

**UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON DC**

**In the Matter of**

**CERTAIN BALANCED ARMATURE  
DEVICES, PRODUCTS CONTAINING  
SAME, AND COMPONENTS  
THEREOF**

**Inv. No. 337-TA-1186**

**GENERAL EXCLUSION ORDER**

The United States International Trade Commission (“Commission”) has determined that there is a violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. § 1337), in the unlawful importation and sale in the United States of certain balanced armature devices made with, or using, one or more of the Representative Trade Secrets 1-10 owned by Complainants, Knowles Corporation, Knowles Electronics, LLC, and Knowles Electronics (Suzhou) Co., Ltd., and asserted in this Investigation (the “Representative Trade Secrets”).

Having reviewed the record of this Investigation, including the written submissions of the parties, the Commission has made its determination on the issues of remedy, the public interest, and bonding. The Commission has determined, pursuant to 19 U.S.C § 1337(d)(2), that a general exclusion from entry for consumption is necessary to prevent circumvention of an exclusion order limited to products of named persons. Accordingly, the Commission has determined to issue a general exclusion order prohibiting the unlicensed importation of the certain balanced armature devices, products containing the same, and components of said products (as defined in paragraph 2 below).

The Commission has also determined that the public interest factors enumerated in 19 U.S.C. § 1337(d) do not preclude the issuance of the general exclusion order, and that the bond

during the period of Presidential review shall be in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the entered value of the balanced armature devices subject to this Order but that there should be a zero percent bond (0%) (*i.e.*, no bond) for the products containing the same or the components thereof.

Accordingly, the Commission hereby **ORDERS** that:

1. Certain balanced armature devices, products containing the same, and components of said products (as defined in paragraph 2 below) made with, or using, any of the Representative Trade Secrets are excluded for a period of 26 years from the effective date of this Order from entry for consumption into the United States, entry for consumption from a foreign trade zone, or withdrawal from a warehouse for consumption, except under license of, or with the permission of, the owner of the Representative Trade Secrets or as provided by law.

2. The balanced armature devices, products containing the same, and components of said products that are subject to this Order (*i.e.*, “covered articles”) are as follows: (i) balanced armature devices that are made by, for, or on behalf of (1) Shenzhen Bellsing Acoustic Technology Co. Ltd., Suzhou Bellsing Acoustic Technology Co., Ltd., Dongguan Bellsing Precision Device Co., Ltd., and Bellsing Corporation (collectively, the “Bellsing Respondents”) or any of their affiliated companies, parents, subsidiaries, licensees, contractors, or other related business entities, or their successors or assigns, or (2) Respondent Liang (a/k/a “Ryan”) Li or any business entity owned by, controlled by, or affiliated with Respondent Li, or their successors or assigns (the “Excluded Balanced Armature Devices”), (ii) products, regardless of source, containing one or more of the Excluded Balanced Armature Devices (including, but not limited to, in-ear and over-ear audio products such as hearing aids, hearing devices, hearing aid replacement receiver tubes, receiver in canal (RIC) replacement modules, personal sound

amplifiers, headsets, wired and wireless headphones, earphones, ear buds, in-ear monitors, as well as audio measuring and testing instruments, liquid volumetric instruments, and implantable medical devices with sounders or beepers) (the “Excluded Products Containing Same”), and (iii) components, regardless of source, of any Excluded Products Containing Same, where the component contains one or more Excluded Balanced Armature Devices (the “Excluded Components Containing Same”).

3. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of this Order, (a) Excluded Balanced Armature Devices are entitled to entry into the United States for consumption, entry for consumption from a foreign trade zone, or withdrawal from a warehouse for consumption, under one hundred percent (100%) bond of the entered value of the Excluded Balanced Armature Devices subject to this Order and (b) Excluded Products Containing Same and Excluded Components Containing Same are entitled to entry into the United States for consumption, entry for consumption from a foreign trade zone, or withdrawal from a warehouse for consumption, under zero percent (0%) bond (*i.e.*, no bond) of the entered value of the Excluded Products Containing Same and Excluded Components Containing Same subject to this Order, pursuant to subsection (j) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. § 1337(j)), and the Presidential Memorandum for the United States Trade Representative of July 21, 2005 (70 FR 43251), from the day after this Order is received by the United States Trade Representative until such time as the United States Trade Representative notifies the Commission that this Order is approved or disapproved but, in any event, not later than sixty (60) days after the date of receipt of this Order. All entries of covered articles made pursuant to this paragraph are to be reported to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”), in advance of the date of the entry, pursuant to procedures CBP establishes.

4. Prior to entry for consumption into the United States, entry for consumption from a foreign trade zone, or withdrawal from a warehouse for consumption of balanced armature devices, products containing the same, and/or components of said products that may be subject to this Order, the owner, importer, and/or consignee shall seek a ruling from the Commission to determine whether such articles are covered by this Order.

5. At the discretion of CBP and pursuant to the procedures it establishes, and after a Commission determination of whether the articles are covered by this order under paragraph 4 of this Order, persons seeking to import articles that are potentially subject to this Order may be required to certify that they are familiar with the terms of this Order, that they have made appropriate inquiry, and thereupon state that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the products being imported are not excluded from entry under paragraph 1 of this Order. At its discretion, CBP may require persons who have provided the certification described in this paragraph to furnish such records or analyses as are necessary to substantiate the certification.

6. The Commission may modify this Order in accordance with the procedures described in Rule 210.76 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. § 210.76).

7. The Secretary shall serve copies of this Order upon each party of record in this Investigation and upon CBP.

8. Notice of this Order shall be published in the Federal Register.

By order of the Commission,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa R. Barton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lisa R. Barton  
Secretary to the Commission

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