

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN R-134a COOLANT
(OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 1,1,1,2-
TETRAFLUOROETHANE)**

Investigation No. 337-TA-623

**NOTICE OF DECISION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION
GRANTING A MOTION FOR PARTIAL TERMINATION OF THE INVESTIGATION
BASED ON THE ENTRY OF A CONSENT ORDER SPECIFIC TO RESPONDENTS'
"OLD" PROCESS; ISSUANCE OF CONSENT ORDER**

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") initial determination ("ID") (Order No. 25) granting respondents' motion for a partial termination of the above-referenced investigation based on the entry of a consent order specific to respondents' "OLD" process. The Commission has issued the subject consent order.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Walters, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 708-5468. 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 <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 December 31, 2007, based on a complaint filed by INEOS Fluor Holdings Ltd., INEOS Fluor Ltd., and INEOS Fluor Americas L.L.C. The complaint alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (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 R-134a coolant

(otherwise known as 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane) by reason of infringement of various claims of United States Patent No. 5,744,658. Complainants subsequently added allegations of infringement with regard to United States Patent Nos. 5,382,722 and 5,559,276. The complaint named two respondents, Sinochem Modern Environmental Protection Chemicals (Xi'an) Co., Ltd. and Sinochem Ningbo Ltd. Two additional respondents were subsequently added: Sinochem Environmental Protection Chemicals (Taicang) Co., Ltd. and Sinochem (U.S.A.) Inc.

On August 18, 2008, all four respondents moved for a partial termination of the investigation based on the entry of a consent order specific to respondents' "OLD" process. Complainants and the Commission investigative attorney did not oppose this motion.

On August 20, 2008, the ALJ issued the subject ID granting the motion to terminate the investigation with regard to the "OLD" process. The ALJ found that the motion complied with the requirements of Commission Rule 210.21 (19 C.F.R. § 210.21). The ALJ also concluded that, pursuant to Commission Rule 210.50(b)(2) (19 C.F.R. § 210.50(b)(2)), there is no evidence that termination of this investigation will prejudice the public interest. Accordingly, the ALJ terminated the investigation with respect to the "OLD" process. No petitions for review of this ID were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the ID and to issue the subject consent order.

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 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

Issued: September 11, 2008