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Lisa Barton,
Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–1254]

Certain Semiconductor Devices, Wireless Infrastructure Equipment Containing the Same, and Components Thereof; Notice of Institution of Investigation


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on February 4, 2021, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. of Korea and Samsung Austin Semiconductor, LLC of Austin, Texas. The complaint 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 semiconductor devices, wireless infrastructure equipment containing the same, and components thereof by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 9,748,243 ("the '243 patent"); U.S. Patent No. 9,018,697 ("the '697 patent"); U.S. Patent No. 9,048,219 ("the '219 patent"); and U.S. Patent No. 9,761,719 ("the '719 patent"). The 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, may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at https://edis.usitc.gov. For help accessing EDIS, please email EDIS3Help@usitc.gov. 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.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:


Scope of Investigation: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on March 4, 2021, 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 products identified in paragraph (2) by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1–4 and 6–20 of the '243 patent; claims 1–15 of the '697 patent; claims 1–3, 6–8, 10–14, 16, 19, 20, 23, 24, and 26–29 of the '219 patent; and claims 1, 5–11, 13, 15, and 18 of the '719 patent; and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;

(2) Pursuant to section 210.10(b)(1) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10(b)(1), the plain language description of the accused products or category of accused products, which defines the scope of the investigation, is “semiconductor devices, wireless infrastructure equipment containing the same, specifically base stations, modem units, boards, radio units, and digital units, as well as components thereof”;

(3) 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:
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., 129 Samsung ro (Maetan-dong), Yeongtong-gu Suwon-si, Gyeonggi-do 16677, Republic of Korea
Samsung Austin Semiconductor, LLC, 12100 Samsung Blvd., Austin, Texas 78754

(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:

Ericsson AB, Torshamsgatan 23, Kista, 16480 Stockholm, Sweden
Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson, Torshamsgatan 21, Kista, SE–164 83, Stockholm, Sweden
Ericsson Inc., 6300 Legacy Drive, Plano, TX 75024

(4) For the investigation so instituted, the Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. International Trade Commission, shall designate the presiding Administrative Law Judge.

The Office of Unfair Import Investigations will not be named as a party to this investigation.

Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.13. Pursuant to 19 CFR 201.16(e) and 210.13(a), as amended in 85 FR 15798 (March 19, 2020), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the claimants of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of an exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.


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Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Z-Wave Alliance, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on February 2, 2021, pursuant to Section 13733
6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. (the “Act”), Z-Wave Alliance, Inc. filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Cherubini SPA, Bedizzole, ITALY; Devicebook Inc., Bellevue, WA; LINDSEY Technical Solutions, Lakewood Ranch, FL; RG Nets, Inc., Reno, NV; SHARP FUKUYAMA SEMICONDUCTOR CO., LTD., Fukuyama, JAPAN; Yas Electronics Systems, Sharjah, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES; ZTE Corporation, Guangdong, PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA; Vivint SmartHome, Provo, UT; SHENZHEN SEI ROBOTICS CO., LTD. Shenzhen, PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA; Syslink Technology Co., Ltd., Bangkok, THAILAND; Daikin Airconditioning (Singapore) Pte Ltd, Singapore, SINGAPORE; and Eneco, Rotterdam, THE NETHERLANDS have been added as parties to this venture.

And an existing member’s name was misspelled in the prior notice (85 FR 77241): Beaumotica, Breda, THE NETHERLANDS is the correct spelling for “Beautmotica, Breda, THE NETHERLANDS.”

Also, Bridgetek Pte Ltd., Singapore, SINGAPORE; Tantivy Inc., Milpitas, CA; Chuango Security Technology Company Account, Fuzhou, PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA; Hank Electronics LTD., Shenzhen, PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA; LinkedGo Technology Co. Ltd., Guangzhou, PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA; EnLife, Haapsalu, ESTONIA; Gadget Access Pty Ltd, New South Wales, AUSTRALIA; Mad Rooster Home Protection, Mercer, WI; Miguel Corporate Services Pte Ltd., Midview City, SINGAPORE; Modern System Concepts, Inc., Houston, TX; Rejoin Telematics AB, Orebro, SWEDEN; Resilient Smart Home Communications LLC, Dallas, TX; Rigjonn, Singapore, SINGAPORE; Smart Things Electronics SRL, Ilfov, ROMANIA; Alfred Smart Systems, S.L., Barcelona, SPAIN; Ei Electronics, County Clare, IRELAND; Sheenway Asia Limited, Kwloon, HONG KONG; and Quby B.V., Amsterdam, THE NETHERLANDS have withdrawn from this venture.

And IOn Technologies, Jacksonville, FL was mistakenly identified in the prior notice (85 FR 77241) and is not a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in the membership or the planned activity of this venture. Membership in this venture remains open, and Z-Wave Alliance, Inc. intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On November 19, 2020, Z-Wave Alliance, Inc. filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on December 1, 2020 (85 FR 77241).

Suzanne Morris, Chief, Premerger and Division Statistics, Antitrust Division.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Dynamic Spectrum Alliance, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that, on February 10, 2021, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. (“the Act”), Dynamic Spectrum Alliance, Inc. (“DSA”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances. Specifically, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Pretoria, SOUTH AFRICA has been added as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and DSA intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.

On March 15, 2017, PSPD–II filed its original notification pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act. The Department of Justice published a notice in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on April 14, 2017 (82 FR 18012).

The last notification was filed with the Department on May 11, 2020. A notice was published in the Federal Register pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act on May 19, 2020 (85 FR 29977).

Suzanne Morris, Chief, Premerger and Division Statistics, Antitrust Division.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Antitrust Division

Notice Pursuant to the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993—Cooperative Research Group On Particle Sensor Performance and Durability

Notice is hereby given that, on February 16, 2021, pursuant to Section 6(a) of the National Cooperative Research and Production Act of 1993, 15 U.S.C. 4301 et seq. (“the Act”), Southwest Research Institute—Cooperative Research Group on Particle Sensor Performance and Durability (“PSPD–II”) has filed written notifications simultaneously with the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission disclosing changes in its membership. The notifications were filed for the purpose of extending the Act’s provisions limiting the recovery of antitrust plaintiffs to actual damages under specified circumstances.

Specifically, Denso Corporation, Southfield, MI, has withdrawn as a party to this venture.

No other changes have been made in either the membership or planned activity of the group research project. Membership in this group research project remains open, and PSPD–II intends to file additional written notifications disclosing all changes in membership.