

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

WUMEI LIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE INDIVIDUALS, CORPORATIONS,
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES,
PARTNERSHIPS AND
UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATIONS
IDENTIFIED IN SCHEDULE “A”
HERETO,

Defendants.

No. 25-cv-13652

Judge Andrea R. Wood

Magistrate Jeannice W. Appenteng

ELECTRONIC SERVICE AND EXPEDITED DISCOVERY ORDER

Plaintiff Wumei Lin (“PLAINTIFF”) filed a Motion for Service by Publication, Electronic Service and Expedited Discovery (the “Motion”) against the fully interactive, e-commerce stores¹ operating under the domain names identified in Schedule A to the Complaint and attached hereto (collectively, “Defendants”) and using at least the online marketplace accounts identified in Schedule A (the “Online Marketplaces”). After reviewing the Motion and the accompanying documents, this Court GRANTS PLAINTIFF’s Motion as follows:

The Court finds, in the absence of adversarial presentation, that it has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because Defendants directly target their business activities toward consumers in the United States, including consumers in the State of Illinois. Specifically, PLAINTIFF has provided a basis to conclude that Defendants have targeted sales to Illinois residents by setting up and operating e-commerce stores that target United States consumers using one or more seller

¹ The e-commerce store URLs are listed on Schedule A hereto under the Online Marketplaces.

aliases, offer shipping to the United States, including to the State of Illinois, and have sold competing products through the unauthorized use and display of PLAINTIFF's federally registered copyrights (the "Plaintiff's Copyrights") to residents of the State of Illinois. (Docket No. 1-1, Exhibit 1 to the Complaint, which includes the federally registered copyrights VA0002441336, VA0002445597, VA0002441715, VA0002409498, VA0002412626, and VA0002426836 associated with the Plaintiff's Copyrights).

In this case, PLAINTIFF has presented screenshot evidence that each Defendants' e-commerce stores on TikTok.com is reaching out to do business with Illinois residents by operating one or more commercial, interactive internet stores that display, without authorization, the Plaintiff's Copyrights through which Illinois residents can and do purchase competing products. *See* Docket Nos. [1-2 and 2-2] Exhibit 3 to the Complaint for Copyright Infringement, which includes screenshot evidence and internet link confirming that each Defendants' Internet stores displays the Plaintiff's Copyrights without authorization in offering competing products and they stand ready, willing, and able to ship its competing goods to customers in Illinois.

Accordingly, this Court Orders as follows:

1. Plaintiff is authorized to issue expedited written discovery to Defendants, pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 33, 34, 36, and 45 related to:
 - a. the identities and locations of Defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and any persons acting in active concert or participation with them, including all known contact information and all associated e-mail addresses;
 - b. the nature of Defendants' operations and all associated sales, methods of payment for services, and financial information, including, without limitation, identifying information associated with the Online Marketplaces and Defendant's financial

- accounts, including Defendant's sales and listing history related to their respective Online Marketplaces; and
- c. any financial accounts, assets, or other resources owned or controlled by Defendants, including their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and any persons acting in active concert or participation with them, including such accounts residing with or under the control of any banks, savings and loan associations, payment processors or other financial institutions, including, without limitation, PayPal, Inc. ("PayPal"), Alipay, ContextLogic Inc. d/b/a Wish.com ("Wish.com"), Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. ("Alibaba"), Ant Financial Services Group ("Ant Financial"), Amazon Pay, TikTok Shop or other merchant account providers, payment providers, third party processors, and credit card associations (e.g., MasterCard and VISA).
 - d. the nature of Defendants operations and all associated sales, methods of payment for services, and financial information, including, without limitation, identifying information associated with the Online Marketplaces and Defendants' financial accounts, including Defendants' sales and listing history related to their respective Online Marketplaces; and
 - e. any financial accounts owned or controlled by Defendants, including their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and any persons acting in active concert or participation with them, including such accounts residing with or under the control of any banks, savings and loan associations, payment processors or other financial institutions, including, without limitation, PayPal, Alipay, Wish.com, Alibaba, Ant Financial, Amazon Pay, Payoneer, TikTok Shop, Walmart, Temu, or other merchant

account providers, payment providers, third party processors, and credit card associations (e.g., MasterCard and VISA).

2. Upon PLAINTIFF's request, any third party with actual notice of this Order who is providing services for any of the Defendants, or in connection with any of Defendants' Online Marketplaces, including, without limitation, any online marketplace platforms such as Temu, eBay Inc., AliExpress, TikTok, Amazon.com Inc., Wish.com, and Dhgate (collectively the "Third Party Providers"), shall, within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of such notice, provide to PLAINTIFF expedited discovery, limited to copies of documents and records in such person's or entity's possession or control sufficient to determine:

- a. the identities and locations of Defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and any persons acting in active concert or participation with them, including all known contact information and all associated e-mail addresses;
- b. the nature of Defendants' operations and all associated sales, including Defendants' sales and listing history related to its respective Online Marketplaces; and

1. PLAINTIFF may provide notice of the proceedings in this case to the Defendants, including notice of the preliminary injunction hearing and service of process pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(f)(3), and any future motions, by electronically publishing a link to the Complaint, this Order, and other relevant documents on a website and by sending an e-mail with a link to said website to the e-mail addresses identified and provided for Defendants by third parties. In addition to sending the link to said website, Plaintiff will additionally attach copies of the Complaint, this Order, Summons, motions, and all other relevant documents in the e-mail sent to Defendants.

3. The Clerk of the Court is directed to issue a single original summons in the name of “The Individuals, Corporations, Limited Liability Companies, Partnerships and Unincorporated Associations Identified in Schedule A” that shall apply to all Defendants. The combination of providing notice via electronic publication and e-mail with all the relevant documents attached, along with any notice that Defendants receive from payment processors, shall constitute notice reasonably calculated under all circumstances to apprise Defendants of the pendency of the action and afford them the opportunity to present their objections.

4. Any third party impacted by this Order may move for appropriate relief.

This Electronic Service and Expedited Discovery Order is entered at 9:30 A.M. on this 22nd day of December 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea R. Wood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrea R. Wood
United States District Judge