UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN FOLDABLE REUSABLE DRINKING STRAWS AND COMPONENTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF **Investigation No. 337-TA-1183**

NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION GRANTING IN PART A MOTION FOR SUMMARY DETERMINATION

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. 13) of the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ") granting in part the complainant's motion for summary determination.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynde Herzbach, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-3228. 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. 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 November 13, 2019, based on a complaint filed on behalf of The Final Co. LLC ("Final" or "Complainant") of Santa Fe, New Mexico. 84 FR 61639 (Nov. 13, 2019). The complaint, as amended, alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337 ("section 337"), in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain foldable reusable drinking straws and components and accessories thereof by reason of infringement of claims 1-12, 14-17, and 20 of U.S. Patent No. 10,123,641 ("the '641 patent"). *Id.* The complaint further alleges that a domestic industry exists. *Id.* The Commission's notice of investigation names seventeen respondents, specifically, Huizhou Sinri Technology Company Limited of Guangdong, China; Hebei Serun Import and Export Trade Co., Ltd. of Hebei, China; Dongguan Stirling Metal Products Co., Ltd. of Guangdong, China; Ningbo Wwpartner Plastic Manufacture

Co., Ltd. of Zhejiang, China; Shenzhen Yuanzhen Technology Co., Ltd. of Shenzhen, China; Jiangmen Boyan Houseware Co., Ltd. of Guangdong, China; Shanghai Rbin Industry And Trade Co., Ltd. of Shanghai, China; Jiangmen Shengke Hardware Products Co., Ltd. of Guangdong, China; Funan Anze Trading Co., Ltd. of Anhui, China; Hangzhou Keteng Trade Co., Ltd. of Zhejiang, China; Hunan Jiudi Shiye Import And Export Trading Co., Ltd. of Hunan, China ("Hunan Jiudi"); Shenzhen Yaya Gifts Co., Ltd. of Guangdong, China; Ningbo Weixu International Trade Co., Ltd. of Zhejiang, China ("Ningbo Weixu"); Ningbo Beland Commodity Co., Ltd. of Zhejiang, China; Xiamen One X Piece Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. of Fujian, China; Hunan Champion Top Technology Co., Ltd. of Hunan, China; and Yiwu Lizhi Trading Firm of Zhejiang, China. *Id.* at 61639-40. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations ("OUII") is also named as a party in this investigation. *Id.* at 61640.

The Commission previously terminated respondents Ningbo Weixu and Hunan Jiudi from the investigation based on Complainant's partial withdrawal of the complaint. *See* Order No. 7 (Feb. 13, 2019), *unreviewed by* Comm'n Notice (Mar. 9, 2020).

On March 16, 2020, the Commission found the remaining fifteen respondents (collectively, the "Defaulted Respondents") in default. Order No. 8 (March 3, 2020), unreviewed by Notice (March 16, 2020).

On April 7, 2020, Complainant filed a motion for summary determination of domestic industry and violation of section 337 by Defaulted Respondents. On May 5, 2020, Complainant filed a motion for leave to supplement its motion, and the ALJ granted leave on May 8, 2020. Order No. 12 (May 8, 2020). On May 27, 2020, OUII filed its response in support of Complainant's motion. *See* Order No. 11 (May 1, 2020) (granting leave for extension of time for OUII to file a response).

On July 17, 2020, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 13) granting in part the motion for summary determination. *See* Order No. 13. The subject ID finds that there is importation of the accused products and infringement of claims 1-12 and 14-17 of the '641 patent by Defaulted Respondents, and that Complainant satisfies the technical prong of the domestic industry requirement for the '641 patent. No party petitioned for review of the subject ID.

Having reviewed the record of the investigation, the Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. Further, the ALJ denied Complainant's motion for summary determination as to the economic prong of the domestic industry requirement. The denial of summary determination is not an initial determination subject to Commission review. 19 CFR 210.42.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on August 18, 2020.

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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Secretary to the Commission

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