UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of
CERTAIN FILAMENT LIGHT-EMITTING DIODES AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING SAME

Investigation No. 337-TA-1172

NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION TERMINATING THE INVESTIGATION IN PART BASED ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN ASSERTED PATENT CLAIMS


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review an initial determination (“ID”) (Order No. 11) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) granting complainant’s motion to terminate the investigation in part based on the withdrawal of certain asserted patent claims.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard P. Hadorn, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 708-2532. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at https://www.usitc.gov. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at https://edis.usitc.gov. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on September 4, 2019, based on a complaint filed by The Regents of the University of California, of Oakland, California (“the University of California”). 84 Fed. Reg. 46564, 46564 (Sept. 4, 2019). The complaint alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), in the importation into the United States, in the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain filament light-emitting diodes and products containing same, by reason of the infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 7,781,789 (“the ‘789 patent”); 9,240,529 (“the ’529 patent”); 9,859,464 (“the ’464 patent”); and 10,217,916 (“the ’916 patent”). Id. The complaint further alleges that a domestic industry exists. Id.
The notice of investigation names as respondents Amazon.com, Inc. and Amazon.com Services, Inc., both of Seattle, Washington; Bed Bath and Beyond Inc. of Union, New Jersey; IKEA of Sweden AB of Almhult, Sweden; IKEA Supply AG of Pratteln, Switzerland; IKEA Distribution Services Inc. and IKEA North America Services, LLC, both of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania; Target Corporation of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Walmart Inc. of Bentonville, Arkansas. Id. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations was also named as a party. Id. The following asserted patent claims were previously terminated from the investigation: claims 5 and 33 of the ’789 patent. Order No. 7 (Dec. 3, 2019), not reviewed by Comm’n Notice (Dec. 20, 2019).

On January 8, 2020, the University of California moved to terminate this investigation in part, under 19 CFR 210.21(a), based on the withdrawal of the following asserted patent claims: (1) claims 1, 3, 9, 12, 13, 15, 18, 29, 31, 37, 40, 41, 43, and 47 of the ’789 patent; (2) claims 3, 4, 10, 12, 15, 16, and 24 of the ’529 patent; (3) claims 2, 4, 5, 8, 12, 14, 15, and 18 of the ’464 patent; and claims 7, 13, 20, and 26 of the ’916 patent. Mot. at 2. The motion represents that “[n]one of the Respondents oppose this motion.” Id. On January 15, 2020, the Commission investigative attorney filed a response in support of the motion.

On January 27, 2020, the ALJ issued the subject ID granting the motion pursuant to 19 CFR 210.21(a). The ID finds that no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant denying the motion. ID at 2. No petitions for review of the ID were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID.


By order of the Commission.

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Secretary to the Commission

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