

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

**In the Matter of**

**CERTAIN MUZZLE-LOADING  
FIREARMS AND COMPONENTS  
THEREOF**

**Investigation No. 337-TA-777**

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN  
INITIAL DETERMINATION TERMINATING THE INVESTIGATION AS TO TWO  
RESPONDENTS BASED ON A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

**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 an initial determination (“ID”) (Order 26) issued by the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) on December 12, 2011, granting a joint motion to terminate the investigation as to two respondents.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jean H. Jackson, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-3104. 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:** The Commission instituted this investigation on June 17, 2011, based on a complaint filed by Thompson/Center Arms Company, Inc. (“T/C”) and Smith & Wesson Corp. (“Smith & Wesson”) of Springfield, Massachusetts (“complainants”). 76 Fed. Reg. 35469 (Jun. 17, 2011). The complaint named seven respondents including Ardesa Firearms of Zamudio (Vizcaya), Spain (“Ardesa”) and Traditional Sporting Goods, Inc., d/b/a Traditions Sporting Firearms of Saybrook, Connecticut (“Traditions”). The complaint alleges violations of section 337 by reason of infringement of U.S. Patent Nos. 7,908,781 (“the ‘781 patent”); 7,814,694; 7,140,138 (“the ‘138 patent”); 6,604,311; 5,782,030; and 5,639,981. On July 8, 2011, the ALJ granted complainants’ motion to partially terminate the investigation as to

the '781 and '138 patents. Order No. 7 (July 8, 2011), Notice of Commission Determination Not to Review (July 22, 2011).

The Complainants also filed with their complaint a motion for temporary relief directed to only respondents Ardesa and Traditions. On August 31, 2011, the ALJ issued an ID denying the motion. On November 10, 2011, the Commission determined to review the denial of temporary relief. 76 Fed. Reg. 71354 (November 17, 2011). On review the Commission affirmed the denial of temporary relief based on the ALJ's finding of no irreparable harm and took no position on the other temporary relief factors. *Id.*

On November 29, 2011, complainants and respondents Ardesa and Traditions filed a joint motion to terminate the investigation based on a settlement agreement. On December 12, 2011, the ALJ granted the motion. No petitions for review were filed, and 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 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. § 210.42).

By order of the Commission.

/s/  
James R. Holbein  
Secretary to the Commission

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