UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN UNIVERSAL GOLF CLUB SHAFT AND GOLF CLUB HEAD CONNECTION ADAPTORS, CERTAIN COMPONENTS THEREOF, AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING THE SAME (II)

Investigation No. 337-TA-1354 (Enforcement)

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF TIME

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to extend the deadline to determine whether to institute a formal enforcement proceeding in the above-referenced investigation to June 27, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carl P. Bretscher, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-2382. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <u>https://edis.usitc.gov</u>. For help accessing EDIS, please email <u>EDIS3Help@usitc.gov</u>. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at <u>https://www.usitc.gov</u>. 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: On March 8, 2023, the Commission instituted the underlying investigation based on a complaint filed by Club-Conex LLC of Scottsdale, Arizona ("Club-Conex") accusing the respondents of violating section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1337 ("section 337") by importing into the United States, selling for importation, or selling in the United States after importation certain universal golf club shaft and golf club head connection adaptors, certain components thereof, and products containing the same that infringe one or more of the asserted claims of U.S. Patent No. 11,426,638 ("the '638 patent"). 86 FR 14393 (Mar. 8, 2023). The named respondents were Top Golf Equipment Co., Ltd. d/b/a All-Fit Golf of Shenzhen, China; Volf Sports Co. Ltd. of Shenzhen, China; and WoFu (Shenzhen) Sports Goods Co., Ltd. of Shenzhen, China (collectively, the "Top Golf Respondents"). The Office of Unfair Import Investigations ("OUII") did not participate as a party to the underlying investigation.

On April 6, 2023, Club-Conex moved for an order directing the Top Golf Respondents to show cause as to why they should not be found in default for failing to respond to the complaint

and notice of investigation. Complainant stated in its motion that it was not seeking a general exclusion order. No response to the motion was filed.

On April 25, 2023, the ALJ issued Order No. 6, finding that the Top Golf Respondents had not responded to the complaint or notice of investigation or otherwise participated in this investigation. The ALJ directed the Top Golf Respondents to show cause as to why they should not be found in default. On May 4, 2023, Club-Conex provided proof of service of Order No. 6 on the Top Golf Respondents, but none of them responded to the show cause order.

On May 17, 2023, the ALJ issued Order No. 7, finding that the Top Golf Respondents did not respond to the show cause order and thus are in default, pursuant to 19 CFR § 210.16. None of the Top Golf Respondents filed a petition for review of Order No. 7. Accordingly, on July 13, 2023, the Commission determined not to review Order No. 7 and thereby adopted the ALJ's finding that the Respondents are in default. Comm'n Notice (July 13, 2023).

On September 22, 2023, the Commission, after receiving briefing on remedy, public interest, and bonding, issued a limited exclusion order prohibiting the unlicensed entry of certain golf club shaft and golf club head connection adaptors, certain components thereof, and products containing the same that infringe one or more of the asserted claims of the '638 patent and are manufactured abroad by, or on behalf of, or imported by or on behalf of the Top Golf Respondents. Limited Exclusion Order (Sept. 18, 2023) ("2023 LEO"); 88 FR 65404 (Sept. 22, 2023).

On March 28, 2025, Club-Conex filed a complaint asking the Commission to institute an enforcement proceeding under Commission Rule 210.75 (19 CFR 210.75) to investigate alleged violations of the 2023 LEO. Complaint of Club-Conex LLC Under Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as Amended, for Enforcement of a Limited Exclusion Order ¶ 1 (March 26, 2025) ("Enforcement Compl.").

On April 23, 2025, certain proposed respondents submitted a request that the Commission decline to institute the proposed enforcement proceeding against them. Proposed Respondents WorldWide Golf Shops LLC, WorldWide Golf Cool Clubs LLC, M&P Golf, LLC, M&P Technologies, LLC's Submission on No Institution (Apr. 23, 2025). On April 24, 2025, Club-Conex submitted a response to the submission on non-institution. Club-Conex's Response to Proposed Respondents Worldwide Golf Shops LLC, Worldwide Golf Cool Clubs LLC, M&P Golf, LLC, M&P Golf, LLC, and M&P Technologies, LLC's Submission on No Institution (Apr. 24, 2023).

On June 4, 2025, Club-Conex filed a letter requesting that the Commission postpone its determination on whether to institute an enforcement investigation until June 26, 2025. The letter states that Club-Conex and Cool Clubs are in the process of resolving their dispute and request the postponement to facilitate a final settlement. Club-Conex further represents that Cool Clubs supports the requested postponement.

The Commission has determined to extend the deadline for determining whether to institute an enforcement proceeding to June 27, 2025.

The Commission's vote on this determination took place on June 5, 2025.

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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Lisa R. Barton Secretary to the Commission

Issued: June 5, 2025