INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–1127]

Certain Microperforated Packaging Containing Fresh Produce (II); Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Granting a Motion To Terminate the Investigation With Respect to Respondent Growers Express, LLC.; Termination of the Investigation


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review an initial determination (“ID”) (Order No. 7) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”), granting defendant’s motion to terminate the investigation as to respondent Growers Express, LLC (“Growers Express”) based on a settlement and license agreement. The investigation is terminated in its entirety.


The public record for this investigation may also be obtained by accessing its electronic docket (EDIS) at https://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 August 16, 2018, based on a complaint filed on behalf of Windham Packaging, LLC (“Windham”) of Windham, New Hampshire. 83 FR 40787 (Aug. 16, 2018). The complaint alleges 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, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain microperforated packaging containing fresh produce by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 7,083,837. Id. The complaint further alleges that a domestic industry exists. Id. The Commission’s notice of investigation named as respondents C.H. Robinson Worldwide Inc. (“C.H. Robinson”) of Eden Prairie, Minnesota and Growers Express of Salinas, California. Id. at 40788.

Respondent C.H. Robinson has been terminated from the investigation based on Windham’s withdrawal of the allegations of the complaint pursuant to Commission Rule 210.21(a) (19 CFR 210.21(a)). See Order No. 6 at 1 (Feb. 25, 2019), Comm’n Notice (Mar. 11, 2019).

On February 19, 2019, Windham filed an unopposed motion to terminate the investigation as to Growers Express based on a settlement and license agreement between Windham and Growers Express. On March 14, 2019, the ALJ issued the subject ID granting the motion pursuant to Commission Rule 210.21(b)(1) (19 CFR 210.21(b)(1)). Order No. 7 at 2 (Mar. 14, 2019). The ALJ found that the motion complies with the Commission’s rules, and there is no evidence that terminating this investigation as to Growers Express based on a settlement and license agreement would be contrary to the public interest. Id. at 1–2. The subject ID indicates that Growers Express is the last remaining respondent. Id. at 2 n.1.

No petitions for review were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. The investigation is terminated in its entirety.


Lisa Barton,
Secretary to the Commission.
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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 731–TA–1435–1440 (Preliminary)]

Acetone From Belgium, Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, and Spain

Determination

On the basis of the record 1 developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission (“Commission”) determines, pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of acetone from Belgium, Korea, Singapore, South Africa, and Spain, provided for in subheading 2914.11.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (“LTFV”). 2 In addition, the Commission terminates the antidumping duty investigation on acetone from Saudi Arabia.

Commencement of Final Phase Investigation

Pursuant to section 207.18 of the Commission’s rules, the Commission also gives notice of the commencement of the final phase of its investigations. The Commission will issue a final phase notice of scheduling, which will be published in the Federal Register as provided in section 207.21 of the Commission’s rules, upon notice from the U.S. Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) of an affirmative preliminary determination in the investigation under section 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determination is negative, upon notice of an affirmative final determination in that investigation under section 735(a) of the Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of the investigations need not enter a separate appearance for the final phase of the investigation. Industrial users, and, if the merchandise under investigation is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations have the right to appear as parties in Commission antidumping and countervailing duty investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses

1 The record is defined in sec. 207.2(l) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(l)).

2 Acetone from Belgium, the Republic of Korea, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Singapore, the Republic of South Africa, and Spain: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations, 84 FR 9755 (March 18, 2019).