

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN FOODSERVICE
EQUIPMENT AND COMPONENTS
THEREOF**

Inv. No. 337-TA-1166

**NOTICE REGARDING INITIAL DETERMINATION
ON VIOLATION OF SECTION 337**

(June 4, 2021)

On this date, the undersigned issued an initial determination on violation of section 337.¹ For the reasons discussed therein, it is held that no violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1337, has been found in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and/or the sale within the United States after importation of certain commercial kitchen equipment and components thereof for use in restaurants, bars, cafes, cafeterias, or the like.

This determination is based on the following conclusions of law:

1. The Commission has subject matter jurisdiction over this investigation, *in personam* jurisdiction over Respondents, and *in rem* jurisdiction over the accused products.
2. There has been an importation into the United States, sale for importation, or sale within the United States after importation of the accused products by the Respondents.
3. Respondents have misappropriated certain of Complainants' trade secrets in the manufacture of certain accused products.
4. Complainants have not shown that Respondents tortiously interfered with contracts.

¹ Pursuant to Commission Rule 210.42(a)(1)(ii), a recommended determination on issues concerning remedy and bonding shall issue within 14 days.

5. Complainants have not shown that the importation and sale of accused products has the threat or effect of destroying or substantially injuring a domestic industry.

SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles E. Bullock". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Charles E. Bullock
Chief Administrative Law Judge

PUBLIC CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lisa R. Barton, hereby certify that the attached **NOTICE** has been served via EDIS upon the Commission Investigative Attorney, **Monisha Deka, Esq.**, and the following parties as indicated, on **June 4, 2021**.



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