

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN AUDIO PLAYERS AND
COMPONENTS THEREOF (II)**

Investigation No. 337-TA-1330

**NOTICE OF A COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW
AN INITIAL DETERMINATION TERMINATING THE INVESTIGATION AS TO
CERTAIN PATENT CLAIMS**

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. 30) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”), terminating the investigation as to claims 8–9 and 14 of U.S. Patent No. 11,024,311 (“the ’311 patent”); claims 1–4, 6–9, and 11–14 of U.S. Patent No. 9,812,128 (“the ’128 patent”); claims 4, 11–12, and 14–15 of U.S. Patent No. 9,632,748 (“the ’748 patent”); and claims 7–8 of U.S. Patent No. 11,050,615 (“the ’615 patent”).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on September 15, 2022, based on a complaint filed on behalf of Google LLC of Mountain View, California. 87 FR 56701 (Sept. 15, 2022). 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 audio players and components thereof by reason of infringement of certain claims of the ’311, ’128, ’748, and ’615 patents. *Id.* 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 as

the respondent Sonos, Inc. of Santa Barbara, California. *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations was not named as a party in this investigation. *Id.*

On May 22, 2023, pursuant to Commission Rule 210.21(a) (19 CFR 210.21(a)), Google filed an unopposed motion seeking to withdraw from the investigation claims 8–9 and 14 of the '311 patent; claims 1–4, 6–9, and 11–14 of the '128 patent; claims 4, 11–12, and 14–15 of the '748 patent; and claims 7–8 of the '615 patent.

On May 23, 2023, the ALJ issued Order No. 30, the subject ID, which granted the motion. On May 25, 2023, the ALJ issued a corrected Order No. 30. The ID found that the motion complied with the Commission's rules and no extraordinary circumstances warranted denying the motion. No party filed a petition for review of the subject ID.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID.

The following claims are hereby terminated from the investigation: claims 8–9 and 14 of the '311 patent; claims 1–4, 6–9, and 11–14 of the '128 patent; claims 4, 11–12, and 14–15 of the '748 patent; and claims 7–8 of the '615 patent.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on June 8, 2023.

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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