NOTICE OF A COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION TERMINATING THE INVESTIGATION AS TO CERTAIN RESPONDENTS


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission (“Commission”) has determined not to review an initial determination (“ID”) (Order No. 22) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”), terminating the investigation as to respondents TCL Electronics Holdings Limited of Hong Kong; TCT Mobile (US) Inc. of Irvine, California; TTE Technology, Inc. of Corona, California (collectively, “TCL”) based on a settlement agreement.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on November 2, 2021, based on a complaint filed on behalf of Bell Northern Research, LLC of Chicago, Illinois (“BNR”). 86 FR 60467 (Nov. 2, 2021). The complaint alleged a violation 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 electronic devices having wireless communication capabilities and components thereof by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 8,204,554; 7,319,889; RE 48,629; and 8,416,862. Id. at 60467–68. The complaint further alleged that an industry in the United States exists as required by section 337. Id. The Commission’s notice of
investigation named the following as respondents: TCL; HMD Global Oy of Espoo, Finland; HMD America, Inc. of Miami, Florida; Lenovo Group Ltd. of Beijing, China; Lenovo (United States), Inc. of Morrisville, North Carolina; Motorola Mobility LLC of Chicago, Illinois; OnePlus Technology Co. Ltd. of Shenzhen, China; BBK Electronics Corp. of Dongguan, China; Sonim Technologies, Inc. of Austin, Texas; and BLU Products, Inc. of Doral, Florida. Id. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations (“OUII”) was named as a party in this investigation. Id.

On May 19, 2022, pursuant to Commission Rule 210.21(b) (19 CFR 210.21(b)), complainant BNR and respondents TCL filed a joint motion to terminate this investigation as to TCL based on a settlement agreement. On May 26, 2022, OUII filed a response supporting the motion.

On June 10, 2022, the ALJ issued Order No. 22, the subject ID, which granted the motion. The ID found that the motion complied with the Commission’s Rules and that terminating the investigation as to TCL would not be contrary to the public interest. No petitions for review of the ID were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID.

The following respondents are hereby terminated from the investigation: TCL Electronics Holdings Limited, TCT Mobile (US) Inc., and TTE Technology, Inc.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on June 29, 2022.


By order of the Commission.

Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

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