

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN STRINGED MUSICAL
INSTRUMENTS AND COMPONENTS
THEREOF**

Investigation No. 337-TA-586

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW INITIAL
DETERMINATION GRANTING JOINT MOTION TO TERMINATE THE
INVESTIGATION WITH RESPECT TO RESPONDENT VIGIER**

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 the initial determination (“ID”) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) granting a joint motion to terminate the investigation with respect to respondent Vigier in the above-captioned investigation under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1337 (“section 337”).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James A. Worth, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-3065. 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 (<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: On November 3, 2006, the Commission instituted the above-captioned investigation based upon a complaint filed October 3, 2006, and supplemented October 24, 2006, by Geoffrey McCabe (Los Angeles, California) (“McCabe”). 71 Fed. Reg. 64738 (Nov. 3, 2006). The complaint 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 stringed musical instruments and components thereof by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1-6, 8, 9, and 11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,175,066; claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 5,965,831; claims 1 and 14-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,891,094; and claims 1-3, 6-10, 14, 15, 23, 27, 28, and 32 of U.S. Patent No. 5,986,191. The complaint named as respondents Floyd Rose Guitars (Redmond, Washington), Ibanez, Inc. (Hoshino) US (Bensalem, Pennsylvania), Vigier, Inc. (Grigny, France) (“Vigier”), and Schaller Electronic (Postbauer-Heng, Germany).

On July 10, 2007, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 11), granting a joint motion to terminate the investigation with respect to Vigier based on a settlement agreement between Vigier and McCabe. The Commission investigative attorney supported the motion. The ALJ found that termination of the investigation with respect to Vigier pursuant to the settlement agreement met the requirements of the Commission rules and does not impose any undue burdens on the public health and welfare, competitive conditions in the United States economy or United States consumers. No petitions for review of the ID were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID granting the joint motion to terminate the above-captioned investigation with respect to Vigier. This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. § 1337), and sections 210.21(b)(2), 210.42(h)(3), of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR §§ 210.21(b)(2), 210.42(h)(3)).

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott
Secretary to the Commission

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