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Comments on the Draft General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be submitted to John Piltzecker, Superintendent, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740. Comments may be faxed to the Superintendent at (508) 994-8922.

John Piltzecker,

Superintendent, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-383 Advisory Opinion Proceeding]

Certain Hardware Logic Emulation Systems and Components Thereof; Notice of Commission Decision Not To Review an Initial Advisory Opinion Issued by the Administrative Law Judge

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined in the above-captioned advisory opinion proceeding (1) not to review the presiding administrative law judge's ("ALJ's") finding that access from the United States of Mentor Graphics Corporation's ("Mentor's") foreign design verification centers would not be covered by the Commission's cease and desist order, (2) to take no position on the ALJ's alternate determination concerning the "use" of Mentor's hardware logic emulator in the United

States if the term "covered product" in the cease and desist order is interpreted to include infringing hardware and software that has not been imported, (3) affirm the ALJ's Order No. 115, and (4) to grant the motion of Quickturn Design Systems, Inc. ("Quickturn") to file a reply to the response of the Commission investigative attorney ("IA") to Quickturn's petitions to the Commission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Timothy P. Monaghan, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202-205-3152. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://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: Inv. No. 337-TA-383 was instituted on March 8, 1996, based on a complaint by Quickturn. The respondents named in the investigation were Mentor and Meta Systems (hereinafter collectively "Mentor"). The products at issue were certain hardware logic emulation systems used in the semiconductor industry to debug and test electronic circuit designs for semiconductor devices.

On July 31, 1997, the ALJ issued his final initial determination ("ID") finding that Mentor had violated section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1337) by infringing certain claims of U.S. Letters Patent 5,329,470, 5,036,473, 5,448,496, and 5,109,353, all owned by Quickturn. On October 2, 1997, the Commission determined not to review the ALJ's final ID, and on December 3, 1997, issued a limited exclusion order prohibiting the importation of respondents' emulators and components thereof found to infringe one or more of the patent claims in controversy. The Commission also issued a cease and desist order prohibiting, *inter alia*, the electronic importation and transmission of infringing hardware emulation software.

On August 20, 1999 Mentor filed a petition with the Commission requesting issuance of an advisory opinion pursuant to Commission rule 210.79(a) (19 CFR 210.79(a)). Mentor contended that remote access from the United States of its hardware logic emulation systems housed in "design verification centers" located outside the United States would not infringe Quickturn's patents and, therefore,

would not be covered by the Commission's limited exclusion order and/or the cease and desist order. On November 10, 1999, the Commission instituted an advisory opinion proceeding to determine (1) whether Mentor's proposed foreign design verification centers would be covered by the cease and desist order issued in this investigation, and (2) whether the importation of integrated circuits ("ICs") designed and debugged by IC designers in the United States using Mentor's foreign design verification centers would be covered by the limited exclusion order issued in this investigation. The Commission remanded the advisory opinion proceeding to the ALJ for appropriate proceedings and the issuance of an initial advisory opinion ("IAO"). The ALJ was given the authority to conduct any proceedings he deemed necessary, including taking evidence and ordering discovery.

Quickturn stipulated that ICs designed and debugged by designers in the United States using Mentor's design verification centers would not be covered by the limited exclusion order issued in the investigation. Therefore, only the Commission's cease and desist order remained at issue in the IAO proceeding.

An evidentiary hearing was conducted by the ALJ on June 5 and 6, 2000. On June 23, 2000, the ALJ issued Order No. 115 finding that Quickturn had waived arguments that any Mentor's infringing hardware emulation software would be resident in the United States under the proposed scheme. On August 7, 2000, the ALJ issued his IAO finding that Mentor's proposed access in the United States of Mentor's foreign design verification centers would not be covered by the Commission's cease and desist order issued in the investigation.

The ALJ found in the alternative that if the term "covered product" in the cease and desist order is interpreted to include infringing hardware and software that has not been imported into the United States, then Mentor's U.S. customers would be "using" the "covered product" in violation of the cease and desist order.

On August 18, 2000, Quickturn filed a petition for review of the IAO and a petition for the Commission to review and reverse the ALJ's ruling Order No. 115, and Mentor filed a conditional petition for review of the IAO. The IA did not petition for review of the IAO. On August 25, 2000, Mentor, Quickturn, and the IA filed responses to the petitions for review.

Having examined the record in this investigation, including the briefs and the responses thereto, the Commission determined (1) not to review the ALJ's finding in the IAO that access from the United States of Mentor's foreign design verification centers would not be covered by the Commission's cease and desist order, (2) to take no position on the ALJ's alternative determination in the IAO concerning the "use" of Mentor's hardware logic emulator in the United States if the term "covered product" in the cease and desist order is interpreted to include infringing hardware and software that has not been imported, (3) to affirm Order No. 115, and (4) to grant Quickturn's motion to file a reply to the response of the IA to Quickturn's petitions to the Commission.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and Commission rule 210.79, 19 CFR 210.79.

Issued: September 22, 2000.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 332-350 and 332-351]

Monitoring of U.S. Imports of Tomatoes, Monitoring of U.S. Imports of Peppers

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Changes in written submission's due date and date of publication of monitoring reports in 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 22, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, Timothy McCarty (202-205-3324) or Cathy Jabara (202-205-3309), Agriculture and Forest Products Division, Office of Industries, or for information on legal aspects, William Gearhart (202-205-3091), Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission. Hearing impaired persons can obtain information on these studies by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

Background

Section 316 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement Implementation

Act (NAFTA Implementation Act), 19 U.S.C. 3381, directs the Commission to monitor imports of fresh or chilled tomatoes (HTS heading 0702.00) and fresh or chilled peppers, other than chili peppers (HTS subheading 0709.60.00), until January 1, 2009. As a result of such monitoring, the domestic industry producing a like or directly competitive perishable agricultural product may request, in a global safeguard petition filed under section 202 of the Trade Act of 1974 or a bilateral safeguard petition filed under section 302 of the NAFTA Implementation Act, that provisional relief be provided pending completion of a full section 202 or 302 investigation. If provisional relief is requested, the Commission has 21 days in which to make its decision and to transmit any provisional relief recommendation to the President. In response to the monitoring directive, the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-350, Monitoring of U.S. Imports of Tomatoes (59 FR 1763) and investigation No. 332-351, Monitoring of U.S. Imports of Peppers (59 FR 1762).

Although section 316 of the NAFTA Implementation Act does not require that the Commission publish reports on the results of its monitoring activities, the initial notices of investigation for these studies indicated that the Commission planned to publish reports on the monitoring annually. Subsequently, the Commission has published statistical reports in those years in which it was not conducting an investigation under other statutory authority with respect to such products.

On June 12, 2000, the Commission published in the **Federal Register** a notice that it intended to publish monitoring reports in September 2000. In the same notice, the Commission also invited all interested persons to submit written statements concerning the matters to be addressed in the reports, so as to be received no later than the close of business on June 28, 2000. In response to this request, the Commission received two comments, from the Florida Tomato Exchange and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, asking that additional data be included in the Commission's forthcoming reports and that the official record of these investigations be held open so that certain Florida statistics might be included in this year's reports. In response, the Commission extended the deadline for filing of written statements until October 2, 2000, and changed the date for intended publication of its reports to November 15, 2000.

Written Submissions

The Commission does not plan to hold a public hearing in connection with preparation of the 2000 statistical reports. However, interested persons are invited to submit written statements concerning the matters to be addressed in the reports. Commercial or financial information which a submitter desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be provided on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of section 201.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary of the Commission for inspection by interested persons. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted to the Commission in accordance with section 201.8 of the Commission's rules at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than the close of business on October 2, 2000. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Proposed Property Acquisition and Management Manual

AGENCY: Legal Services Corporation

ACTION: Notice of proposed Property Acquisition and Management Manual.

SUMMARY: This Notice sets forth the text of a proposed Property Acquisition and Management Manual that, once adopted, will govern the use by recipients of LSC funds to acquire, use and dispose of real and nonexpendable personal property. The proposed Property Acquisition and Management Manual is intended to provide recipients with a single complete and consolidated set of policies and procedures related to property acquisition, use and disposal and would supersede guidance currently contained in several LSC documents.