

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN OIL VAPORIZING DEVICES,
COMPONENTS THEREOF, AND
PRODUCTS CONTAINING THE SAME**

Investigation No. 337-TA-1392

**NOTICE OF THE COMMISSION'S DETERMINATION TO DENY RESPONDENTS'
PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission ("Commission") has determined to deny a petition for reconsideration filed by respondents STIIIZY IP LLC f/k/a STIIIZY, LLC and STIIIZY, Inc. f/k/a Shryne Group Inc. (collectively, "STIIIZY") in the above-captioned investigation.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on March 6, 2024, based on a complaint filed by complainant PAX Labs, Inc. ("PAX"). 89 FR 16025-26 (Mar. 6, 2024). The complaint, as supplemented, 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 oil vaporizing devices, components thereof, and products containing the same by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 11,369,756; 11,766,527; 11,369,757; and 11,759,580 ("the '580 patent"). *Id.* The complaint further alleges that a domestic industry exists. *Id.* The Commission's notice of investigation named STIIIZY, in addition to ALD Group Limited; and ALD Hong Kong Holdings (collectively, "ALD") as respondents. *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is not participating in the investigation.

On March 6, 2024, the presiding administrative law judge issued the final initial determination (“FID”), finding that no violation of section 337 had occurred with respect to any of the asserted claims. As relevant to the subject petition, the FID finds that the STIIIZY-1G REDESIGN(C) infringes claims 1 and 7 of the ’580 patent, the STIIIZY-AIO-REDESIGN infringes claim 1 of the ’580 patent, and the STIIIZY-ORIG-1G-REDESIGN infringes claims 1, 6-8, and 10 of the ’580 patent, all under the doctrine of equivalents.

On March 18, 2025, STIIIZY and ALD filed a petition for review of certain findings in the FID, including the finding that the three STIIIZY redesigned products infringe one or more of claims 1, 6-8, and 10 of the ’580 patent under the doctrine of equivalents.

On May 16, 2025, the Commission determined to review in part the FID. *See* Comm’n Not. at 3 (May 16, 2025). As relevant to the subject petition, the Commission determined to review the FID’s finding that certain redesigned products infringe the ’580 patent. *Id.*

On January 20, 2026, the Commission issued a final determination finding a violation of section 337 by STIIIZY and ALD. 91 FR 2960-62. As relevant to the subject petition, the Commission affirmed with supplemental reasoning the FID’s finding that the three STIIIZY redesigned products infringed one or more of claims 1, 6-8, and 10 of the ’580 patent under the doctrine of equivalents. *Id.* at 2961; Commission Opinion (Jan. 20, 2026) (“Op.”) at 19-25. Specifically, the Commission found that substantial evidence supports finding that a triangular extension feature in the STIIIZY Redesigned Products satisfies the limitation “an extension feature having a cylindrical shape, wherein the extension feature extends from the proximal side of the distal member,” as recited in claim 1 of the ’580 patent, under the doctrine of equivalents. Op. at 19-25.

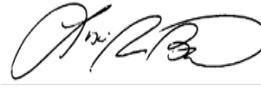
On February 3, 2026, STIIIZY filed the subject petition for reconsideration pursuant to Commission Rule 210.47 (19 CFR 210.47), arguing that the Commission’s finding of infringement under the doctrine of equivalents is erroneous. On February 9, 2026, PAX filed an opposition to the subject petition.

The Commission, having reviewed the record in this investigation, including the Commission’s final determination and opinion, STIIIZY’s petition, and PAX’s response thereto, has determined to deny STIIIZY’s petition for reconsideration. The Commission issues an order herewith setting forth its determination.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on March 4, 2026.

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

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