UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN CONNECTING DEVICES ("QUICK CLAMPS") FOR USE WITH MODULAR COMPRESSED AIR CONDITIONING UNITS, INCLUDING FILTERS, REGULATORS, AND LUBRICATORS ("FRL'S") THAT ARE PART OF LARGER PNEUMATIC SYSTEMS AND THE FRL UNITS THEY CONNECT

Investigation No. 337-TA-587

NOTICE OF COMMISSION DECISION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION EXTENDING THE TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATION

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review an initial determination ("ID") (Order No. 4) issued by the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ") setting a target date of June 13, 2008, for completion of the above-captioned investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christal A. Sheppard, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-3116. 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 <u>http://www.usitc.gov.</u> The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <u>http://edis.usitc.gov.</u> 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: The Commission instituted this investigation on November 13, 2006, based on a complaint filed by Norgren, Inc. of Littleton, Colorado. 71 Fed. Reg. 66193 (2006). An amended complaint was filed on October 25, 2006. A supplement to the complaint was filed on November 1, 2006. The amended complaint alleges violations of Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1337, in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain devices for modular compressed air conditioning units and the FRL units they connect by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 5,372,392 ("the '392 patent"). The amended complaint also alleges that a domestic industry exists with regard to the '392 patent under subsection (a)(2) of section 337. The amended complaint names SMC Corp. of Japan; SMC Corporation of America of Indianapolis, Indiana; AIRTAC of China; and MFD Pneumatics of Chicago, Illinois as the respondents and requests a permanent exclusion order and a permanent cease and desist order.

On January 31, 2007, the then-presiding Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") to this investigation issued Order No. 3 in which he determined that the target date for completion of this investigation would be January 11, 2008, which is approximately 14 months after institution of the investigation. On April 24, 2007, this investigation was reassigned to another ALJ. On May 18, 2008, the currently presiding ALJ issued an ID extending the target date from January 11, 2008 to June 13, 2008, nineteen (19) months from the date of institution. No petitions for review were filed. The Commission has determined not to review this ID.

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 section 210.42 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. § 210.42).

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott Secretary to the Commission

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