

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20436

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN REFRIGERATORS AND
COMPONENTS THEREOF**

Investigation No. 337-TA-632

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL
DETERMINATION TERMINATING THE INVESTIGATION AS TO THE '730
AND '980 PATENTS**

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. 8) terminating the investigation as to United States Patent Nos. 6,971,730 ("the '730 patent") and 7,240,980 ("the '980 patent").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel E. Valencia, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 705-1999. 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 February 26, 2008 based on a complaint filed by Whirlpool Patents Company, Whirlpool Manufacturing Corporation, Whirlpool Corporation, and Maytag Corporation (collectively "Whirlpool"). 73 *Fed. Reg.* 10285 (February 26, 2008). 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 refrigerators and components thereof by reason of infringement of various claims of five United States patents. The complaint names three respondents.

On May 1, 2008, complainant Whirlpool filed a motion pursuant to 19 C.F.R. 210.21(a)(1) to partially terminate the investigation based on withdrawal of its infringement claims with respect to the '730 and '980 patents.

On June 9, 2008, the ALJ issued the subject ID granting complainant Whirlpool's motion for partial termination. No petitions for review were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the 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 section 210.42-.45 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. § 210.42-.45).

By order of the Commission.

/s/
Marilyn R. Abbott
Secretary to the Commission

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