

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

**In the Matter of**

**CERTAIN BULK WELDING WIRE  
CONTAINERS AND COMPONENTS  
THEREOF AND WELDING WIRE**

**Investigation No. 337-TA-686**

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL  
DETERMINATION GRANTING COMPLAINANTS' MOTION FOR PARTIAL  
TERMINATION OF THE INVESTIGATION**

**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 No. 9) of the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ") granting complainant's motion to amend the complaint and notice of investigation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark B. Rees, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-3042. 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 September 8, 2009, based on a complaint filed by The Lincoln Electric Company of Cleveland, Ohio and Lincoln Global, Inc. of City of Industry, California (collectively, "Lincoln"). 74 *Fed. Reg.* 46223 (Sept. 8, 2009). The complaint alleged 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, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain bulk welding wire containers and components thereof and welding wire by reason of infringement of certain claims of United States Patent Nos. 6,260,781; 6,648,141; 6,708,864; 6,913,145; 7,309,038; 7,398,881; and 7,410,111. *Id.* The respondents named in the investigation are Atlantic China Welding Consumables, Inc., of Sichuan, China; The ESAB Group, Inc. of Florence, South Carolina;

Hyundai Welding Co., Ltd., of Seoul, Korea; Kiswel Co., Ltd. of Seoul, Korea; and Sidergas SpA, of Ambrogio (Verona) Italy. *Id.* at 46224; 74 Fed. Reg. 61706 (Nov. 25, 2009) (notice not to review ID granting motion to amend complaint and notice of investigation).

On November 12, 2009, the ALJ issued an ID (Order No. 12) granting Lincoln's unopposed motion to terminate the investigation as to certain patents. Specifically, Lincoln requested to withdraw all allegations relating to United States Patent Nos. 6,648,141; 6,913,145; 7,398,881; and 7,410,111.

None of the parties petitioned for review of Order No 12. 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(h) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. § 210.42(h)).

By order of the Commission.

/s/  
Marilyn R. Abbott  
Secretary to the Commission

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