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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-548]

In the Matter of Certain Tissue Converting Machinery, Including Rewinders, Tail Sealers, Trim Removers, and Components Thereof; Notice of Commission Decision Not To Review an Initial Determination Granting Adding a Complainant and Amending the Notice of 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") issued by the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ") adding Fabio Perini S.p.A. as a complainant and amending the notice of investigation in the above-captioned investigation accordingly.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Engler, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-3112. 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, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<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: This investigation was instituted by the Commission based on a complaint filed by Fabio Perini North America Inc. ("Perini-NA") of Green Bay, Wisconsin. 70 FR 46884 (August 11, 2005). 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, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain tissue converting machinery, including rewinders, tail sealers, trim removers, and components thereof by reason of infringement of claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, and 15 of U.S. Patent No. 5,979,818, claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No. Re. 35,729, and Claim 5 of U.S. Patent No. 5,475,917. The complaint and notice of investigation named Chan Li Machinery, Co., Ltd. ("Chan Li") of Taipei Hsien, Taiwan as the respondent.

On January 17, 2006, Chan Li moved to compel Fabio Perini S.p.A. ("Perini-Italy") to join as a complainant, arguing that it is an indispensable party for purposes of this litigation. On January 23, 2006, Perini-NA represented that Perini-Italy consented to joinder as a complainant. The Commission Investigative Staff indicated that it supported adding Perini-Italy as a complainant. On January 25, 2006, the ALJ issued an ID (Order No. 11) adding Perini-Italy as a complainant and amending the notice of investigation accordingly.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and Commission Rule 210.42, 19 CFR 210.42.

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By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-548]

In the Matter of Certain Tissue Converting Machinery, Including Rewinders, Tail Sealers, Trim Removers, and Components Thereof; Notice of Commission Decision Not To Review an Initial Determination Granting Complainants' Motion To Amend the Complaint and Notice of 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") issued by the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ") granting complainants' motion to amend the

complaint and notice of investigation in the above-captioned investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Engler, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-3112. 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, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<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.

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On November 15, 2005, Perini-NA filed a "Motion to File a First Amended Complaint" to add an additional patent to this investigation, i.e. United States Patent No. 6,948,677 (the "677 patent"), which issued on September 27, 2005. On December 5, 2005, the ALJ denied this motion, finding that Perini-NA had failed to provide a sufficient basis to allege that machines practicing the '677 patent had been imported or sold since issuance of the patent, or would be imported or sold in the future.

On January 4, 2006, Perini-NA filed its "Renewed Motion to Amend the Complaint and Notice of Investigation", based on additional discovery. On January 17, 2006, Chan Li filed its

opposition to the renewed motion to amend, arguing that the present procedural schedule would not permit it to prepare a proper defense with respect to the new '677 patent. On January 17, 2006, the Commission Investigative Staff filed a response in support of Perini-NA's motion to amend. Chan Li filed a motion for leave to reply to the Staff on January 18, 2006, in which it argued for a postponement of the current deadlines.

On January 20, 2006, the ALJ issued an ID (Order No. 10) granting Perini-NA's motion to amend the complaint and notice of investigation. The ALJ found good cause to add claims 7, 12, 15, and 16 of the '677 patent to this investigation. He also found that there is no evidence that an inordinate extension of the procedural schedule or target date would be required by the addition of the '677 patent to this investigation. The Commission has determined not to review this ID.

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By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. Nos. TA-131-032 and TA-2104-021]

U.S.-Republic of Korea Free Trade Agreement: Advice Concerning the Probable Economic Effect of Providing Duty-Free Treatment for Imports

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigations and scheduling of hearing.

DATES: *Effective Date:* February 21, 2006.

SUMMARY: Following receipt on February 6, 2006, of a request from the United States Trade Representative (USTR), the Commission instituted investigation Nos. TA-131-032 and TA-2104-021, *U.S.-Republic of Korea Free Trade Agreement: Advice Concerning the Probable Economic Effect of Providing Duty-Free Treatment for Imports*, under section 131 of the Trade Act of 1974 and section 2104(b)(2) of the Trade Act of 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information specific to these investigations may be obtained from Jonathan Coleman (202-205-3465; jonathan.coleman@usitc.gov) or Brad Gehrke (202-205-3329; brad.gehrke@usitc.gov), Office of

Industries, United States International Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20436. For information on the legal aspects of these investigations, contact William Gearhart of the Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091; william.gearhart@usitc.gov). General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

Background: On February 2, 2006, the USTR notified the Congress of the President's intent to enter into negotiations for a free trade agreement (FTA) with the Republic of Korea (Korea). Accordingly, the USTR, pursuant to section 131 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2151), requested the Commission to provide a report including advice as to the probable economic effect of providing duty-free treatment for imports of products of Korea (i) on industries in the United States producing like or directly competitive products, and (ii) on consumers. In preparing the advice, the Commission's analysis will consider each article in chapters 1 through 97 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States for which U.S. tariffs will remain after the United States fully implements its Uruguay Round tariff commitments. The import advice will be based on the 2006 Harmonized Tariff System nomenclature and 2005 trade data. The advice with respect to the removal of U.S. duties on imports from Korea will assume that any known U.S. nontariff barrier will not be applicable to such imports. The Commission will note in its report any instance in which the continued application of a U.S. nontariff barrier to such imports would result in different advice with respect to the effect on the removal of the duty.

Also as requested, pursuant to section 2104(b)(2) of the Trade Act of 2002 (19 U.S.C. 3804(b)(2)), the Commission will provide advice as to the probable economic effect of eliminating tariffs on imports of certain agricultural products of Korea on (i) industries in the United States producing the product concerned, and (ii) the U.S. economy as a whole.

The Commission expects to provide its report to the USTR by July 14, 2006. The USTR indicated that those sections of the Commission's report that relate to the analysis of probable economic effects will be classified and that it also considers the Commission's report to be an interagency memorandum containing pre-decisional advice and subject to the deliberative process privilege.

Public Hearing: A public hearing in connection with these investigations is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. on April 20, 2006, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street,

SW., Washington, DC. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary, no later than 5:15 p.m., March 29, 2006, in accordance with the requirements in the "Submissions" section below. In the event that, as of the close of business on March 29, 2006, no witnesses are scheduled to appear, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or non-participant may call the Secretary (202-205-2000) after March 29, 2006 to determine whether the hearing will be held.

Statements and Briefs: In lieu of or in addition to participating in the hearing, interested parties are invited to submit written statements or briefs concerning these investigations in accordance with the requirements in the "Submissions" section below. Any prehearing briefs or statement should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., April 3, 2006; the deadline for filing post-hearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m., April 27, 2006.

Written Submissions: In lieu of or in addition to participating in the hearing, interested parties are invited to submit written statements concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission in its report on this investigation. Submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements related to the Commission's report should be submitted to the Commission at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than 5:15 p.m., April 27, 2006. All written submissions must conform with the provisions of section 201.8 of the *Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure* (19 CFR 201.8). Section 201.8 of the rules requires that a signed original (or copy designated as an original) and fourteen (14) copies of each document be filed. In the event that confidential treatment of the document is requested, at least four (4) additional copies must be filed, in which the confidential business information must be deleted (see the following paragraph for further information regarding confidential business information). The Commission's rules do not authorize filing submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means, except to the extent permitted by section 201.8 of the rules (see Handbook for Electronic Filing Procedures, ftp://ftp.usitc.gov/pub/reports/electronic_filing_handbook.pdf). Persons with questions regarding electronic filing should contact the