

determination by Commerce that imports of sodium nitrite from Russia were being subsidized within the meaning of section 703(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671b(b)). Notice of the scheduling of the final phase of the Commission's investigation and of a public hearing to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of April 20, 2022 (87 FR 23567). The Commission conducted its hearing on June 21, 2022. All persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to participate.

The Commission made this determination pursuant to § 705(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671d(b)). It completed and filed its determination in this investigation on August 15, 2022. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 5342 (August 2022), entitled *Sodium Nitrite from Russia: Investigation No. 701-TA-680 (Final)*.

By order of Commission.

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**William Bishop,**

*Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-1167 (Rescission)]

### Certain Laparoscopic Surgical Staplers, Reload Cartridges, and Components Thereof; Notice of Commission Determination To Institute a Rescission Proceeding; Rescission of the Remedial Orders; Termination of the Rescission Proceeding

**AGENCY:** U.S. International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to institute a rescission proceeding and to grant an unopposed petition to rescind the limited exclusion order ("LEO") and cease and desist orders ("CDOs") (collectively, "the remedial orders") issued in the underlying investigation. The rescission proceeding is terminated.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Benjamin S. Richards, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW,

Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 708-5453. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. For help accessing EDIS, please email [EDIS3Help@usitc.gov](mailto:EDIS3Help@usitc.gov). General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at <https://www.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:** The Commission instituted this investigation on July 5, 2019, based on a complaint filed by Ethicon LLC of Guaynabo, PR; Ethicon Endo-surgery, Inc. of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Ethicon US, LLC of Cincinnati, Ohio (collectively, "Ethicon"). 84 FR 32220 (July 5, 2019); *see also* 84 FR 65174 (Nov. 26, 2019) (amending the caption). The complaint alleged violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, based on the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain reload cartridges for laparoscopic surgical staplers by reason of infringement of one or more claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 9,844,379 ("the '379 patent"); 9,844,369; 7,490,749; 8,479,969; and 9,113,874. 84 FR at 32220. The Commission's notice of investigation named the following as respondents: Intuitive Surgical Inc. of Sunnyvale, CA; Intuitive Surgical Operations, Inc. of Sunnyvale, CA; Intuitive Surgical Holdings, LLC of Sunnyvale, CA; and Intuitive Surgical S. De R.L. De C.V. of Mexicali, Mexico (collectively, "Intuitive"). *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations did not participate in this investigation. *Id.*

On October 14, 2021, the Commission issued a final determination finding a violation of section 337 with respect to certain laparoscopic surgical staplers, reload cartridges, and components thereof that infringed certain claims of the '379 patent. The Commission issued an LEO against respondents' infringing articles and CDOs against Intuitive. The Commission concurrently suspended enforcement of those orders pending the final resolution of a Final Written Decision issued by the Patent Trial and Appeal Board ("PTAB") of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 26, 2021, finding all claims of the '379 patent to be unpatentable.

On May 23, 2022, the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

affirmed the PTAB's Final Written Decision finding the claims of the '379 patent unpatentable. *Ethicon LLC v. Intuitive Surgical, Inc.*, Nos. 2021-1995, 2021-1997, 2022 WL 1613188 (Fed. Cir. May 23, 2022). The Federal Circuit issued its mandate in that appeal on June 29, 2022, and Ethicon has since indicated that it does not intend to seek further review of the decision.

On July 18, 2022, Intuitive filed an unopposed petition to rescind the remedial orders as to the '379 patent based on a change of the conditions that led to the Commission's issuance of those orders, *i.e.*, the Federal Circuit's affirmation of the PTAB's finding that the claims of the '379 patent are unpatentable. No responses to the petition were filed.

Having reviewed the petition and the Federal Circuit's decision in *Ethicon LLC v. Intuitive Surgical, Inc.*, the Commission finds that the conditions which led to the issuance of the remedial orders no longer exist, and therefore, granting the unopposed petition to rescind is warranted under section 337(k) (19 U.S.C. 1337(k)). The Commission also finds that the requirements of Commission Rule 210.76(a) (19 CFR 210.76(a)) are satisfied. Accordingly, the Commission has determined to institute a rescission proceeding and to grant the petition to rescind the remedial orders. The rescission proceeding is terminated.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on August 15, 2022.

The authority for the Commission's determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in part 210 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR part 210).

By order of the Commission.

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**William Bishop,**

*Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employee Benefits Security Administration

#### Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans; Nominations for Vacancies

Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 88 Stat. 895, 29 U.S.C. 1142, provides for the establishment of an

Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans (the Council), consisting of 15 members appointed by the Secretary of Labor (the Secretary) as follows:

- Three representatives of employee organizations (at least one of whom shall be a representative of an organization whose members are participants in a multiemployer plan);
- Three representatives of employers (at least one of whom shall be a representative of employers maintaining or contributing to multiemployer plans);
- Three representatives from the general public (one of whom shall be a person representing those receiving benefits from a pension plan); and
- One representative each from the fields of insurance, corporate trust, actuarial counseling, investment counseling, investment management, and accounting.

No more than eight members of the Council shall be members of the same political party.

Council members must be qualified to appraise the programs instituted under ERISA. Appointments are for three-year terms. The Council's prescribed duties are to advise the Secretary with respect to carrying out his functions under ERISA, and to submit to the Secretary, or his designee, related recommendations. The Council will meet at least four times each year.

The terms of five Council members expire at the end of this year. The groups or fields they represent are as follows:

- (1) Employee organizations;
- (2) employers;
- (3) the general public;
- (4) insurance; and
- (5) accounting.

The Department of Labor is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse Council. Selection of Council membership will be consistent with achieving the greatest impact, scope, and credibility among diverse stakeholders. The diversity in such membership includes, but is not limited to, race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

If you or your organization wants to nominate one or more people for appointment to the Council to represent one of the groups or fields specified above, submit nominations to Christine Donahue, Council Executive Secretary, as email attachments to [donahue.christine@dol.gov](mailto:donahue.christine@dol.gov) or by mail to U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Suite N-5700, Washington, DC 20210. Nominations must be received on or before October 3, 2022. If sending electronically, please

use an attachment in rich text, Word, or pdf format. If sending by regular mail, please allow three weeks for mail delivery to the Department of Labor. Nominations may be in the form of a letter, resolution, or petition signed by the person making the nomination or, in the case of a nomination by an organization, by an authorized representative of the organization. The Department of Labor encourages you to include additional supporting letters of nomination. The Department of Labor will not consider self-nominees who have no supporting letters.

Nominations, including supporting letters, should:

- State the person's qualifications to serve on the Council (including any particular specialized knowledge or experience relevant to the nominee's proposed Council position);
- State that the candidate will accept appointment to the Council if offered;
- Include which of the five positions (representing groups or fields) you are nominating the candidate to fill;
- Include the nominee's full name, work affiliation, mailing address, phone number, and email address;
- Include the nominator's full name, work affiliation, mailing address, phone number, and email address;
- Include the nominator's signature, whether sent by email or otherwise.

Please do not include any information that you do not want publicly disclosed.

The Department of Labor will contact nominees for information on their political affiliation and their status as registered lobbyists. Anyone currently subject to federal registration requirements as a lobbyist is not eligible for appointment. Nominees should be aware of the time commitment for attending meetings and actively participating in the work of the Council. Historically, this has meant a commitment of at least 20 days per year. The Department of Labor has a process for vetting nominees under consideration for appointment.

Signed at Washington, DC this 10th day of August, 2022.

**Ali Khawar,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Virtual Public Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship (ACA)

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of a virtual public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), notice is hereby given to announce a public meeting of the ACA to be held virtually on Tuesday, September 27, 2022. All meetings of the ACA are open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will begin at approximately 1 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time at <https://usdolevents.webex.com/usdolevents/j.phpMTID=m9024b2c60c3fd1e6a9d19c63c34a1e7a> and adjourn at approximately 5 p.m. Any updates to the agenda and meeting logistics will be posted on the Office of Apprenticeship's website at: <https://www.apprenticeship.gov/advisory-committee-apprenticeship/meetings>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Designated Federal Officer, Mr. John V. Ladd, Administrator, Office of Apprenticeship, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room C-5321, Washington, DC 20210; Email: [AdvisoryCommitteeonApprenticeship@dol.gov](mailto:AdvisoryCommitteeonApprenticeship@dol.gov); Telephone: (202) 693-2796 (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ACA is a discretionary committee reestablished by the Secretary of Labor on May 4, 2021, in accordance with FACA (5 U.S.C. App. 2 section 10), as amended in 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and its implementing regulations (41 CFR 101-6 and 102-3). The first meeting of the ACA was held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021; the second meeting of the ACA was held on Wednesday, January 26, 2022; and the third meeting of the ACA was held on Monday, May 16, 2022.

#### Instructions To Attend the Meeting

All meetings are open to the public. To promote greater access, webinar and audio conference technology will be used to support public participation in the meeting. The login instructions outlined below will also be posted prominently on the Office of Apprenticeship's website at: <https://www.apprenticeship.gov/advisory-committee-apprenticeship/meetings>. If individuals have special needs and/or disabilities that will require special