

sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain L-lysine feed products and genetic constructs for production thereof by reason of infringement of claims 13, 15–19, and 21–22 of U.S. Patent No. 5,827,698 (“the ‘698 patent”) and claims 1, 2, 15, and 22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,040, 160 (“the ‘160 patent”).

The complaint named as respondents Global Bio-Chem Technology, Group Company Ltd. (Admiralty, Hong Kong), Changchun Dacheng Bio-Chem Engineering Development Co., Ltd., (Jilin Province, China), Changchun Baocheng Bio Development Co., Ltd. (Jilin Province, China), Changchun Dahe Bio Technology Development Co., Ltd. (Jilin Province, China), Bio-Chem Technology (HK) Ltd. (Admiralty, Hong Kong) (collectively, “GBT”). 71 FR 30958. On June 29, 2006, Ajinomoto Heartland further amended the complaint and notice of institution by adding its parent company, Ajinomoto, Inc. (Tokyo, Japan) as a complainant. 71 FR 43209 (July 31, 2006).

On October 15, 2007, the Commission determined not to review an order of the ALJ, granting Ajinomoto’s motion to withdraw claims 1, 2, and 22 of the ‘160 patent and claims 13, 16–19, and 21–22 of the ‘698 patent.

On July 31, 2008, the ALJ issued his final ID, in which he found no violation of section 337 with regard to either the ‘160 or the ‘698 patents because he found that the asserted claims of both patents were invalid for failure to satisfy the best mode requirement of 35 U.S.C. 112 ¶ 1 on two separate grounds and that both patents were unenforceable because of inequitable conduct. He found infringement of the asserted claims through importation of lysine made using the “old” strain of E. coli by GBT, but not the “new” strain, based upon the stipulation of the parties. The ALJ also found the existence of a domestic industry for the asserted claims, and found that the asserted claims were not invalid for obviousness or obviousness-type double patenting, and that the asserted patents were not unenforceable by reason of unclean hands.

On August 19, 2008, Ajinomoto petitioned for review of the ALJ’s final ID regarding invalidity of the asserted claims for failure to meet the best mode requirement and unenforceability of the patents because of inequitable conduct. Neither GBT nor the Commission investigative attorney petitioned for review of any part of the ID.

Having examined the relevant portions of the record in this investigation, including the final ID, the

petition for review, and the responses thereto, the Commission has determined (1) to review and take no position on (a) the ALJ’s finding that claim 15 of the ‘160 patent is invalid for failure to meet the best mode requirement to the extent that finding is based on alleged fictitious data and (b) the ALJ’s finding that the ‘160 patent is unenforceable for inequitable conduct and (2) not to review the remainder of the ID. Thus, the investigation is terminated with a finding of no violation of section 337.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in sections 210.42–.46 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 210.42–.46).

By order of the Commission.

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Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731–TA–1123 (Final)]

Steel Wire Garment Hangers From China Determination

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission (Commission) determines, pursuant to section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)) (the Act), that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from China of steel wire garment hangers, provided for in subheading 7326.20.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that have been found by the Department of Commerce (Commerce) to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV).

Background

The Commission instituted this investigation effective July 31, 2007, following receipt of a petition filed with the Commission and Commerce by M&B Metal Products Company, Inc., Leeds, AL. The final phase of the investigation was scheduled by the Commission following notification of a preliminary determination by Commerce that imports of steel wire garment hangers from China were being sold at LTFV within the meaning of section 733(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b(b)). Notice of

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

the scheduling of the final phase of the Commission’s investigation and of a public hearing to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of April 4, 2008 (73 FR 18560). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on July 31, 2008, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determination in this investigation to the Secretary of Commerce on September 29, 2008. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 4034 (September 2008), entitled *Steel Wire Garment Hangers from China: Investigation No. 731–TA–1123 (Final)*.

By order of the Commission.

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Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of a Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that on September 5, 2008, a proposed Consent Decree in the case of *United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection v. Temrac Company, Inc.*, Docket No. 08–4292, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

In this proceeding, the United States filed a claim pursuant to Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (“CERCLA”), 42 U.S.C. 9607, for reimbursement of costs incurred in connection with response actions taken at the Crossley Farms Superfund Site, located in Huffs Church, Hereford Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Pursuant to the Consent Decree, the settling Defendant agrees to pay \$1,916,448.77 in reimbursement of costs previously incurred by the United States, and \$212,938.93 in reimbursement of costs previously incurred by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication,