NOTICE OF A COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION EXTENDING THE TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATION


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. 53) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) extending the target date for completion of the above-captioned investigation to August 29, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clint Gerdine, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 708-2310. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at https://edis.usitc.gov. For help accessing EDIS, please email EDIS3Help@usitc.gov. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at https://www.usitc.gov. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal, telephone (202) 205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on March 23, 2021, based on a complaint filed by The NOCO Company of Glenwillow, Ohio. 86 FR 15496-98 (Mar. 23, 2021). The complaint, as amended and supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain portable battery jump starters and components thereof by reason of infringement of certain claims of the U.S. Patent Nos. 9,007,015 (“the ’015 patent”) and 10,604,024, and U.S. Trademark Registration Nos. 4,811,656 and 4,811,749. The complaint further alleges the existence of a domestic industry. The Commission’s notice of investigation,
as amended, named forty-seven (47) respondents. 86 FR 27650-51 (May 21, 2021). The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is participating in the investigation.

The Commission has previously terminated several respondents, and the '015 patent, from the investigation. See Order No. 9 (Apr. 13, 2021), unreviewed by Comm’n Notice (May 12, 2021); Order No. 11 (Apr. 19, 2021), unreviewed by Comm’n Notice (May 4, 2021); Order No. 14 (Apr. 23, 2021), unreviewed by Comm’n Notice (May 18, 2021); Order No. 21 (July 7, 2021), unreviewed by Comm’n Notice (July 26, 2021); Order No. 31 (Sept. 20, 2021), unreviewed by Comm’n Notice (Oct. 12, 2021); Order No. 35 (Oct. 21, 2021), unreviewed by Comm’n Notice (Nov. 22, 2021); Order No. 44 (Nov. 15, 2021), unreviewed by Comm’n Notice (Dec. 6, 2021); Order Nos. 46, 47 (Dec. 6, 2021), unreviewed by Comm’n Notice (Jan. 3, 2022); Order No. 52 (Jan. 12, 2022), unreviewed by Comm’n Notice (Feb. 4, 2022).

On February 17, 2022, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 53) extending the target date of the investigation to August 29, 2022, and making the final ID on violation due on April 29, 2022. The subject ID states that the extension was necessary to accommodate the ALJ’s busy schedule for the next several months that includes several final IDs and multiple evidentiary hearings. No party petitioned for review of the subject ID.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on March 18, 2022.


By order of the Commission.

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Secretary to the Commission

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