## UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN COMBINATION MOTOR AND TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS AND DEVICES USED THEREIN, AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING THE SAME **Investigation No. 337-TA-561** 

## NOTICE OF COMMISSION DECISION TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR DETERMINING WHETHER TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

**AGENCY**: U.S. International Trade Commission.

**ACTION**: Notice.

**SUMMARY**: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to extend the deadline for determining whether to review the presiding administrative law judge's ("ALJ") initial determination ("ID") finding no violation of Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1337) with regard to certain combination motor and transmission systems and devices used therein, and products containing the same.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christal A. Sheppard, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 708-5432. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be 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, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at <a href="http://www.usitc.gov">http://www.usitc.gov</a>. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <a href="http://edis.usitc.gov">http://edis.usitc.gov</a>. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

This investigation was instituted on February 7, 2006, based on a complaint filed by Solomon Technologies, Inc., of Tarpon Springs, Florida ("Solomon"). The complaint, as amended, alleged violations of Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1337) in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain combination motor and transmission systems and devices used therein, and products containing same by reason of infringement of claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10, and 12 of United States Patent No. 5,067,932 ("'932 patent"). 71 Fed. Reg. 7574. Only claim 7 of the '932 patent was asserted against the respondents at the hearing. However, Solomon relied upon claim 1 of the patent-in-suit to meet the technical prong of the domestic industry requirement. The amended complaint named Toyota Motor Corporation, of Japan; Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America, Inc., Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky, Inc and Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc., of Torrance, California as respondents.

On, February 13, 2007, the ALJ issued an ID finding of no violation of Section 337 with regard to certain combination motor and transmission systems and devices used therein, and products containing the same because he found claim 7 is not infringed and there is no domestic industry involving the asserted patent. Thus, he found no violation of Section 337 with regard to certain combination motor and transmission systems and devices used therein, and products containing the same. Complainants and the Office of Unfair Import Investigations ("OUII") each filed petitions for review on February 26, 2007. Respondents filed a joint reply on March 5, 2007. Also on March 5, 2007, OUII filed a response to Solomon's petition for review and Solomon filed a response to OUII's petition for review.

The Commission has determined to extend the deadline for determining whether to review the subject ID by thirty (30) days, *i.e.*, to April 30, 2007.

The authority for the Commission's determination is contained in 19 U.S.C. § 1337, and in section 210.42(h) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. § 210.42(h)).

By order of the Commission.

/s/ Marilyn R. Abbott Secretary to the Commission

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