INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–1118 (Advisory Opinion Proceeding)]

Certain Movable Barrier Operator Systems and Components Thereof; Notice of a Commission Determination To Adopt in Part an Advisory Opinion; Termination of Advisory Opinion Proceeding


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission (the “Commission”) has determined to adopt in part an initial advisory opinion ("IAO") (Order No. 44, as corrected) issued by the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ"). The Commission has determined to adopt the IAO’s finding of non-infringement of claims 1 and 21 of U.S. Patent Nos. 7,755,223. The Commission has determined not to adopt the portions of the IAO recommending rescission of the remedial orders and discussing grant of a motion for summary determination of non-infringement. The advisory opinion proceeding is hereby terminated.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted the underlying investigation on June 11, 2018, based on a complaint, as supplemented, filed by The Chamberlain Group, Inc. (“CGI”) of Oak Brook, Illinois; 83 FR 27020–21 (June 11, 2018). The complaint alleges that respondents Nortek Security & Control, LLC of Carlsbad, California; Nortek, Inc. of Providence, Rhode Island; and GTO Access Systems, LLC of Tallahassee, Florida (collectively, “Nortek”) violated section 337 of the Tariff Act, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337 (“Section 337”) by importing, selling for importation, or selling in the United States after importation garage door openers (“GDOs”) and other movable barrier operator systems that allegedly infringe one or more of the asserted claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 7,755,223 (“the ’223 patent”), 8,587,404 (“the ’404 patent”), and 6,741,052 (“the ’052 patent”). Id. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations was not named as a party to this investigation. Id.

On December 3, 2020, the Commission determined that Nortek violated Section 337 by way of infringing claims 1 and 21 of the ’223 patent. The Commission issued a limited exclusion order and cease and desist orders against Nortek and imposed a bond in the amount of 100 percent of the entered value of the covered products during the period of Presidential review.

On January 21, 2021, the Commission granted Nortek’s opposed request to institute an advisory opinion proceeding, pursuant to Commission Rule 210.79 (19 CFR 210.79). 86 FR 7105 (Jan. 26, 2021); Comm’n Order (Jan. 21, 2021). On January 28, 2021, CGI and Nortek executed a joint stipulation that the subject GDOs do not infringe the ’223 patent because they do not have two operating modes at two different energy levels (i.e., they do not have a “beam off” or “sleep mode”). On February 9, 2021, Nortek filed an unopposed motion for summary determination and statement of undisputed facts that the subject GDOs do not infringe the ’223 patent.

On May 24, 2021, the presiding ALJ issued an amended IAO finding the subject GDOs do not infringe claims 1 and 21 of the ’223 patent. Order No. 44 (May 24, 2021) (as amended). The amended IAO also contains language ostensibly granting Nortek’s unopposed motion for summary determination of non-infringement and recommends that the Commission issue an order rescinding the remedial orders. See id. at 6.

On June 1, 2021, CGI filed a petition for review of Order No. 44, opposing the portion of the IAO recommending rescission of the remedial orders. CGI did not oppose the IAO’s finding that the subject GDOs do not infringe claims 1 and 21 of the ’223 patent. Nortek did not file a response to CGI’s petition.

The Commission has determined to adopt the portion of the IAO finding that the subject GDOs do not infringe claims 1 and 21 of the ’223 patent. The Commission, however, has determined not to adopt the recommendation to rescind the remedial orders, as modification or rescission of remedial orders is governed by Section 337(k) (19 U.S.C. 1337(k)) and Commission Rule 210.76 (19 CFR 210.76). The Commission has also determined not to adopt that portion of the advisory opinion discussing granting Nortek’s motion for summary determination of non-infringement.

This advisory opinion proceeding is hereby terminated.


By order of the Commission.
Issued: June 24, 2021.

Lisa Barton,
Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

U.S. Marshals Service

[OMB Number 1105–0105]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Renewal of Collection, No Changes; Comments Requested; Form CSO–005, Preliminary Background Check Form

AGENCY: U.S. Marshals Service, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 60-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice (DOJ), U.S. Marshals Service (USMS), will submit 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.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until August 30, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have additional comments, particularly with respect to the estimated public burden or associated response time, have suggestions, need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or desire any additional information, please contact Nicole Timmons either by mail at CG–3, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20530–0001, by email at Nicole.Timmons@usdoj.gov, or by telephone at 202–236–2646.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments and suggestions from the