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UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN EARPIECE DEVICES AND COMPONENTS THEREOF

Inv. No. 337-TA-1121

Order No. 12: Initial Determination

On October 12, 2018, pursuant to Commission Rule 210.21, complainant Bose Corporation ("Bose") and respondent Zeikos, Inc. ("Zeikos") filed a joint motion to terminate this investigation as to Zeikos based on a Consent Order Stipulation, proposed Consent Order, and a Settlement Agreement. Motion Docket No. 1121-15.

On October 23, 2018, the Commission Investigative Staff ("Staff") filed a response supporting the motion. No other response was filed.

Commission Rule 210.21(a)(2) provides that "[a]ny party may move at any time to terminate an investigation in whole or in part as to any or all respondents on the basis of a settlement, a licensing or other agreement ... or a consent order, as provided in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of this section." 19 C.F.R. § 210.21(a)(2). Commission Rule 210.21(c) provides in relevant part that "[a]n investigation before the Commission may be terminated pursuant to section 337(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 on the basis of a consent order." 19 C.F.R. § 210.21(c). Commission Rule 210.21(b)(1) provides in relevant part that "[a]n investigation before the Commission may be terminated as to one or more respondents pursuant to section 337(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 on the basis of a licensing or other settlement agreement." 19 C.F.R. §



210.21(b)(1).

Pursuant to Commission Rule 210.21(c), the movants state that "[o]ther than the Settlement Agreement that is also the subject of the present motion, there are no other agreements, written or oral, express or implied, between Bose and Zeikos concerning the subject matter of this Investigation." Mot. at 3; 19 C.F.R. § 210.21(c). Pursuant to Commission Rule 210.21(b)(1), the movants state: "Settling Parties represent that there are no other agreements, written or oral, express or implied, between the Settling Parties concerning the subject matter of this Investigation." Mot. at 4; 19 C.F.R. § 210.21(b)(1).

The Consent Order Stipulation complies with the requirements of Commission Rule 210.21(c)(3). See Consent Order Stipulation, p. 1, ¶¶ 2, 3, 5, 6, 8-11 (complying with 19 C.F.R. § 210.21(c)(3)(i)(A)-(G)); id., ¶¶ 12, 13 (complying with 19 C.F.R. § 210.21(c)(3)(ii)(A)-(B)); see Staff Resp. at 2-5.

The proposed Consent Order complies with the requirements of Commission Rule 210.21(c)(4). See Proposed Consent Order, p. 1, ¶¶ 1-4, 6-14; (complying with 19 C.F.R. § 210.21(c)(4)(i)-(xi)); see Staff Resp. at 6-9.

The Commission's Rules provide that in the case of a proposed termination by settlement agreement, consent order, or arbitration agreement, the parties may file statements regarding the impact of the proposed termination on the public interest, and the administrative law judge may hear argument, although no discovery may be compelled, with respect to issues relating solely to the public interest. The administrative law judge is directed to consider and make appropriate findings "regarding the effect of the proposed settlement on the public health and welfare, competitive conditions in the U.S. economy, the production of like or directly competitive articles in the United States, and U.S. consumers." *See* 19 C.F.R. § 210.50(b)(2).



The movants argue that "[i]t is in the interest of the public and administrative economy to grant this motion to prevent further needless litigation." Mot. at 4. The Staff states that it "believes that terminating this investigation as to Zeikos based on the Settlement Agreement, Consent Order Stipulation or Proposed Consent Order would not be contrary to the public interest." Staff Resp. at 11.

The undersigned does not find any evidence that terminating this investigation as to Zeikos based on the Consent Order Stipulation, proposed Consent Order, and the Settlement Agreement would be contrary to the public interest.

Accordingly, it is the initial determination of the undersigned that Motion No. 1121-15 is granted. The procedural schedule is suspended as to Zeikos while the Commission review is pending.

Pursuant to 19 C.F.R. § 210.42(h), this initial determination shall become the determination of the Commission unless a party files a petition for review of the initial determination pursuant to 19 C.F.R. § 210.43(a), or the Commission, pursuant to 19 C.F.R. § 210.44, orders on its own motion a review of the initial determination or certain issues contained herein.

David P. Shaw

Administrative Law Judge

Issued: November 26, 2018



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