

**UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C.**

**In the Matter of**

**CERTAIN AUDIO PLAYERS AND  
COMPONENTS THEREOF (II)**

**Investigation No. 337-TA-1330**

**NOTICE OF A COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW  
AN INITIAL DETERMINATION TERMINATING THE INVESTIGATION AS TO  
CERTAIN PATENT CLAIMS**

**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. 40) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) granting an unopposed motion to terminate the investigation with respect to certain asserted patent claims based on withdrawal of the complaint as to those claims.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Edward S. Jou, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-3316. 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](mailto: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 September 15, 2022, based on a complaint filed on behalf of Google LLC (“Google”) of Mountain View, California. 87 FR 56701 (Sept. 15, 2022). The complaint alleged a violation 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 audio players and components thereof by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 9,632,748 (“the ’748 patent”); U.S. Patent No. 9,812,128; U.S. Patent No. 11,024,311 (“the ’311 patent”); and U.S. Patent No. 11,050,615 (“the ’615 patent”). *Id.* The complaint further alleged that an industry in the United States exists as required by section 337. *Id.* The Commission’s notice of investigation named as the respondent Sonos, Inc. of Santa Barbara, California. *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations was not named as a party in this investigation. *Id.*

On June 16, 2023, Google filed a motion for partial termination of the investigation with respect to claims 1 and 20 of the '311 patent, claims 1-3 of the '748 patent, and claims 2, 3, 10-12, 15, and 18 of the '615 patent based on withdrawal of those allegations pursuant to Commission Rule 210.21(a)(1) (19 CFR 210.21(a)(1)). There was no opposition to the motion.

On June 21, 2023, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 40) granting the motion. The ID finds that the motion complies with the Commission's rules and no extraordinary circumstances warrant denying the motion. No petitions for review of the ID were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID.

The following claims are hereby terminated from the investigation: claims 1 and 20 of the '311 patent, claims 1-3 of the '748 patent, and claims 2, 3, 10-12, 15, and 18 of the '615 patent.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on July 7, 2023.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa R. Barton', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Lisa R. Barton  
Secretary to the Commission

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