

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN EAR PROTECTION DEVICES

Inv. No. 337-TA-518

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission

ACTION: Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on July 2, 2004, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, on behalf of 180s, Inc. and 180s, LLC of Baltimore, Maryland. An amended complaint was filed on July 23, 2004. The amended complaint alleges violations of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain ear protection devices by reason of infringement of claims 1, 3, 13, 17-19, and 21-22 of U.S. Patent No. 5,835,609. The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

The complainants request that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a permanent general exclusion order and permanent cease and desist orders.

ADDRESSES: The complaint and the amended complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, are 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., Room 112, Washington, D.C. 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 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>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Benjamin D. M. Wood, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-2582.

AUTHORITY: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. §210.10 (2003).

SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on August 2, 2004, 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)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain ear protection devices by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1, 3, 13, 17-19, and 21-22 of U.S. Patent No. 5,835,609, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

(2) 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–

180s, Inc.
701 E. Pratt Street, Suite 180
Baltimore, Maryland 21202-3101

180s, LLC
701 E. Pratt Street, Suite 180
Baltimore, Maryland 21202-3101

(b) The respondents are the following companies alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint is to be served:

Ningbo Electric and Consumer Goods
Import & Export Corp.
17/F Ling Qiao Square
31 Yao Hang Street
Ningbo, Zhejiang 315000
China

Vollmacht Enterprise Co., Ltd.

5F, No. 360
Ruei Guang Road
Neihu
Taipei, Taiwan

March Trading
1239 Broadway, Room 1606
New York, NY 10010

Alicia International, Inc.
d/b/a Lincolnwood Merchandising
7354 N. Caldwell Avenue
Niles, IL 60714

Hebron Imports
4142 W. Lawrence Avenue
Chicago, IL 60630

Ross Sales
231 Commack Road
Commack, NY 11725

Value Drugs Rock, Inc.
30 Rockefeller Center
New York, NY 10020

Song's Wholesale
1301-A 14th Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20002

Wang Da, Inc. Retail and Wholesales
230 Canal Street
New York, NY 10013

(c) Benjamin D. M. Wood, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Suite 401, Washington, D.C. 20436, who shall be the Commission investigative attorney, party to this investigation; and

(3) For the investigation so instituted, the Honorable Paul J. Luckern is designated as 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 C.F.R. §210.13. Pursuant to 19 C.F.R. §§201.16(d) and 210.13(a), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received no 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 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 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 both an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of a limited exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott
Secretary to the Commission

Issued: August 3, 2004