

**UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C.**

**In the Matter of**

**CERTAIN PHOTOVOLTAIC TRUNK  
BUS CABLE ASSEMBLIES AND  
COMPONENTS THEREOF**

**Inv. No. 337-TA-1438**

**NOTICE OF INITIAL DETERMINATION ON VIOLATION OF SECTION 337 AND  
RECOMMENDED DETERMINATION ON REMEDY AND BOND**

(February 6, 2026)

Per the notice of investigation, 90 Fed. Reg. 9730 (Feb. 18, 2025), I issued the final initial determination today. 19 C.F.R. §§ 210.10(b) and 210.42(a)(1). I have determined that a violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, has occurred by way of patent infringement in the importation into the United States and the sale within the United States after importation of certain photovoltaic trunk bus cable assemblies and components thereof. The final initial determination concludes:

1. The Commission has statutory authority over this investigation.
2. Shoals owns U.S. Patent Nos. 12,015,375 and 12,015,376.
3. The importation requirement is satisfied for the accused products.
4. Claims 1, 8, 12, and 20 of the '375 patent have been shown to be infringed.
5. Claims 1, 10, and 12 of the '376 patent have been shown to be infringed.
6. Claims 1, 8, 12, and 20 of the '375 patent have not been shown to be invalid.
7. Claims 1, 10, and 12 of the '376 patent have not been shown to be invalid.
8. The '375 and '376 patents have not been shown to be unenforceable for unclean hands.

9. The technical prong of the domestic industry requirement has been satisfied for the '375 patent.
10. The technical prong of the domestic industry requirement has been satisfied for the '376 patent.
11. The economic prong of the domestic industry requirement has been satisfied for the '375 and '376 patents.



Doris Johnson Hines  
Administrative Law Judge