UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN HIGH-POTENCY SWEETENERS, PROCESSES FOR MAKING SAME, AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING SAME

Inv. No. 337-TA-1264

NOTICE OF A COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION TERMINATING THE INVESTIGATION AS TO RESPONDENT AGRIDIENT; ISSUANCE OF A CONSENT ORDER

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission ("Commission") has determined not to review an initial determination ("ID") (Order No. 8) of the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ"), terminating the investigation as to respondent Agridient, Inc. ("Agridient") based on a consent order.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on May 14, 2021. 86 FR 26544 (May 14, 2021). The complaint, as supplemented, was filed by complainants Celanese International Corporation; Celanese (Malta) Company 2 Limited; and Celanese Sales U.S. Ltd. ("Celanese") and alleged violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain high-potency sweeteners, processes for making same, and products containing same by reason of infringement of certain claims of United States Patent Nos. 10,023,546; 10,208,004; 10,590,098; 10,233,163; and 10,590,095. *Id*. The complaint further alleged that a domestic industry exists. *Id*. The Commission's notice of investigation named twelve respondents, including respondent Agridient. *Id*. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations ("OUII") is also participating in this investigation. *Id*.

On May 24, 2021, Celanese and Agridient jointly moved to terminate this investigation as to Agridient based upon a consent order. On June 14, 2021, OUII filed a response in support of the joint motion.

On June 15, 2021, the ALJ issued the subject ID granting the joint motion and terminating Agridient from the investigation. The ID includes findings that the motion satisfies the relevant requirements of Commission Rule 210.21(c), 19 CFR 210.21(c). The ID also finds that the public interest does not weigh against entry of a consent order as to Agridient. No petitions for review of the ID were received.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. Respondent Agridient is terminated from the investigation based on the consent order concurrently issued herewith.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on July 1, 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

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