

represents any of the above before the Commission, by serving a copy by overnight delivery on such attorney.

(b) *Publication of notices.* (1) Notice of action by the Commission or an administrative law judge will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER only as specifically provided in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, by another section in this chapter, or by order of an administrative law judge or the Commission.

(2) When an administrative law judge or the Commission determines to amend or supplement a notice published in accordance with paragraph (b)(1) of this section, notice of the amendment will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

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Subpart B—Commencement of Preinstitution Proceedings and Investigations

§ 210.8 Commencement of preinstitution proceedings.

(a) Upon receipt of complaint. A preinstitution proceeding is commenced by filing with the Secretary a signed original complaint and the requisite number of true copies. The complainant shall file 12 confidential copies of the complaint along with 6 copies of any exhibits filed with the complaint, 12 nonconfidential copies of the complaint along with 6 copies of any exhibits filed with the complaint, plus one confidential copy and one nonconfidential copy of the complaint and exhibits for each person named in the complaint as violating section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, and one nonconfidential copy for the government of each foreign country of any person or persons so named. The same requirements apply for the filing of a supplement to the complaint. If the complainant is seeking temporary relief, the complainant must file 12 confidential copies of the motion along with 6 copies of any exhibits filed with the motion, 12 nonconfidential copies along with 6 copies of any exhibits filed with the motion, plus one additional confidential copy and one additional nonconfidential copy of the motion and exhibits for each proposed respondent,

and one nonconfidential copy for the government of the foreign country of the proposed respondent. The additional copies of the complaint and motion for temporary relief for each proposed respondent and the appropriate foreign government are to be provided notwithstanding the procedures applicable to a motion for temporary relief, which require service of the complaint and motion for temporary relief by the complainant.

(b) *Upon the initiative of the Commission.* The Commission may upon its initiative commence a preinstitution proceeding based upon any alleged violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930.

[59 FR 39039, Aug. 1, 1994, as amended at 60 FR 32444, June 22, 1995; 68 FR 32978, June 3, 2003]

§ 210.9 Action of Commission upon receipt of complaint.

Upon receipt of a complaint alleging violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, the Commission shall take the following actions:

(a) *Examination of complaint.* The Commission shall examine the complaint for sufficiency and compliance with the applicable sections of this chapter.

(b) *Informal investigatory activity.* The Commission shall identify sources of relevant information, assure itself of the availability thereof, and, if deemed necessary, prepare subpoenas therefore, and give attention to other preliminary matters.

§ 210.10 Institution of investigation.

(a)(1) The Commission shall determine whether the complaint is properly filed and whether an investigation should be instituted on the basis of the complaint. That determination shall be made within 30 days after the complaint is filed, unless—

(i) Exceptional circumstances preclude adherence to a 30-day deadline;

(ii) Additional time is allotted under other sections of this part in connection with the preinstitution processing of a motion by the complainant for temporary relief;

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(iii) The complainant requests that the Commission postpone the determination on whether to institute an investigation; or

(iv) The complainant withdraws the complaint.

(2) If exceptional circumstances preclude Commission adherence to the 30-day deadline for determining whether to institute an investigation on the basis of the complaint, the determination will be made as soon after that deadline as possible.

(3) If additional time is allotted in connection with the preinstitution processing of a motion by the complainant for temporary relief, the Commission will determine whether to institute an investigation and provisionally accept the motion within 35 days after the filing of the complaint or by a subsequent deadline computed in accordance with §210.53(a), §210.54, §210.55(b), §210.57, or §210.58 as applicable.

(4) If the complainant desires to have the Commission postpone making a determination on whether to institute an investigation in response to the complaint, the complainant must file a written request with the Secretary. If the request is granted, the determination will be rescheduled for whatever date is appropriate in light of the facts.

(5)(i) The complainant may withdraw the complaint as a matter of right at any time before the Commission votes on whether to institute an investigation. To effect such withdrawal, the complainant must file a written notice with the Commission. If the complaint is being withdrawn pursuant to a settlement agreement, a copy of the agreement must be filed with the Commission along with the notice of withdrawal. If the agreement contains confidential business information within the meaning of §201.6(a) of this chapter, at least one copy of the agreement with such information deleted shall accompany the motion, in addition to a copy of the confidential version.

(ii) If a motion for temporary relief was filed in addition to the complaint, the motion must be withdrawn along with the complaint, and the complainant must serve copies of the notice of withdrawal on all proposed respondents and on the embassies that were served

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with copies of the complaint and motion pursuant to §210.54.

(b) An investigation shall be instituted by the publication of a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER. The notice will define the scope of the investigation and may be amended as provided in §210.14 (b) and (c).

(c) If the Commission determines not to institute an investigation on the basis of the complaint, the complaint shall be dismissed, and the complainant and all proposed respondents will receive written notice of the Commission's action and the reason(s) therefor.

§210.11 Service of complaint and notice of investigation.

(a)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of §210.54 requiring service of the complaint by the complainant, the Commission, upon institution of an investigation, shall serve copies of the complaint and the notice of investigation (and any accompanying motion for temporary relief) upon each respondent and the embassy in Washington, DC of the government of each foreign country represented by each respondent. All respondents named after an investigation has been instituted and the governments of the foreign countries they represent shall be served as soon as possible after the respondents are named.

(2) The Commission shall serve copies of the notice of investigation upon the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. Customs Service, and such other agencies and departments as the Commission considers appropriate.

(b) With leave from the presiding administrative law judge, a party may attempt to effect personal service of the complaint and notice of investigation upon a respondent, if the Secretary's efforts to serve the respondent by certified mail have been unsuccessful. If the party succeeds in serving the respondent by personal service, the party must notify the administrative law judge and file proof of such service with the Secretary.

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