

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN PORTABLE BATTERY JUMP
STARTERS AND COMPONENTS
THEREOF**

Investigation No. 337-TA-1256

**NOTICE OF A COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW
AN INITIAL DETERMINATION FINDING RESPONDENT
SMARTECH PRODUCTS, INC. IN DEFAULT**

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. 28) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) finding respondent Smartech Products, Inc. (“Smartech”) of Savage, Maryland in default.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clint Gerdine, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 708-2310. 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, telephone (202) 205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on March 23, 2021, based on a complaint filed by The NOCO Company (“NOCO”) of Glenwillow, Ohio. 86 FR 15496-98 (Mar. 23, 2021). The complaint, as amended and supplemented, alleges 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 portable battery jump starters and components thereof by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 9,007,015 and 10,604,024, and U.S. Trademark Registration Nos. 4,811,656 and 4,811,749. The complaint further alleges the existence of a domestic industry. The Commission’s notice of investigation (“NOI”), as amended, named forty-seven (47) respondents, including Smartech. 86 FR 27650-51 (May 21, 2021). The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is participating in the investigation.

The Commission has previously terminated multiple respondents from the investigation. *See* Order No. 9 (Apr. 13, 2021), *unreviewed by* Comm'n Notice (May 12, 2021); Order No. 11 (Apr. 19, 2021), *unreviewed by* Comm'n Notice (May 4, 2021); Order No. 14 (Apr. 23, 2021), *unreviewed by* Comm'n Notice (May 18, 2021); Order No. 21 (July 7, 2021), *unreviewed by* Comm'n Notice (July 26, 2021); Order No. 23 (July 13, 2021), *unreviewed by* Comm'n Notice (July 29, 2021).

The complaint and NOI were served on Smartech, and Smartech responded to the complaint and notice of investigation. *See* Order No. 28 at 1-2. On May 13, 2021, Smartech filed a notice pursuant to Commission Rule 210.17(h) (19 CFR 210.17(h)), electing to default in this investigation.

On August 9, 2021, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 28) finding Smartech in default based on Smartech's election. No party petitioned for review.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. Respondent Smartech has been found in default.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on August 20, 2021.

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

Issued: August 20, 2021