

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN ANODE MATERIALS FOR
USE IN BATTERY CELLS AND
BATTERIES**

Inv. No. 337-TA-1513

NOTICE OF INSTITUTION OF INVESTIGATION

Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on June 18, 2026, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of Sila Nanotechnologies, Inc. of Alameda, California, and Georgia Tech Research Corporation of Atlanta, Georgia. The complaint alleges violations of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain anode materials for use in battery cells and batteries by reason of the infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 11,515,528 (“the ’528 patent”); U.S. Patent No. 11,715,825 (“the ’825 patent”); U.S. Patent No. 11,374,215 (“the ’215 patent”); and U.S. Patent No. 11,942,624 (“the ’624 patent”). The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by the applicable Federal Statute.

The complainants request that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a limited exclusion order and cease and desist orders.

ADDRESSES: The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. For help accessing EDIS, please email EDIS3Help@usitc.gov. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at <https://www.usitc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Barton, The Office of the Secretary, Docket Services Division, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205-1802.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

AUTHORITY: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10 (2025).

SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on July 21, 2026, ORDERED THAT –

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain products identified in paragraph (2) by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1-5, 21, and 31 of the '528 patent; claims 1-3, 6, 8, 11, and 19 of the '825 patent; claims 1, 4, 5, 14, and 16 of the '215 patent; and claims 1, 5-7, 25, 27, and 28 of the '624 patent, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;

(2) Pursuant to section 210.10(b)(1) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10(b)(1), the plain language description of the accused products or category of accused products, which defines the scope of the investigation, is “composites, comprising silicon carbon material for use in battery anodes, e.g., lithium-ion battery anodes (“Si-C Anode Products”)”;

(3) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainants are:

Sila Nanotechnologies, Inc.
2470 Mariner Square Loop
Alameda, CA 94501

Georgia Tech Research Corporation
926 Dalney Street NW
Atlanta, GA 30332

(b) The respondents are the following entities alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint is to be served:

Carbon ONE New Energy Group Co., Ltd.
EN21-1 Block
Jiangshan Economic Development Zone
(Lianhuashan Industrial Park)
Jiangshan City, Quzhou City
Zhejiang Province
China, 324000

Carbon One New Energy (Hangzhou) Co., Ltd.
10th Floor, Building 2

No. 980, Anting Street
Wuchang Subdistrict, Yuhang District
Hangzhou City
Zhejiang Province
China, 311100

Zhejiang Lichen New Material Technology Co., Ltd.
Room 236, Building 12
Zhejiang Changxing National University
Science and Technology Park
No. 669 Gaotie Road, Huzhou
Zhejiang Province
China, 313000

(4) For the investigation so instituted, the Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. International Trade Commission, shall designate the presiding Administrative Law Judge.

The Office of Unfair Import Investigations will not participate as a party in this investigation.

Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.13. Pursuant to 19 CFR 201.16(e) and 210.13(a), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of an exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.

By order of the Commission.



Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

Issued: July 21, 2026