



UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

In the Matter of

CERTAIN DENTAL CERAMICS, PRODUCTS
THEREOF, AND METHODS OF MAKING THE
SAME

Inv. No. 337-TA-1050

Staff's Opening Statement

March 5, 2018

Topics

- U.S. Patent No. 7,452,836

- Overview
- Claim Constructions
 - “lithium silicate glass ceramic”
 - “dental restoration”
 - “blank”

- U.S. Patent No. 6,802,894

- Overview
- Claim Constructions
 - “annealing”
 - “consisting essentially of”
 - “about”
 - “dental product”
 - “blank”
 - “wherein the 3-point flexure strength is greater than about 370 MPa”

U.S. Patent No. 6,802,894

- “about”

Complainants	Respondents	Staff
Plain and ordinary meaning such as “approximately.” The scope of approximation depends on the context. . . . the precision conveyed by the word “about” in the Asserted Patents is two units in the least significant figure recited.	approximately	approximately