

California (“Align”). 82 FR (Dec. 20, 2017). The complaint alleged 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 color intraoral scanners and related hardware and software by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 8,363,228 (“the ‘228 patent”); 8,451,456 (“the ‘456 patent”); 8,675,207 (“the ‘207 patent”); 9,101,433 (“the ‘433 patent”); 948,931 (“the ‘931 patent”); and 6,685,470 (“the ‘470 patent”). See *id.* The complaint named 3Shape A/S and 3Shape Inc. as the respondents. On March 15, 2018, the ALJ granted Align’s unopposed motion to amend the complaint and notice of investigation to add as an additional respondent in this investigation 3Shape Trios A/S of Copenhagen, Denmark (respondents are collectively referred to as “3Shape”). See 83 FR 13781–82 (March 30, 2018), *unreviewed*, Notice (March 27, 2018). The Office of Unfair Import Investigations did not participate in the investigation.

On March 1, 2019, the ALJ issued his final ID finding that no violation of section 337 has occurred. On March 18, 2019, Align filed a petition for review and 3Shape filed a contingent petition for review of the ID. On March 26, 2019, all of the parties filed responses to the respective petitions for review.

On July 18, 2019, the Commission determined to review the final ID in part. Specifically, the Commission determined to review the ID’s findings on the following issues: (1) Importation; (2) the construction of “processor”; (3) the construction of “confocal imaging techniques”; (4) all findings concerning infringement; (5) all findings concerning invalidity; (6) all findings concerning whether Align’s products practice one or more claims of the asserted patents; and (7) all findings concerning whether Align’s financial investments and activities relating to Align’s products meet the domestic industry requirement. The Commission requested briefing on some of the issues under review, and requested submissions from the parties, government agencies and the public on remedy, bonding, and the public interest. 84 FR 35688 (July 25, 2019). On July 30, 2019, Align and 3Shape filed their written responses to the Commission’s request for briefing. On August 6, 2019, Align and 3Shape filed their reply submissions.

The Commission has examined the record of this investigation, including the ALJ’s final ID, the petitions for review, and the responses thereto, and filings in response to the Commission’s request for briefing. The Commission

affirms in part, with modified reasoning as discussed in the accompanying opinion, the ID’s finding of no violation of section 337. Specifically, the Commission determines: (1) Claim 1 of each of the ‘228, ‘456, and ‘207 patents is infringed; (2) claim 26 of the ‘228 patent is infringed; (4) claim 15 of the ‘456 patent is not infringed; (5) claim 12 of the ‘433 is not infringed; (6) the asserted claims of the ‘228 and ‘456 patents are invalid for failing to meet the written description requirement; (7) the ‘228, ‘456, and ‘433 patents are not invalid as anticipated or obvious; (8) the asserted claim of the ‘207 patent is invalid as obvious; (9) Align’s products do not practice the ‘228, ‘456, and ‘207 patents; (10) Align’s products practice claim 12 of the ‘433 patent; (11) the importation requirement is met for 3Shape Trios A/S; (12) to take no position on whether 3Shape A/S and 3Shape Inc. have met the importation requirement; (13) to take no position on whether claim 4 of the ‘228 patent is infringed; (14) to take no position on secondary considerations for the ‘228, ‘456, and ‘433 patents; and (15) to take no position on whether Align’s investments and activities relating to Align’s products meet the domestic industry requirement. The Commission also affirms, without modification, the ID’s finding of no violation for the ‘931 and ‘470 patents. The investigation is terminated.

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: November 22, 2019.

Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–1186]

Certain Balanced Armature Devices, Products Containing Same, and Components Thereof; Institution of Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on

August 29, 2019, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of Knowles Corporation of Itasca, Illinois; Knowles Electronics, LLC of Itasca, Illinois; and Knowles Electronics (Suzhou) Co., Ltd. of China.

Supplements to the complaint were filed on September 18 and November 5, 2019. The complaint alleges violations of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, and in the sale of certain balanced armature devices, products containing same, and components thereof by reason of misappropriation of trade secrets, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure a domestic industry. The complainants request that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a general exclusion order or, in the alternative, limited exclusion orders, and cease and desist orders.

ADDRESSES: The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, is available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Room 112, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–2000. 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>. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pathenia M. Proctor, The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205–2560.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and in section 210.10 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10 (2018).

Scope of Investigation: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on November 22, 2019, *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)(A) of

section 337 in the importation into the United States, or in the sale of certain products identified in paragraph (2) by reason of misappropriation of trade secrets, the threat or effect of which is to destroy or substantially injure an industry in the United States;

(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 balanced armature devices (also known as balanced armature receivers), and devices used on the ear or in the ear canal containing accused balanced armature devices (earphones, ear buds, headsets, headphones, in-ear monitors, hearing aids, hearing aid replacement receiver tubes, receiver in canal (RIC) replacement modules, and personal sound amplifiers), and components of devices used on the ear or in the ear canal containing accused balanced armature devices.

(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:

Knowles Corporation, 1151 Maplewood Drive, Itasca, IL 60143.
Knowles Electronics, LLC, 1151 Maplewood Drive, Itasca, IL 60143.
Knowles Electronics (Suzhou) Co., Ltd., No. 20, Chunxing Road, Xiangcheng District, Suzhou, 215131, Jiangsu Province, China.

(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:

Liang Li (a/k/a Ryan Li), Room 602, Building 48, Fengqing Shui'an Garden, Xizhou Road, Suzhou Industrial Park, Suzhou City, 215028, Jiangsu Province, China.
Shenzhen Bellsing Acoustic Technology Co., Ltd., 12/f, Sanhang Science and Technology Building, 45 Gaoxin South Ninth Road, Nanshan District, Shenzhen City, 518057, Guangdong Province, China.
Suzhou Bellsing Acoustic Technology Co., Ltd., Ruiqi Building, No. 668, Fenting Avenue, Suzhou Industrial Park, Suzhou City, 215028, Jiangsu Province, China.
Bellsing Corporation, 3333 Warrenville Rd, #155, Lisle, IL 60532.
Dongguan Bellsing Precision Device Co., Ltd., Fifth Industry Zone, Xieshan Village, Xiegang Town, Dongguan, 523598, Guangdong Province, China.
Dongguan Xinyao Electronics Industrial Co., Ltd., d/b/a Fidue Acoustics,

Liuhua West Street, Xiakou, Dongcheng District, 523115, Dongguan, Guangdong, China.

Soundlink Co., Ltd., 2F-1# Building North, No. 89 Songshan Road, Shishan Industrial Complex Park, New District, 215129 Suzhou, China.

Magnatone Hearing Aid Corporation d/b/a Persona, Medical and InEarz Audio, 170 N Cypress Way, Casselberry, FL 32707.

Jerry Harvey Audio LLC, 111 W. Jefferson St., Ste. 300, Orlando, FL 32801.

Magic Dynamics, LLC d/b/a MagicEar, 22089 U.S. Hwy 19 N, Clearwater, FL 33765.

Campfire Audio, LLC, 2400 SE Ankeny St., Portland, OR 97214.

Clear Tune Monitors, Inc., 5528 Commerce Dr., Orlando, FL 32839.

(c) The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Suite 401, Washington, DC 20436; and

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

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), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission 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.

By order of the Commission.

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Lisa Barton,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-513 and 731-TA-1249 (Review)]

Sugar From Mexico; Institution of Five-Year Reviews

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice that it has instituted reviews pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act"), as amended, to determine whether termination of the suspension investigation on sugar from Mexico would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury. Pursuant to the Act, interested parties are requested to respond to this notice by submitting the information specified below to the Commission.

DATES: Instituted November 29, 2019. To be assured of consideration, the deadline for responses is December 30, 2019. Comments on the adequacy of responses may be filed with the Commission by February 11, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Messer (202-205-3193), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter 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 (<https://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this proceeding may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—On December 19, 2014, the Department of Commerce ("Commerce") suspended antidumping and countervailing duty investigations on imports of sugar from Mexico (79 FR 78039 and 78044, December 29, 2014).¹

¹ On January 16, 2015, Commerce received timely requests pursuant to sections 734(g) and 704(g) of the Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1673c(g), 1671c(g)).

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