UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN RUBBER ANTIDEGRADANTS, COMPONENTS THEREOF, AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING SAME

Inv. No. 337-TA-533

NOTICE OF COMMISSION DECISION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION DISMISSING THE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE OF PATENT MISUSE

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 presiding administrative law judge's ("ALJ's") initial determination ("ID")(Order No. 18) dismissing the affirmative defense of patent misuse alleged by respondent Korea Kumho Petrochemical Co., Ltd. ("KKPC").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Herrington, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-3090. Copies 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 section 337 investigation on March 29, 2005, based on a complaint filed by Flexsys America LP ("Flexsys"). 70 *Fed. Reg.* 15885 (March 29, 2005). The complaint, as supplemented, alleged violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 in the importation into the United States, the sale for

importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain rubber antidegradants, components thereof, and products containing same that infringe claims 30 and 61 of U.S. Patent No. 5,117,063, claims 7 and 11 of U.S. Patent No. 5,608,111, and claims 1, 32, and 40 of U.S. Patent No. 6,140,538. The complaint and notice of investigation named five respondents. The investigation was subsequently terminated as to two respondents.

On September 1, 2005, the ALJ issued an initial determination (Order No. 18) granting Flexsys' motion for summary determination dismissing the affirmative defense of patent misuse raised by KKPC, one of the three respondents remaining in the investigation. KKPC has petitioned for review of Order No. 18; Flexsys and the Commission investigative attorney oppose the petition.

On consideration of the subject ID, the petition for review and oppositions thereto, and the relevant portions of the record, the Commission has determined not to review the subject 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 in sections 210.42-.45 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. §§ 210.42-.45).

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott Secretary to the Commission

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