

Significant issues addressed in the Draft CCP/EA include: Colonial nesting birds; endangered species; shorebirds; habitat restoration feasibility; cooperative management agreement with Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF); law enforcement issues; visitor services (e.g., fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation); and cultural resource protection.

Background

The CCP Process

The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee) (Improvement Act), which amended the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose in developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Improvement Act.

CCP Actions We Are Considering, Including Proposed Action

We developed three alternatives for managing the refuge and chose Alternative C as the proposed alternative. A full description of each alternative is in the Draft CCP/EA. We summarize each alternative below:

Alternative A: Current Management (No Action)

This is the “status quo” alternative in which current habitat, wildlife, and public use management would continue with no changes. On an annual basis, monitoring and trip report status are conducted. Periodically during winter migratory bird surveys, fly-over surveys are conducted to determine if the island is emergent. A cooperative law enforcement agreement will remain in effect with LDWF.

Alternative B: Custodial Cooperative Management

Under Alternative B, nature would be allowed to take its course regarding the future of the islands, with no restoration activities accomplished. If the islands fail to rebuild and continue to erode, areas available to birds may diminish. With the land area diminishing, the island would continue to support a reducing population of colonial nesting birds. Working with LDWF, routine and additional patrols would be provided in coordination with refuge law enforcement officers. Through the Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex, interpretation would concentrate on the history of the formation and subsequent changes and erosion of the shell key shoal/island and reef complex habitat. Alternative B would open the refuge for public use by offering limited fishing and wildlife observation and photography.

Alternative C: Large-Scale Habitat Restoration and Cooperative Management Approach (Proposed Alternative)

Under Alternative C, our proposed alternative for Shell Keys Refuge, we would explore implementing large-scale restoration efforts in cooperation with partners. We would enter into a new cooperative agreement with the LDWF Fur and Refuge Division, focusing on natural resource monitoring and restoration as appropriate. Partners are necessary to supply expertise and funding for the daunting task of restoration. Feasibility studies would be performed to determine the costs associated with rebuilding and re-establishing the Shell Islands, or portions of the islands. Restoration efforts would adapt to changing conditions as practices and techniques are assessed. The refuge would be open to recreational fishing and wildlife observation and photography. Because the refuge is remote and few guests actually visit the islands, outreach would center around providing information in combination with the Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex and on Internet web pages.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying

information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Next Step

After the comment period ends for the Draft CCP/EA, we will analyze the comments and address them in the form of a Final CCP and Finding of No Significant Impact.

Authority: This notice is published under the authority of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, Public Law 105–57.

Dated: May 5, 2008.

Cynthia K. Dohner,

Acting Regional Director.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–593]

In the Matter of Certain Digital Cameras and Component Parts Thereof; Notice of Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination Terminating the Investigation on the Basis of a Settlement Agreement

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 the presiding administrative law judge’s (“ALJ”) initial determination (“ID”) (Order No. 13) granting the joint motion to terminate the captioned investigation based on a settlement agreement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Megan M. Valentine, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 708–2301. 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 at <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: The Commission instituted this investigation on February 21, 2007, based on a complaint filed by St. Clair Intellectual Property Consultants, Inc. ("St. Clair"). The complaint alleges 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 digital cameras and component parts thereof by reason of infringement of various claims of five United States patents. The complaint names Eastman Kodak Company ("Kodak") as respondent.

On May 16, 2008, St. Clair and Kodak jointly moved to terminate the investigation on the basis of a settlement agreement. On May 19, 2008, the Commission investigative attorney filed a response supporting the motion.

On May 20, 2008, the ALJ issued the subject ID granting the joint motion to terminate the investigation based on a settlement agreement. The ALJ found that the motion complied with the requirements of Commission Rule 210.21 (19 CFR 210.21). The ALJ also concluded that, pursuant to Commission Rule 210.50(b)(2) (19 CFR 210.50(b)(2)), there is no evidence that termination of this investigation will prejudice the public interest. No petitions for review of this ID were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the ID.

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 section 210.42 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 210.42).

Issued: June 9, 2008.

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-635]

In the Matter of Certain Pesticides and Products Containing Clothianidin; Notice of Commission Determination Not To Review an Initial Determination of the Administrative Law Judge Terminating the 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 the initial determination ("ID") (Order No. 5) of the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ") terminating the above-captioned investigation under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337 ("section 337").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James A. Worth, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-3065. 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: On March 4, 2008, the Commission instituted this investigation based upon a complaint filed January 31, 2008, and supplemented February 19, 2008, on behalf of Sumitomo Chemical Co. Ltd. (Tokyo, Japan) and Valent U.S.A. Corporation (Walnut Creek, California) (collectively, "Complainants"). The complaint alleged violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337 ("section 337"), in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain pesticides and products containing clothianidin that infringe claims 1 and 9 of U.S. Patent No. 5,034,404. The complainants named as respondents Syngenta AG (Basel, Switzerland), Syngenta India Ltd. (Mumbai, India), Syngenta Corp. (Wilmington, Delaware), Syngenta Seeds, Inc. (Golden Valley, Minnesota), Syngenta Crop Protection Inc., (Greensboro, North Carolina), Garst Seed Co. (Slater, Iowa), and Golden Harvest Seeds, Inc. (Waterloo, Nebraska) (collectively, "Respondents").

On March 31, 2008, Respondents filed a motion to terminate, or alternatively, stay the investigation based on an

arbitration clause in a license agreement. On April 10, 2008, Complainants filed a response in opposition to the motion. On April 15, 2008, the Commission investigative attorney ("IA") filed a response in support of the motion. On April 15, 2008, the Respondents filed a reply to the opposition. On April 21, 2008, Complainants filed a reply.

On May 8, 2008, the ALJ issued the subject ID, granting the motion to terminate the investigation.

On May 15, 2008, Complainants' filed a petition for review of the ID. On May 22, 2008, the Respondents and the IA filed responses to the petition for review.

Having examined the relevant portions of the record in this investigation, including the ID, the petition for review, and the responses thereto, the Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. The investigation is hereby terminated.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in sections 210.42-46 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 210.42-46).

Issued: June 9, 2008.

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[USITC SE-08-016]

Government in the Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: United States International Trade Commission.

TIME AND DATE: June 20, 2008 at 11 a.m.

PLACE: Room 101, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Agenda for future meetings: none.
2. Minutes.
3. Ratification List.
4. Inv. Nos. 701-TA-447 and 731-TA-1116 (Final) (Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe from China)—briefing and vote. (The Commission is currently scheduled to transmit its determinations and Commissioners' opinions to the Secretary of Commerce on or before July 2, 2008.)
5. Outstanding action jackets: none.