

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-1434]

Certain Composite Intermediate Bulk Containers; Notice of Commission Determination on Remedy, the Public Interest, and Bonding for a Defaulting Respondent; Termination of Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to issue a limited exclusion order and impose a bond of 100 percent (100%) against a defaulting respondent, Hebei Shijiheng Plastics, Co., Ltd., of Zhongjie Huanghua City, China (“Hebei Shijiheng”). The Commission has determined that the remedy will not adversely impact the public interest. This investigation is hereby terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carl P. Bretscher, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-2382. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. For help accessing EDIS, please email EDIS3Help@usitc.gov. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at <https://www.usitc.gov>. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal, telephone (202) 205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 27, 2025, the Commission instituted this investigation based on a complaint filed by Schütz Container Systems, Inc. of North Branch, New Jersey and Protechna S.A. of Fribourg, Switzerland (collectively, “Complainants”). 90 FR 8222-23 (Jan. 27, 2025). The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337 (“section 337”), by reason of the infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 9,004,310 (“the ‘310 patent”); 9,718,581; 8,708,150; 8,919,562; 8,567,626; and 8,276,299. *Id.* The Commission’s notice of investigation named the following respondents: Hebei Shijiheng; Shanghai Sakura Plastic Products Co., Ltd. (d/b/a Shanghai Yinghua Plastic Products Co.,

Ltd.) of Shanghai, China (“Sakura”); Shandong Jinshan Jieyuan Container Co., Ltd. of Zhengjiang City, China (“Jinshan”); and Zibo Jieliin Plastic Pipe Manufacture Co. Ltd. of Zibo City, China (“Jieliin”). *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations (“OUII”) is also a party in the investigation. *Id.*

On April 22, 2025, the Commission terminated the investigation as to certain patent claims based on withdrawal of the complaint. *See* Order No. 9 (Apr. 2, 2025), *unreviewed by* Notice (Apr. 22, 2025).

On May 28, 2025, the Commission amended the complaint and notice of investigation to change the address of Hebei Shijiheng to the address where Hebei Shijiheng had been served with the complaint and notice of investigation. Order No. 10 (May 9, 2025), *unreviewed by* Notice (May 28, 2025).

On July 7, 2025, the Commission amended the complaint and notice of investigation to assert claims 1-3 and 5 of the ‘150 patent against respondents Jinshan and Sakura. Order No. 12 (June 13, 2025), *unreviewed by* 90 FR 30680-81 (July 10, 2025). The Commission found that good cause exists for the amendments because “Complainants learned of additional infringing product models manufactured by Jinshan and Sakura after filing of the complaint.” Order No. 12 at 3.

Also on July 7, 2025, the Commission found respondent Hebei Shijiheng in default for failure to respond to the complaint and notice of investigation or an order to show cause (Order No. 11) issued on June 2, 2025. Order No. 13 (June 17, 2025), *unreviewed by* Comm’n Notice (July 7, 2025).

On September 11, 2025, Complainants filed a declaration pursuant to section 337(g)(1) (19 U.S.C. 1337(g)(1)) and Commission Rule 210.16(c) (19 CFR 210.16(c)) seeking immediate entry of relief against the defaulting respondent, Hebei Shijiheng. Specifically, Complainants request a limited exclusion order prohibiting entry into the United States of Hebei Shijiheng’s infringing articles. Complainants also request that the Commission set a bond of 100 percent (100%) of the entered value of the infringing articles during the period of Presidential review.

On December 22, 2025, the Commission determined to adopt three initial determinations (Order Nos. 20, 21, and 22) granting Complainants’ unopposed motions to terminate Sakura, Jinshan, and Jieliin, respectively, from this investigation due to consent orders, pursuant to Commission Rule 210.21(a)(2), 19 CFR 210.21(a)(2). *See* Order No. 20 (Dec. 8, 2025) (terminating

Sakura); Order No. 21 (Dec. 8, 2025) (terminating Jinshan); Order No. 22 (Dec. 8, 2025) (terminating Jieliin), *unreviewed by* 90 FR 61164-65 (Dec. 30, 2025).

In that same notice, the Commission requested written submissions on the issues of remedy, the public interest, and bonding with respect to the defaulting respondent, Hebei Shijiheng. 90 FR at 61164-65. Complainants and OUII filed their initial responses on January 9, 2026. Complainants request entry of a limited exclusion order directed to Hebei Shijiheng. Complainants do not request the issuance of a cease and desist order. OUII filed a reply to the Complainants’ response on January 16, 2026. Complainants did not file a reply. No respondent, including Hebei Shijiheng, or any third party or interested government agency filed a response to the Commission’s request or opposed the relief requested by Complainants and OUII.

When the conditions in section 337(g)(1)(A)-(E) (19 U.S.C. 1337(g)(1)(A)-(E)) have been satisfied, section 337(g)(1) and Commission Rule 210.16(c) (19 CFR 210.16(c)) direct the Commission, upon request, to issue a limited exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both against a respondent found in default, based on the allegations regarding a violation of section 337 in the complaint, which are presumed to be true, unless after consideration of the public interest factors in section 337(g)(1), it finds that such relief should not issue.

Having reviewed the parties’ submissions, the Commission has determined to issue a limited exclusion order against Hebei Shijiheng to exclude covered products that infringe claims 1-5 and 8 of the ‘310 patent, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337(g)(1) and Commission Rule 210.16(c)(1), 19 CFR 210.16(c)(1). The Commission has determined that excluding the intermediate bulk containers at issue will not have an adverse effect on the public interest. The Commission has also determined to impose a bond in the amount of 100 percent (100%) of the entered value of articles covered articles imported during the period of Presidential review, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337(j)(3) and Commission Rule 210.50(a)(3), 19 CFR 210.50(a)(3).

This investigation is hereby terminated.

The Commission’s vote for this determination took place on February 17, 2026.

The authority for the Commission’s determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as

amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in Part 210 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR part 210).

By order of the Commission.

Issued: February 17, 2026.

Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1140-0005]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection eComments Requested; Application/Permit To Import Firearms, Ammunition, and Defense Articles—ATF Form 5330.3A (Form 6, Part I)

AGENCY: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; Department of Justice.

ACTION: 30-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), will be submitting 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: ATF encourages comments on this information collection. You may submit written comments for 30 days, until midnight on March 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments and recommendations for this information collection to the following website: www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB control number: 1140-0005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact: Justine Hall, Firearms and Explosives Imports Branch, either by mail at 244 Needy Road, Martinsburg, WV 25405, by email at Justine.hall@atf.gov, or by telephone at 304-616-4593.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register**, 90 FR 37568, on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, allowing a 60-day comment period. We encourage written comments and suggestions from the

public and affected agencies concerning the proposed information collection.

Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary to properly perform the identified functions of the Bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the proposed information collection's burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Evaluate whether, and if so how, the agency can enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and
- Minimize the information collection's burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting responses to be submitted electronically.

You may view this information collection request at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Justice information collections currently under review by OMB and look for 1140-0005.

DOJ seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three years without renewal. DOJ notes that information collection requirements submitted to OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Overview of This Information Collection:

1. *Type of information collection:* revising a previously approved collection.

2. *Title of the form/collection:* Application/Permit to Import Firearms, Ammunition, and Defense Articles.

3. *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:*

Form number: ATF Form 5330.3A (Form 6, part I).

Component: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; U.S. Department of Justice.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

Affected public: individuals or households, federal, state, local, and tribal governments, and private sector-for-profit institutions.

Abstract: The Gun Control Act and other statutes prohibit persons from importing firearms, ammunition, and defense articles into the US unless the articles meet certain criteria, the importer is not a prohibited person, and the Attorney General (delegated to Director, ATF) approves that person to import those items. ATF uses this form to collect the information necessary to determine the above facts and approve a person to import the articles; the form then serves as their permit to do so.

5. *Obligation to respond:* required to obtain or retain a benefit.

6. *Total estimated number of respondents:* 13,777 respondents.

7. *Estimated time per respondent:* 30 minutes (0.5 hours).

8. *Frequency:* Once annually.

9. *Total estimated annual time burden:* 3,869 total hours.

10. *Total estimated annual other costs burden:* \$1,241 in mailing costs for the portion who choose to mail instead of submitting electronically.

Revisions to This Information Collection

Information Collection (IC) OMB 1140-0005 is being revised to reflect an increase in the number of persons who submit requests to import, from 10,000 three years ago to 13,777 in 2025, an increase of 3,777 requests annually. In addition, the collection has been revised to reflect a change in the amount of time it takes to complete and submit the information, due to technological developments. More than 90 percent of respondents now respond via ATF's online eForms system, cutting out the time involved in completing and mailing paper forms. As a result of these combined changes, the information collection has been revised to reflect a decrease in the total annual hourly burden, from 5,000 hours three years ago to 3,869 in 2025, a decrease of 1,131 hours. In addition, ATF is including monetized value of this time due to recent OMB changes and has also made small revisions to the title to make it easier to read.

Public Comments

ATF did not receive comments on this information collection during the 60-day notice and comment period.

If you need additional information, contact: Darwin Arceo, Department Clearance Officer, Enterprise Portfolio Management, Justice Management Division; United States Department of Justice; Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, 4W-218 Washington, DC 20530.