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

In the Matter of

CERTAIN AUTOMOTIVE MEASURING DEVICES AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING SAME, AND BEZELS FOR SUCH DEVICES

Investigation No. 337-TA-494

## **ORDER**

This investigation under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, 19 U.S.C. § 1337, was originally instituted by the Commission based on an amended complaint filed by Auto Meter Products ("Auto Meter") of Sycamore, Illinois against twelve respondents. 68 Fed. Reg. 37023 (June 20, 2003). Auto Meter subsequently amended the complaint and notice to add seven more respondents. Auto Meter alleged 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 automotive measuring devices and products containing same, and bezels for such devices by reason of infringement of two registered U.S. trademarks, one U.S. supplemental register, and Auto Meter's trade dress. The Commission concluded this investigation on January 21, 2005.

On November 26, 2004, American States Insurance Company ("American"), an Indiana company, filed a motion to modify the administrative protective order to include American so that it could obtain documents in its suit against respondent Equus Products, Inc. On December 7, 2004, Auto Meter filed an opposition to American's motion.

American is neither a respondent in the *Automotive Measuring Devices* investigation nor

has it filed a motion to intervene. However, even if American had filed a motion to intervene,

section 337(n)(1), 19 U.S.C. § 1337(n)(1), prohibits the disclosure of confidential information

submitted to the Commission in section 337 investigations without the consent of the party

submitting the information. Moreover, the protective order issued in the investigation provides

that the confidential business information can be used solely for purposes of the Commission

investigation.

**Accordingly, it is hereby Ordered that:** 

1. American's motion to modify the administrative protective order is *denied*.

2. The Secretary will serve this Order on the parties to this investigation.

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott Secretary to the Commission

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