

**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  
THREE RESPONDENTS BASED ON SETTLEMENT**

**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. 21) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) terminating the investigation with respect to respondents Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd., Sumitomo Electric Lightwave Corp., and Sumitomo Electric U.S.A., Inc. (collectively, “Sumitomo Electric”) based on settlement.

**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](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:** 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 (Apr. 26, 2024). 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 (“OUII”) is participating in this investigation. *Id.*

On June 17, 2024, US Conec and Sumitomo Electric filed a joint motion to terminate the investigation with respect to Sumitomo based on settlement and to limit service of the confidential settlement agreement to the settling parties and OUII. On June 25, 2024, OUII filed a response in support of the motion. On June 27, 2024, Respondents Senko Advance Co. and Senko Advanced Components, Inc. (“Senko”) filed a response opposing limiting service of the confidential settlement agreement. On July 2, 2024, US Conec and Sumitomo Electric filed a reply in support of their motion. No other party responded to the motion.

On July 15, 2024, the ALJ issued the subject ID granting the motion and terminating the investigation with respect to Sumitomo Electric based on settlement pursuant to Commission Rule 210.21(b)(1) (19 CFR 210.21(b)(1)). The ALJ also found good cause to limit service because limiting such service would facilitate future settlement discussions and ordered that service of the confidential settlement agreement be limited to the settling parties and OUII. No petitions for review of the subject ID were received.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. The investigation is hereby terminated with respect to Sumitomo Electric.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on August 8, 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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