UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN PLAYARDS AND STROLLERS

Inv. No. 337-TA-1288

NOTICE OF INSTITUTION OF INVESTIGATION

Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on November 24, 2021, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of Graco Children's Products Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia and Wonderland Nurserygoods Co., Ltd. of Taiwan. A supplement to the complaint was filed on December 13, 2021. The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain playards and strollers by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 9,706,855 ("the '855 patent"); U.S. Patent No. 9,414,694 ("the '694 patent"); U.S. Patent No. RE43,919 ("the '919 patent") and U.S. Patent No. 6,979,017 ("the '017 patent"). The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by the applicable Federal Statute.

The complainants request that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a limited exclusion order and cease and desist orders.

ADDRESSES: The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at https://edis.usitc.gov. For help accessing EDIS, please email EDIS3Help@usitc.gov. 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 https://www.usitc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jessica Mullan, Office of Docket Services, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205-1802.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

AUTHORITY: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. 210.10 (2020).

SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on December 20, 2021, 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 products identified in paragraph (2) by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1-20 of the '855 patent; claims 1, 2, 4-20 of the '694 patent; claims 8, 10-12, 14-20, 27, and 28 of the '919 patent; and claims 1-6 of the '017 patent, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;
- (2) Pursuant to section 210.10(b)(1) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. 210.10(b)(1), the plain language description of the accused products or category of accused products, which defines the scope of the investigation, is "foldable child containment systems, generally known as playards, including those with a bassinet and/or an infant support unit in different configurations; and foldable strollers";
- (3) 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:

Graco Children's Products Inc. 6655 Peachtree Dunwoody Road Atlanta, GA 30328

Wonderland Nurserygoods Co., Ltd. Rui Kwang Road, No. 433, 10th Floor, Neihu, Taipei, Taiwan 114691

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

Baby Trend, Inc. 13048 Valley Blvd Fontana, CA 92335 Dongguan Golden Prosper Baby Products Co., Ltd. Unit 1, No. 10 Lengshuikeng Road, Huang Feng Ling Industrial Park, Luo Ma Village, Qing Xi Town, Dongguan City, Guangdong, China, 523660

Sichuan Hobbies Baby Products Co., Ltd. Sandaoqiao Industrial Park, Longchang City, Neijiang, Sichuan, China, 642150

Anhui Chile Baby Products Co., Ltd. No. 1, 9th Road, Feidong Xincheng Develop Zone, Anhui Province, China, 231600

(4) For the investigation so instituted, the Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. International Trade Commission, shall designate the presiding Administrative Law Judge.

The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is not participating as a party in this investigation.

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(e) and 210.13(a), as amended in 85 Fed. Reg. 15798 (March 19, 2020), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the complainants 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 an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of an exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.

By order of the Commission.

Lisa R. Barton

Secretary to the Commission

Issued: December 20, 2021

PUBLIC CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lisa R. Barton, hereby certify that the attached **INSTITUTION OF INVESTIGATION** has been served via EDIS upon the following parties as indicated, on **December 21, 2021**.

Lisa R. Barton, Secretary U.S. International Trade Commission 500 E Street, SW, Room 112 Washington, DC 20436

Complainants:

Graco Children's Products Inc. 6655 Peachtree Dunwoody Road Atlanta, GA 30328	 □ Via Hand Delivery □ Via Express Delivery □ Via First Class Mail ⋈ Other: Email Notification of Availability for Download
Wonderland Nurserygoods Co., Ltd. Rui Kwang Road, No. 433, 10th Floor, Neihu, Taipei, Taiwan 114691	 □ Via Hand Delivery □ Via Express Delivery □ Via First Class Mail ⊠ Other: Email Notification of Availability for Download
On Behalf of Complainants Graco Children's Products Inc. and Wonderland Nurserygoods Co., Ltd:	
Joshua B. Pond, Esq. CROWELL & MORING LLP 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20004-2595 Email: jpond@crowell.com	 □ Via Hand Delivery □ Via Express Delivery □ Via First Class Mail ⊠ Other: Email Notification of Availability for Download
Respondents:	
Baby Trend, Inc. 13048 Valley Blvd. Fontana, CA 92335	□ Via Hand Delivery□ Via Express Delivery□ Via First Class Mail⊠ Other: Service to Be

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Elizabeth Kraus, Deputy Director International Antitrust, Office of International Affairs Federal Trade Commission 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Room 498 Washington, DC 20580

Dale D. Berkley, Ph.D., J.D. Office of the General Counsel, PHD, NIH Branch National Institutes of Health 31 Center Drive Bldg. 31, Rm. 47 Bethesda, MD 20892

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Joshua B. Pond Crowell & Moring LLP 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20004

Re: Certain Playards and Strollers; Inv. No. 337-TA-1288

Dear Joshua B. Pond:

This letter is to advise you that the U.S. International Trade Commission has instituted an investigation pursuant to section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1337). A copy of the Commission's notice of investigation is enclosed. Also enclosed is the Section 337 Mediation Program brochure. After reviewing the brochure, please sign and return the enclosed certification of receipt.

Sincerely,

Lisa R. Barton Secretary

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Wonderland Nurserygoods Co., Ltd. Rui Kwang Road, No. 433 10th Floor, Neihu Taipei, Taiwan

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Baby Trend 13048 Valley Blvd. Fontana, CA 92335

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is to advise you that the United States International Trade Commission has instituted an investigation pursuant to Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1337). **Baby Trend** is a named respondent in this investigation.

We are hereby serving you with a copy of the Complaint and the Notice of Investigation issued in this matter. Enclosed is a copy of the Code of Federal Regulations. Also enclosed is a the Section 337 Mediation Program brochure. After reviewing this brochure, please sign and return the enclosed certification of receipt.

Please note that the Notice requires a response to the allegations in the Complaint and the response must be received not later than twenty (20) days after the date of service of the Complaint. Failure to file a response may result in inferences being drawn against your interests.

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Dongguan Golden Prosper Baby Products Co., Ltd. Unit 1, No. 10 Lengshuikeng Road Huang Feng Ling Industrial Park Luo Ma Village, Qing Xi Town Dongguan City, Guangdong, 523660 China

Re: Certain Playards and Strollers; Inv. No. 337-TA-1288

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is to advise you that the United States International Trade Commission has instituted an investigation pursuant to Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1337). **Dongguan Golden Prosper Baby Products Co., Ltd.** is a named respondent in this investigation.

We are hereby serving you with a copy of the Complaint and the Notice of Investigation issued in this matter. Enclosed is a copy of the Code of Federal Regulations. Also enclosed is a the Section 337 Mediation Program brochure. After reviewing this brochure, please sign and return the enclosed certification of receipt.

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Sichuan Hobbies Baby Products Co., Ltd. Sandaoqiao Industrial Park Longchang City, Neijiang Sichuan, 642150 China

Re: Certain Playards and Strollers; Inv. No. 337-TA-1288

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is to advise you that the United States International Trade Commission has instituted an investigation pursuant to Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1337). **Sichuan Hobbies Baby Products Co., Ltd.** is a named respondent in this investigation.

We are hereby serving you with a copy of the Complaint and the Notice of Investigation issued in this matter. Enclosed is a copy of the Code of Federal Regulations. Also enclosed is a the Section 337 Mediation Program brochure. After reviewing this brochure, please sign and return the enclosed certification of receipt.

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Anhui Chile Baby Products Co., Ltd. No. 1, 9th Road, Feidong Xincheng Develop Zone Anhui Province, 231600 China

Re: Certain Playards and Strollers; Inv. No. 337-TA-1288

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is to advise you that the United States International Trade Commission has instituted an investigation pursuant to Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1337). **Anhui Chile Baby Products Co., Ltd.** is a named respondent in this investigation.

We are hereby serving you with a copy of the Complaint and the Notice of Investigation issued in this matter. Enclosed is a copy of the Code of Federal Regulations. Also enclosed is a the Section 337 Mediation Program brochure. After reviewing this brochure, please sign and return the enclosed certification of receipt.

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Embassy of the People's Republic of China 3505 International Pl, NW Washington, DC 20008

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is to advise you that the United States International Trade Commission has instituted an investigation pursuant to Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1337). One or more of the parties named in the investigation is located in **China**.

Pursuant to Commission Rule 210.11(a) (3), we are hereby serving you with a copy of the Complaint filed in this investigation together with a copy of the Commission's Notice of Investigation.

Sincerely,

Lisa R. Barton Secretary

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Lynda Marshall International Section Antitrust Division U.S. Dept of Justice 450 5th Street NW, Room 11000 Washington, DC 20530

Re: Certain Playards and Strollers; Inv. No. 337-TA-1288

Dear Lynda Marshall:

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If you have any questions concerning this investigation, please contact the Commission Investigative Attorney whose name and telephone number appear in the enclosed Notice.

Sincerely,

Lisa R. Barton Secretary

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Dax Terrill, Chief Exclusion Order Enforcement Branch U.S. Customs and Border Protection Regulations and Rulings 90 K Street NE – 10th Floor Washington, DC 20229-1177

Re: Certain Playards and Strollers; Inv. No. 337-TA-1288

Dear Dax Terrill:

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Office of the General Counsel, PHD, NIH Branch
National Institutes of Health
31 Center Drive
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Bethesda, MD 20892

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Dear Dale Berkley:

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