NOTICE OF COMMISSION DECISION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION SETTING AN 18-MONTH TARGET DATE


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. 4) of the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ") setting an 18-month target date for completion of the above-captioned investigation of August 24, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Houda Morad, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 708-4716. 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 on (202) 205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 24, 2022, the Commission instituted this investigation under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337 (“section 337”), based on a complaint filed by Ericsson Inc. of Plano, Texas, and Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson of Stockholm, Sweden. See 87 FR 10385-86 (Feb. 24, 2022). The complaint, as supplemented, alleges a violation of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain mobile phones, tablet computers, smart watches, smart speakers, and digital media players, and products containing same by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 7,151,430; 9,509,273; 9,853,621; 7,957,770; and 9,705,400. See id. The notice of investigation names Apple, Inc. of Cupertino, California, as the respondent in the investigation. See id. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is also a party to the investigation. See id.
On March 10, 2022, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 4) setting an 18-month target date for completion of the investigation of August 24, 2023. See ID at 1. Good cause exists under Commission Rule 210.51(a)(1), 19 CFR 210.51(a)(1), for the set target date, in view of the ALJ’s “schedule and responsibilities in other investigations.” See id. Pursuant to this schedule, the final ID on violation is due by April 24, 2023.

No petition for review of the subject ID was filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. The target date for completion of the investigation is August 24, 2023.

The Commission’s vote for this determination took place on March 31, 2022.

The authority for the Commission’s determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in part 210 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR part 210).

By order of the Commission.

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Secretary to the Commission

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