

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

In the Matter of	)	
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CERTAIN INK CARTRIDGES AND	)	Inv. No. 337-TA-565
COMPONENTS THEREOF	)	
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**NOTICE OF A COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW  
AN INITIAL DETERMINATION TERMINATING FOUR RESPONDENTS  
ON THE BASIS OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDERS;  
ISSUANCE OF CONSENT ORDERS**

**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”) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) in the above-captioned investigation terminating the investigation with respect to four respondents on the basis of a settlement agreement and consent orders.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael K. Haldenstein, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-3041. Copies of the public version of the ALJ’s ID and all other nonconfidential 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 (<http://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>. 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 March 23, 2006, based on a complaint filed by Epson Portland, Inc. of Oregon; Epson America, Inc. of California; and Seiko Epson Corporation of Japan. 71 *Fed. Reg.* 14720 (March 23, 2006). The complaint, as amended, alleged 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, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain ink cartridges and components thereof by reason of infringement of claim 7 of U.S. Patent No. 5,615,957; claims 18, 81, 93, 149, 164, and 165 of U.S. Patent No. 5,622,439; claims 83 and 84 of U.S. Patent No. 5,158,377; claims 19 and 20 of U.S. Patent No. 5,221,148; claims 29, 31, 34, and 38 of U.S. Patent No. 5,156,472; claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 5,488,401; claims 1-3 and 9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,502,917; claims 1, 31, and 34 of U.S. Patent No. 6,550,902; claims 1, 10, and 14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,955,422; claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 7,008,053; and claims 21, 45, 53, and 54 of U.S. Patent No. 7,011,397. The complaint further alleged that an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337. The complainants requested that the Commission issue a general

exclusion order and cease and desist orders. The Commission named as respondents 24 companies located in China, Germany, Hong Kong, Korea, and the United States. The ALJ set June 25, 2007, as the target date for completion of the investigation.

On December 27, 2006 and January 4, 2007, complainants and four respondents (Nectron International, Ltd.; Ribbon Tree (USA) Inc.; Apex Distributing, Inc.; and Master Ink Co. Ltd.) filed joint motions seeking to terminate the investigation as to these respondents based upon a settlement agreement, consent order stipulations, and consent orders. The Commission investigative attorney supported the motions in a response dated January 8, 2007. No other parties responded to the motions.

On January 16, 2007, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 28) terminating the four respondents pursuant to Commission rule 210.21. No petitions for review of the ID were filed and the Commission has determined not to review the ID.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1337, and Commission rules 210.21 and 210.42, 19 C.F.R. §§ 210.21, 210.42.

By order of the Commission.

/s/  
Marilyn R. Abbott  
Secretary to the Commission

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