

**UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.**

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN FIBER-OPTIC
CONNECTORS, ADAPTERS, JUMP
CABLES, PATCH CORDS, PRODUCTS
CONTAINING THE SAME, AND
COMPONENTS THEREOF**

Investigation No. 337-TA-1399

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL
DETERMINATION TERMINATING THE INVESTIGATION WITH RESPECT TO A
RESPONDENT BASED ON THE ENTRY OF A CONSENT ORDER; ISSUANCE OF A
CONSENT ORDER**

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

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. 17) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) terminating the investigation with respect to respondent Flexoptix GmbH (“Flexoptix”) based on the entry of a consent order stipulation and consent order. The Commission has also determined to issue a consent order.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Needham, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-2392. 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 April 26, 2024, the Commission instituted this investigation based on a complaint, as supplemented, filed on behalf of US Conec, Ltd., of Hickory, North Carolina (“US Conec”). 89 FR 32459-60 (May 24, 2022). The complaint alleged 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 fiber-optic connectors, adapters, jump cables, patch cords, products containing the same, and components thereof that infringe certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 11,733,466; 11,808,994; 11,906,794; 11,880,075; 11,385,415 and 10,495,823. *Id.* at 32459. The complaint also alleged that a domestic industry exists. *Id.* The Commission’s notice of investigation names as respondents Senko Advance Co., Ltd. of Yokkaichi City, Japan;

Senko Advanced Components, Inc. of Hudson, Massachusetts; Eaton Corp. of Dublin, Ireland; Tripp Lite Holdings, Inc. of Woodridge, Illinois; FS.com Inc. of New Castle, Delaware; Infinite Electronics, Inc. of Irvine, California; L-com, Inc. of North Andover, Massachusetts; Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd. of Osaka, Japan; Sumitomo Electric Lightwave Corp. of Raleigh, North Carolina; Sumitomo Electric U.S.A., Inc. of Torrance, California; EZconn Corp. of New Taipei City, Taiwan; Flexoptix GmbH of Darmstadt, Germany; Shenzhen UnitekFiber Solution Ltd. of Shenzhen, China; Hubbell Inc. of Shelton, Connecticut; Hubbell Premise Wiring, Inc. of Shelton, Connecticut; Shenzhen IH Optics Co., Ltd. of Shenzhen, China; Rayoptic Communication Co., Ltd., of Shenzhen, China; and HuNan Surfiber Technology Co., Ltd. of Changsha, China. *Id.* at 32460. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is participating in this investigation. *Id.*

On June 13, 2024, US Conec and Flexoptix filed a joint motion to terminate the investigation with respect to Flexoptix based on a consent order stipulation and proposed consent order. On June 20, 2024, OUII filed a response in support of the motion. No other party responded to the motion.

On June 26, 2024, the ALJ issued the subject ID granting the motion and terminating the investigation with respect to Flexoptix based on the entry of a consent order. The ID finds that consent order stipulation and proposed consent order comply with Commission Rule 210.21(c)(3)-(4) (19 CFR 210.21(c)(3) and (4)). The ID also finds that there was no evidence that the termination would cause any adverse impact on the public interest. No petitions for review of the subject ID were received.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID and has determined to issue the requested consent order. The investigation is hereby terminated with respect to Flexoptix.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on July 24, 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.



Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

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