

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION
Office of Administrative Law Judges

SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS AMERICA, INC., *Complainant*

v.

ORIENT OVERSEAS CONTAINER LINE LIMITED AND OOCL
(EUROPE) LIMITED., *Respondents.*

DOCKET NO. 24-17

Served: May 24, 2024

ORDER OF: Alex M. CHINTELLA, *Administrative Law Judge.*

ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

On May 20, 2024, the parties filed a joint motion to extend their time to file an opposition and reply to the pending motion to dismiss. The parties cite coordination with counsel across Complainant's multiple cases and that the parties are working with the Commission's Consumer Affairs and Dispute Resolution Services, which has impacted counsel's schedules. Commission Rule 102 provides for enlargement of time upon filing of a motion at least seven days before the scheduled filing date and a showing of good cause. The motion complies with the rule, the parties agree to the request, and I find good cause for the extension.

As pointed out in the motion, Complainant has chosen to concurrently file multiple complaints before the Commission employing different counsel. While I understand the need to ensure consistency in Complainant's positions across its cases, coordination of counsel's activities will not constitute good cause for extensions beyond this preliminary stage of the case. Going forward, I expect counsel in this case to anticipate any such issues and resolve them within the normal timeframes contemplated by the Commission's rules. Similarly, while I encourage the parties to pursue settlement, the parties should not expect that settlement discussions will ordinarily constitute good cause to extend litigation deadlines.

The motion is **GRANTED**; Complainants must file their opposition to the motion to dismiss no later than **June 14, 2024**; Respondents' reply is due **June 28, 2024**. No further extensions will be granted absent extraordinary circumstances. In the interest of expeditiously resolving all issues related to the sufficiency of the complaint, it is **FURTHER ORDERED** that any motion to amend the complaint in response to the motion to dismiss will be due on **June 14, 2024**.

Alex M. Chintella
Administrative Law Judge