

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

**In the Matter of**

**CERTAIN AUTOMATED  
RETRACTABLE VEHICLE STEPS AND  
COMPONENTS THEREOF**

**Investigation No. 337-TA-1345**

**NOTICE OF A COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW  
AN INITIAL DETERMINATION TERMINATING RESPONDENT  
EARL OWEN COMPANY, INC. BASED ON SETTLEMENT**

**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. 7) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”), terminating the investigation as to respondent Earl Owen Company, Inc. based on a settlement agreement.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Benjamin S. Richards, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 708-5453. 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](mailto: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 December 6, 2022. 87 FR 74661 (Dec. 6, 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, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain automated retractable vehicle steps and components thereof by the infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 9,272,667; U.S. Patent No. 9,527,449; U.S. Patent No. 9,511,717; and U.S. Patent No. 11,198,395. *Id.* The Commission’s notice of investigation named as respondents Anhui Aggeus Auto-Tech Co., Ltd. a/k/a Wuhu, Woden Auto Parts Co., Ltd. a/k/a Wuhu Wow-good, Auto-Tech Co. Ltd. a/k/a Anhui Wollin International Co., Ltd. of Wuhu, China; Rough Country LLC of Dyersburg, TN; Southern Truck LLC a/k/a Top Gun Customz of Swanton, OH; Meyer Distributing, Inc. of Jasper, IN; and Earl

Owen Company, Inc. of Carrollton, TX (“Owen”). *Id.* at 74662. The complainant is Lund Motion Products, Inc. of Brea, CA (“Lund”). *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is participating in the investigation. *Id.*

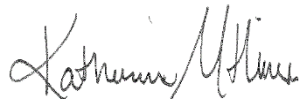
On December 27, 2022, the ALJ issued the subject ID, which granted Lund’s unopposed motion to terminate the investigation as to Owen based on a settlement agreement. The ID found that the motion met the requirements of the applicable Commission rules, *see* 19 CFR 210.21, and that Owen’s termination from the investigation is not contrary to the public interest. No petitions for review of the ID were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. Owen is terminated from this investigation.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on January 25, 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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