

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 INVESTIGATION

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. §1337.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on February 23, 2005, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. §1337, on behalf of Flexsys America LP. A supplement to the complaint was filed on March 10, 2005. The complaint, as supplemented, alleges 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 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 further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a permanent exclusion order and permanent cease and desist orders.

ADDRESSES: The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, is 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., Room 112, Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 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 imaging system (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Juan Cockburn, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-2572.

AUTHORITY: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. § 210.10 (2004).

SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on March 22, 2005, ORDERED THAT –

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain rubber antidegradants, components thereof, or products containing same by reason of infringement of claims 30 or 61 of U.S. Patent No. 5,117,063, claims 7 or 11 of U.S. Patent No. 5,608,111, or claims 1, 32, or 40 of U.S. Patent No. 6,140,538, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

(2) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainant is –

Flexsys America LP
260 Springside Drive
Akron, Ohio 44334-0444

(b) The respondents are the following companies alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are parties upon which the complaint is to be served:

Sinorgchem Co., Shandong
No. 1, Beihuan Road, Caoxian
Shandong, China 274400

Korea Kumho Petrochemical Co., Ltd.
15/16F Kumho-Asiana Building
57, 1-ga, Shinmum-Ro, Jongro-Gu
Seoul, Korea

Sovereign Chemical Company
341 White Pond Drive
Akron, Ohio 44320

Vilax Corporation
33 Roberts Street
Rockaway, New Jersey 07866

Stolt-Nielsen Transportation Group Ltd.
8 Sound Shore Drive
Greenwich, Connecticut 06830

(c) Juan Cockburn, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Suite 401, Washington, D.C. 20436, who shall be the Commission investigative attorney, party to this investigation; and

(3) For the investigation so instituted, the Honorable Paul J. Luckern is designated as the presiding administrative law judge.

Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. § 210.13. Pursuant to 19 C.F.R. §§ 201.16(d) and 210.13(a), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of a limited exclusion order or cease and desist order or both directed against such respondent.

By order of the Commission.

/s/
Marilyn R. Abbott
Secretary to the Commission

Issued: March 23, 2005