protected by each of the patents-in-suit, but found that Complainants had not shown a domestic industry based on substantial investment in licensing the asserted patents. The ALJ also rejected Respondents' patent misuse, implied license, and patent exhaustion defenses.

On June 24, 2013, Complainants filed a petition for review challenging the ALJ's findings that the importation requirement is not met, that Netflix does not induce infringement, and that the economic prong of the domestic industry is not met by Complainants' licensing activity. That same day, the respondents Netflix and Roku filed a joint contingent petition for review arguing additional bases for finding no violation. On July 2, 2013, the parties filed oppositions to each other's petitions.

Having examined the record of this investigation, including the ALJ's final ID, the petitions for review, and the responses thereto, the Commission has determined to review the final ID in its entirety.

The parties are requested to brief their positions on the issues under review with reference to the applicable law and the evidentiary record. In connection with its review, the Commission is particularly interested in briefing on the following issues:

1. Whether direct infringement being carried out by non-imported Netflix servers and Netflix user interfaces affects whether the Netflix SDK induces infringement at the time of importation. Additionally, explain how the Commission Opinion in Certain Electronic Devices with Image Processing Systems, Components Thereof, and Associated Software, Inv. No. 337-TA-724, applies to the accused Netflix SDK for each of the asserted patents.

2. Whether Complainants’ licensing of the Netflix Ready Devices pursuant to the LGE and Vizio licenses affects whether the accused Netflix software infringes.

3. Whether Netflix’s provision of its SDK pursuant to its agreements with LGE and Vizio constitutes a “sale” within the meaning of section 337(a)(1)(B).

4. Identify the specific software that allegedly induces infringement of each of the asserted patents, and explain whether such software is present in both the Netflix software allegedly “sold for importation” and in the Netflix Ready Devices imported into the United States. Or explain why no such software exists.

5. Explain specifically how the Netflix SDK itself induces infringement of each of the asserted patents. Or explain why the Netflix SDK itself does not induce infringement of each of the asserted patents.

6. Whether Netflix may induce infringement where the direct infringement is carried out by Netflix servers and Netflix user interfaces.

7. For each claim that Netflix is accused of inducing infringement, explain who or what carries out the direct infringement for each claim limitation.

The parties have been invited to brief only the discrete issues described above, with reference to the applicable law and evidentiary record. The parties are not to brief other issues on review, which are adequately presented in the parties’ existing filings.

In connection with the final disposition of this investigation, 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 a cease and desist order 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. 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 that activities involving other types of entry either are adversely affecting it or likely to do so. For background, see Certain Devices for Connecting Computers via Telephone Lines, Inv. No. 337-TA-360, USITC Pub. No. 2843 (December 1994) (Commission Opinion).

If the Commission contemplates some form of remedy, it must consider the effects of that remedy upon the public interest. The factors the Commission will consider include the effect that an exclusion order and/or a cease and desist order would have on (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. The Commission is therefore interested in receiving written submissions that address the aforementioned public interest factors in the context of this investigation.

If the Commission orders some form of remedy, the U.S. Trade Representative, as delegated by the President, has 60 days to approve or disapprove the Commission’s action. See Presidential Memorandum of July 21, 2005, 70 FR 43251 (July 26, 2005). During this period, the subject articles would be entitled to enter the United States under bond, in an amount determined by the Commission and prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. The Commission is therefore interested in receiving submissions concerning the amount of the bond that should be imposed if a remedy is ordered.

Written Submissions: The parties to the investigation are requested to file written submissions on the issues identified in this notice. 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. Such submissions should address the recommended determination by the ALJ on remedy and bonding. The written submissions must not exceed 75 pages, and must be filed no later than close of business on August 23, 2013. Reply submissions must not exceed 50 pages, and must be filed no later than the close of business on August 30, 2013. No further submissions on these issues will be permitted unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

Persons filing written submissions must file the original document electronically on or before the deadlines stated above and submit 8 true paper copies to the Office of the Secretary by noon the next day pursuant to section 210.4(f) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 210.4(f)). Submissions should refer to the investigation number (“Inv. No. 337-TA-845”) in a prominent place on the cover page and/or the first page. (See Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures, http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/fed_reg_notices/rules/handbook_on_electronic_filing.pdf.) Persons with questions regarding filing should contact the Secretary (202–205–4976).
confidential version of the document must also be filed simultaneously with the any confidential filing. All non-confidential written submissions will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Secretary and on EDIS.


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Lisa R. Barton,
Acting Secretary to the Commission.

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JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

Heardings of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committees on Rules of Bankruptcy and Civil Procedure

AGENCY: Advisory Committees on Rules of Bankruptcy and Civil Procedure, Judicial Conference of the United States.

ACTION: Notice of proposed amendments and open hearings.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committees on Rules of Bankruptcy and Civil Procedure have proposed amendments to the following rules and forms:


Civil Rules 1, 4, 6, 16, 26, 30, 31, 33, 34, 36, 37, 55, 84, and Appendix of Forms

Public hearings are scheduled to be held on the amendments to:

• Bankruptcy Rules in Chicago, Illinois, on January 17, 2014, and in Washington, DC, on January 31, 2014;
• Civil Rules in Washington, DC, on November 7, 2013, in Phoenix, Arizona, on January 9, 2014, and in Dallas, Texas, on February 7, 2014.

Those wishing to testify should contact the Secretary at the address below in writing at least 30 days before the hearing. All written comments and suggestions with respect to the proposed amendments may be submitted on or after the opening of the period for public comment on August 15, 2013, but no later than February 15, 2014.

Written comments can be submitted electronically, following the instructions provided at: http://www.uscourts.gov/RulesAndPolicies/rules/proposed-amendments.aspx. Written comments can also be submitted by mail to Secretary, Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Judicial Conference of the United States, Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building, Washington, DC 20544. In accordance with established procedures, all comments submitted are available for public inspection.

The text of the proposed rules amendments and the accompanying Committee Notes can be found at the United States Federal Courts’ Web site at http://www.uscourts.gov/rulesandpolicies/rules.aspx/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan C. Rose, Secretary, Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Judicial Conference of the United States.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Joint Task-Force Networked Media

Notice is hereby given that, on July 10, 2013, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. ("the Act"), Joint Task-Force Networked Media ("JT–NM") has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing (1) the identities of the parties to the venture and (2) the nature and objectives of the venture. The notifications were filed for the purpose of invoking the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances.

Pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, the identities of the parties to the venture are: ABC American Broadcasting Corporation, New York, NY; Advanced Advertising Forum, Watauga, TX; ALC NetworX, Munich, GERMANY; Altera Corp., San Jose, CA; Arista Networks, Santa Clara, CA; AT&T, Dallas, TX; Athlone Institute of Technology, Westmeath, IRELAND; Audinate, Inc., Portland, OR; AVA Networks, Boulder, CO; Avid Technology, Londonderry, NH; Ray Baldock (Individual), Nevada City, CA; David Bancroft (Individual), Reading, UNITED KINGDOM; Barco, Duluth, GA; Bosch Communications, Burnsville, MN; British Broadcast Corporation, London, Surrey, UNITED KINGDOM; BskyB Ltd, Isleworth, UNITED KINGDOM; CBC Radio Canada, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA; CBS, New York, NY; CDG—CineDesignGroup, Rome, ITALY; Ciena, Kanata, Ontario, CANADA; Cinog, Munich, GERMANY; Cisco, San Jose, CA; Cobalt Digital Inc., Urbana, IL; Coral Sea Studios P/L, Clifton Beach, Queensland, AUSTRALIA; Crystal Solutions, Buford, GA; Peter Dare (Individual), Queensland, AUSTRALIA; CS Meyer, Inc., Grass Valley, CA; Devoncroft Partners, Coronado, CA; Dimension Data, Oberursel, GERMANY; Dimetis GmbH, Dietzenbach, GERMANY; DIRECTV, El Segundo, CA; Discovery Communications, LLC, Oak Hill, VA; Distrito Telefonica, Madrid, SPAIN; Diversified Systems Inc., Kenilworth, NJ; Dolby, Porter Ranch, CA; James Donahue (Individual), Plainville, MA; DVBLink, Inc., Mount Vernon, IA; Bob Edge TV Consulting, Tualatin, OR; Elemental Technologies, Portland, OR; Encompass Digital Media, Los Angeles, CA; Ericsson Television Ltd, Southampton, UNITED KINGDOM; ESPN, Bristol, CT; Evertz, Burlington, Ontario, CANADA; European Broadcasting Union, Le Grand-Saconnex, Geneva, SWITZERLAND; EVS Broadcast Equipment SA, Seraing, BELGIUM; FOX, Los Angeles, CA; Fraunhofer IDMT, Ilmenau, GERMANY; Fraunhofer FOKUS Research Institute, Berlin, GERMANY; Front Porch Digital, Mt Laurel, NJ; Fujitsu Frontech North America, Toms River, NJ; GIC, Calabasas, CA; GigasContent A/S, Skanderborg, DENMARK; GoPro, San Mateo, CA; Grass Valley, San Francisco, CA; Harmonic Inc., Portland, OR; Harris Broadcast Corporation, Toronto, Quebec, CANADA; HD Consulting, Sewickley, PA; Home Box Office, Norwalk, CT; HRT, Zagreb, CROATIA; IABM, Queensmead, IRELAND; IBA, Gloucestershire, UNITED KINGDOM; IneoQuest Technologies, Inc., Mansfield, MA; Internet2, Ann Arbor, MI; intoPIX, Louvain-La-Neuve, BELGIUM; Iowa Public Television, Johnston, IA; IRB, Tehran, IRAN; IRT GmbH, Munich, GERMANY; ISAN IA, Geneva, SWITZERLAND; Johnson...