

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

In the Matter of:	)
Taotao USA, Inc.,	) Docket No. CAA-HQ-2015-8065
Taotao Group Co., Ltd., and	)
Jinyun County Xiangyuan Industry	)
Co., Ltd.	)
	)
Respondents.	)

## ORDER ON RESPONDENTS' THIRD MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE PREHEARING EXCHANGE

Pending before this Tribunal is Respondents' Third Motion to Supplement the Prehearing Exchange, filed October 4, 2017 ("Motion").

Respondents' Motion is <u>**DENIED**</u>. The deadline for supplementing the prehearing exchange was September 15, 2017. *See* Order on Respondents' Motion for Continuance of the Hearing at 2 (June 27, 2017). That was nearly three weeks ago.

Moreover, Respondents have not shown good cause for their tardiness. They seek to supplement the record with documents that have clearly been in their possession for several years, as they are records that Taotao USA emailed to the Agency before this proceeding was initiated. Mot. at 2. And even if Respondents subsequently misplaced their own documents, they had ample time to request them from the Agency before now. Thus, Respondents' contention that they have "good cause for failing to exchange the required information because the additional documents were provided by Complainant after the September 15, 2017 deadline" falls flat.

Respondents' Third Motion to Supplement the Prehearing Exchange is **DENIED**.

free Respondents from complying with deadlines set by this Tribunal that affect the orderliness of this proceeding. To the extent Respondents are seeking to establish certain facts with their proposed supplementary documents, they should negotiate joint stipulations with the Agency.

<sup>1</sup> Respondents claim the Agency does not object to their motion to supplement. But that does not free Respondents from complying with deadlines set by this Tribunal that affect the orderliness

### SO ORDERED.

Susan L. Biro

Chief Administrative Law Judge

Dated: October 5, 2017 Washington, D.C. In the Matter of *Taotao USA*, *Inc.*, *Taotao Group Co.*, *Ltd.*, *and Jinyun County Xiangyuan Industry Co.*, *Ltd.*, Respondents. Docket No. CAA-HQ-2015-8065

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing **Order on Respondents' Third Motion to Supplement the Prehearing Exchange,** dated October 5, 2017, and issued by Chief Administrative Law Judge Susan L. Biro, was sent this day to the following parties in the manner indicated below.

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