

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN NANOLAMINATE ALLOY
COATED METAL PARTS AND
PRODUCTS CONTAINING THE SAME**

Inv. No. 337-TA-1431

**NOTICE: ISSUANCE OF INITIAL DETERMINATION ON
VIOLATION OF SECTION 337 WITH RECOMMENDATION ON
REMEDY AND BOND**

(April 30, 2026)

The Initial Determination (“ID”) on Violation of Section 337 of the Tariff Act, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1337 (“Section 337”), has been issued today.

It is a finding of the ID that Complainant Modumetal, Inc. (“Complainant” or “Modumetal”) has not proven by a preponderance of evidence that Respondents Parker Hannifin Corporation (“Parker”), Lu Chu Shin Yee Works Co., Ltd. (“LCSYW”), Jiangsu DVP Hi Pressure Technology Co., Ltd. (“Jiangsu”), Maxort Philippines Inc. (“Maxort”), Paloma Turning Co. Pvt. Ltd. (“Paloma”), Shanghai Overseas Enterprises Co., Ltd. (“SOE”), Shaoxing Xuanton Fluid Connectors Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (“Shaoxing”), and Zhejiang Fitting Machinery Co., Ltd. (“Zhejiang”) (collectively, “Respondents,” and together with Modumetal, “the Parties”) violated subsection (b) of Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain metal parts coated with Parker’s ToughShield® Plus coating as well as bundles containing one or more parts with ToughShield® Plus coating.

It is a finding of the ID that Respondents have not infringed Asserted Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 7

of U.S. Patent No. 10,253,419 (“the ’419 patent”). It is a finding of the ID that Respondents have not infringed Asserted Claims 1, 2, 3, and 5 of U.S. Patent No. 11,242,613 (“the ’613 patent”).

It is also a finding of the ID that Respondents have not proven that Asserted Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 of the ’419 patent are invalid. It is also a finding of this ID that Respondents have not proven that Asserted Claims 1, 2, 3, and 5 of the ’613 patent are invalid.

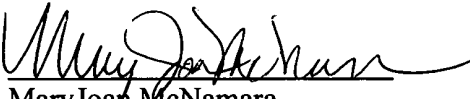
It is a finding of the ID that one or more of Modumetal’s domestic industry products has not satisfied the technical industry prong of the domestic industry requirement for the ’419 patent or the ’613 patent. Additionally, it is a finding of the ID that Modumetal has not satisfied the economic prong of the domestic industry requirement under Sections 337(a)(3)(A) and (B).

Accordingly, the ID recommends that a remedy is not warranted.

However, if the Commission finds a violation of Section 337, then there is a recommendation that a Limited Exclusion Order (“LEO”) be issued that would include: (1) a standard certification provision; (2) a carveout for non-infringing, redesign products; and (3) quarterly reporting requirements by Modumetal.

Additionally, a recommendation is made that a Cease and Desist Order (“CDO”) should not be issued. Finally, a recommendation is made that no bond be entered during the Presidential Review Period.

SO ORDERED.


MaryJoan McNamara
Administrative Law Judge