

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of
CERTAIN AUDIO PLAYERS AND
COMPONENTS THEREOF (I)

Investigation No. 337-TA-1329

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

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

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. 33) issued by the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) extending the target date for completion of this investigation to May 12, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carl P. Bretscher, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-2382. 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: The Commission instituted this investigation on September 15, 2022, based on a complaint filed by Google LLC of Mountain View, California. 87 FR 56702-703 (Sept. 15, 2022). The complaint, as supplemented, 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, sale for importation, or sale in the United States after importation of certain audio players and components thereof by reason of infringement of certain asserted claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 7,705,565 (“the ’565 patent”); 10,593,330; and 10,134,398. *Id.* The complaint further alleges that a domestic industry exists. *Id.* The Commission’s notice of investigation names Sonos, Inc. of Santa Barbara, California as the respondent. *Id.* at 56703. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations was not named as a party to this investigation. *Id.*

On November 2, 2022, the Commission terminated the investigation with respect to the ’565 patent. Order No. 7 (Oct. 18, 2022), *unreviewed by Comm’n Notice* (Nov. 2, 2022).

On October 2, 2024, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 33) extending the target date to May 12, 2025, pursuant to Commission Rule 210.51(a)(1), 19 CFR 210.51(a)(1). Order No. 33 (Oct. 2, 2024).

The ID notes that, at the parties' request, the procedural schedule has been modified five times. The ID indicates that there is good cause to extend the target date to accommodate the ALJ's obligations in other investigations and an impending decision concerning a motion for summary determination of invalidity of the remaining asserted patents.

No party filed a petition for review of the subject ID.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. The target date is hereby extended to May 12, 2025. The final initial determination will be issued by January 10, 2025.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on October 15, 2024.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa R. Barton', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

Issued: October 15, 2024