Next Steps

We will evaluate the permit application, including the plan and comments we receive, to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act. We will also evaluate whether issuance of the ITP would comply with section 7(a)(2) of the Act by conducting an intra-Service Section 7 consultation.

Public Review

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), NEPA’s public involvement regulations (40 CFR 1500.1(b), 1500.2(d), and 1506.6). We are requesting comments on our determination that the applicants’ proposal will have a minor or negligible effect on the Mount Hermon June beetle and that the plan qualifies as a low-effect HCP as defined by our 1996 Habitat Conservation Planning Handbook. We will evaluate the permit application, including the plan and comments we receive, to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act. We will use the results of our internal Service consultation, in combination with the above findings, in our final analysis to determine whether to issue the permits. If the requirements are met, we will issue an ITP to the applicant for the incidental take of Mount Hermon June beetle. We will make the final permit decision no sooner than 30 days after the date of this notice.

Public Comments

If you wish to comment on the permit application, plans, and associated documents, you may submit comments by any one of the methods in

ADDRESS:

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: May 2, 2017.

Stephen P. Henry,
Field Supervisor, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, Ventura, California.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332–562 and Investigation No. 332–563 ]

Global Digital Trade 2: The Business-to-Business Market, Key Foreign Trade Restrictions, and U.S. Competitiveness; and Global Digital Trade 3: The Business-to-Consumer Market, Key Foreign Trade Restrictions, and U.S. Competitiveness; Institution of investigations


ACTION: Institution of two additional investigations.

SUMMARY: In response to the request from the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) dated January 13, 2017 under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, the U.S. International Trade Commission has instituted the second and third of three investigations on global digital trade: investigation No. 332–562, Global Digital Trade 2: The Business-to-Business Market, Key Foreign Trade Restrictions, and U.S. Competitiveness; and investigation No. 332–563, Global Digital Trade 3: The Business-to-Consumer Market, Key Foreign Trade Restrictions, and U.S. Competitiveness. The Commission will schedule a public hearing and provide opportunity for the public to file written submissions in connection with both investigations, with dates and procedures relating to both announced in a later notice.

DATES:

October 29, 2018: Expected transmittal of the Global Digital Trade 2 report to the USTR.

March 29, 2019: Expected transmittal of the Global Digital Trade 3 report to the USTR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information relating to Global Digital Trade 2, contact co-Project Leaders Dan Kim (202–205–3234 or dan.kim@usitc.gov) and Alissa Tafti (202–205–3244 or alissa.tafti@usitc.gov); and for information relating to Global Digital Trade 3, contact Project Leader Ricky Ubee (202–205–3493 or ravinder.abee@usitc.gov) or Deputy Project Leader Christopher Robinson (202–205–2602 or christopher.robinson@usitc.gov). For information on the legal aspects of these investigations, 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.oloughlin@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 Web site (https://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 202–205–2002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: As indicated above, in his letter on January 13, 2017, the USTR requested that the Commission conduct three investigations and prepare three reports relating to global digital trade. The Commission instituted the first of these investigations, Global Digital Trade 1: Market Opportunities and Key Foreign Trade Restrictions, on February 6, 2017 and published notice of the investigation in the Federal Register on February 10, 2017 (82 FR 10397). The Commission held a public hearing in the first investigation on April 4, 2017, and is to transmit its report in that investigation to the USTR by August 29, 2017. For more information about the first investigation, including deadlines for filing briefs, statements, and other written submissions in that investigation, see the Commission’s notice published in the Federal Register and posted on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.usitc.gov.

The Commission is now announcing the institution of the second and third investigations in this series. As requested by the USTR, the Commission’s report on the second investigation, titled Global Digital Trade 2: The Business-to-Business Market, Key Foreign Trade Restrictions, and U.S. Competitiveness, will build on the first report to:

• Provide qualitative, and to the extent possible, quantitative analysis of measures in key foreign markets (identified in the first report) that affect the ability of U.S. firms to develop and/ or supply business-to-business digital products and services abroad; and
• Assess, using case studies or other qualitative and quantitative methods, the impact of these measures on the competitiveness of U.S. firms engaged in the sale of digital products and...
services, as well as on international trade and investment flows associated with digital products and services related to significant business-to-business technologies.

The Commission expects to deliver this second report to the USTR by October 29, 2018.

As requested by the USTR, the Commission’s report on the third investigation, titled Global Digital Trade 3: The Business-to-Consumer Market, Key Foreign Trade Restrictions, and U.S. Competitiveness, will build on the first and second reports to:

• Provide qualitative, and to the extent possible, quantitative analysis of measures in key foreign markets (identified in the first report) that affect the ability of U.S. firms to develop and/or supply business-to-consumer digital products and services abroad; and

• Assess, using case studies or other qualitative and quantitative methods, the impact of these measures on the competitiveness of U.S. firms engaged in the sale of digital products and services, as well as on international trade and investment flows associated with digital products and services related to significant business-to-consumer technologies.

The Commission expects to deliver this third report to the USTR by March 29, 2019.

Public Hearing, Written Submissions: The Commission expects to hold a public hearing in the spring of 2018 in connection with the second and third investigations. The Commission will announce the time and place in a later notice.

The Commission will also provide opportunity for interested members of the public to file written submissions in connection with the second and third investigations. The Commission will announce the time and procedures relating to the filing of those written submissions in a later notice. The Commission will also identify in that notice any particular issues or subject areas that it would like members of the public to address in their written submissions or in hearing testimony.

Portions of the Second and Third Reports to be Classified as National Security Information and be Subject to the Deliberative Process Privilege: In his letter requesting the investigations, the USTR indicated that portions of the Commission’s second and third reports containing the Commission’s analysis of the impact of foreign barriers to digital trade on (1) U.S. imports and exports of digital products and services and (2) the competitiveness of U.S. companies will be classified on the basis that those portions concern economic matters relating to national security that impact USTR negotiation and enforcement priorities. USTR also indicated that it intends to treat the Commission’s second and third reports as interagency memoranda containing predecisional advice subject to the deliberative process privilege.

In his request letter, the USTR indicated that his office intends to make the Commission’s first report in this series available to the public in its entirety.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: May 2, 2017.

Lisa R. Barton,
Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
[Investigation No. 337–TA–1055]
Certain Mirrors With Internal Illumination and Components Thereof; Institution of Investigation


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on March 8, 2017, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of Electric Mirror, LLC of Everett, Washington and Kelvin 42 LLC of Pensacola, Florida. A supplement was filed on March 24, 2017, and an amended complaint was filed on April 21, 2017. The complaint, as amended, alleges violations of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain mirrors with internal illumination and components thereof by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 7,853,414 (‘‘the ‘414 patent’’) and U.S. Patent No. 7,559,668 (‘‘the ‘668 patent’’). The amended complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by the applicable Federal Statute.

The complainants request that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a limited exclusion order and cease and desist orders.

ADDRESSES: The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, is 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., Room 112, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–2000. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on (202) 205–1810. 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 at https://www.usitc.gov. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at https://edis.usitc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office of the Secretary, Docket Services Division, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205–1802.


Scope of Investigation: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on May 1, 2017, ordered that—

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain mirrors with internal illumination and components thereof by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 4, 9, 14, and 18 of the ‘‘414 patent and claims 1–6, 8, and 14–16 of the ‘668 patent, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;

(2) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainants are:

Electric Mirror, LLC, 6101 Associated Boulevard Everett, WA 98203.
Kelvin 42 LLC, 38 South Blue Angel Parkway #176, Pensacola, FL 32506.

(b) The respondents are the following entities alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint is to be served:

Lumidesign Inc., 55 West Beaver Creek Road, Unit 34, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4B 1K5, Canada.