

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN SMART TELEVISIONS

Investigation No. 337-TA-1461

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

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. 38) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) terminating the investigation as to claims 2 and 27 of U.S. Patent No. 7,840,579 (the “’579 patent”).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Namo Kim, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-3459. 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 on (202) 205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on September 30, 2025, based on a complaint filed by Cerence Operating Company of Burlington, Massachusetts (“Cerence”). 90 FR 46919-20 (Sept. 30, 2025). The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), in the importation into the United States, or in the sale of certain smart televisions by reason of the infringement of certain claims of the ’579 patent, U.S. Patent Nos. 9,171,541 (the “’541 patent”); 8,819,810 (the “’810 patent”); and 7,894,598 (the “’598 patent”). The complaint, as supplemented, further alleges that a domestic industry exists in the United States. *Id.* The Commission’s notice of investigation named the following as respondents: Sony Group Corporation of Tokyo, Japan; Sony Corporation of America of New York, New York; Sony Electronics Inc. of San Diego, California; TCL Industries Holdings Co., Ltd. of Guangdong, China; TCL Technology Group Corporation of Guangdong, China; TCL Electronics Holdings Limited of Hong Kong; Manufacturas Avanzadas, S.A. de C.V. of Chihuahua, Mexico; Shenzhen TCL New Technology Co., Ltd. of Nanshan, China; T.C.L. Industries Holdings (H.K.)

Limited of Hong Kong; TCL King Electrical Appliances (Huizhou) Company Limited of Huizhou, China; TCL Optoelectronics Technology (Huizhou) Co., Ltd. of Huizhou, China; TCL Overseas Marketing Limited of Hong Kong; TCL Smart Device (Vietnam) Company Limited of Binh Duong Province, Vietnam; TTE Corporation of Hong Kong; TTE Technology, Inc. (d/b/a TCL North America) of Corona, California (collectively, “Respondents”). *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations (“OUII”) is participating in the investigation. *Id.*

On December 22, 2025, the Commission granted Amazon.com Services LLC’s motion to intervene. Order No. 6 (Dec. 10, 2025), *unreviewed by Comm’n Notice* (Dec. 22, 2025).

On February 19, 2026, OUII filed a notice stating that it will no longer participate in the investigation.

On September 9, 2026, the Commission terminated the investigation as to claims 3, 4, 8-22, 24, 25, 28, 34-38, 40-44, 46, 48, 50-59 of the ’579 patent; claims 3-5, 7, 8, 10-15, 19, 21, 23-31 of the ’541 patent; claims 1-12, 16-20, 22, 23 of the ’810 patent; and claims 4, 6, 9, 12-25, 28, 29 of the ’598 patent. Order No. 30 (Aug. 13, 2026), *unreviewed by Comm’n Notice* (Sep. 9, 2026).

On September 17, 2026, the Commission terminated the investigation as to claims 5 and 29 of the ’579 patent; claim 18 of the ’541 patent; and all remaining claims of the ’810 patent and the ’598 patent. Order No. 31 (Aug. 18, 2026), *unreviewed by Comm’n Notice* (Sep. 17, 2026).

On August 31, 2026, Cerence filed an unopposed motion for partial termination of the investigation as to claims 2 and 27 of the ’579 patent based on withdrawal of the complaint as to those claims.

On September 9, 2026, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 38) pursuant to Commission Rule 210.21(a), 19 CFR 210.21(a), granting Cerence’s unopposed motion for partial termination. As the ID notes, Cerence stated that there are no other agreements between the parties concerning the subject matter of this investigation. The ID also finds that there are no extraordinary circumstances that would prevent granting Cerence’s motion to terminate the investigation as to the withdrawn claims.

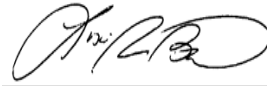
No petitions for review of the subject ID were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. The investigation is terminated as to claims 2 and 27 of the ’579 patent.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa R. Barton', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

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