

**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 GRANTING MOTION TO INTERVENE OF AMAZON.COM  
SERVICES LLC**

**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. 6) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) granting Amazon.com Services LLC’s (“Amazon”) motion to intervene.

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**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) (“section 337”), in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United states after importation of certain smart televisions by reason of the infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 7,840,579; 7,894,598; 8,189,810; and 9,171,541. 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; and 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 1, 2025, Amazon filed a motion to intervene in this investigation and a request for a shortened time to respond to the motion. In the motion, Amazon requested for “full participation rights as an intervenor in this investigation with respect to the issues of infringement/non-infringement, validity/invalidity, any related subsidiary issues (*e.g.*, claim construction), and any other issue directed to or otherwise involving Amazon’s technology.” Motion at 10. The Motion stated that (1) Amazon has a substantial interest in this investigation with respect to the accused products that use Amazon’s Fire OS and Alexa technology, (2) Amazon is the only party with intimate knowledge of its technology (*i.e.*, Fire OS and Alexa technology), and (3) the motion is timely because the investigation is in its early stages. *Id.* at 7-9. The motion also stated that Respondents do not oppose the motion or the request for shortened response time. *Id.* at 1.

On December 2, 2025, the ALJ issued Order No. 4, granting Amazon’s request for a shortened response time and ordering that any response to the motion be filed by December 8, 2025. Order No. 4 (Dec. 2, 2025).

On December 8, 2025, Cerence filed a statement of non-opposition to Amazon’s motion to intervene, stating that Cerence does not oppose the motion subject to certain limitations. Specifically, Cerence states that Amazon agreed: (1) “Amazon will ensure the availability of discovery from Amazon.com Inc. and its subsidiaries,” (2) “Amazon will coordinate with Respondents under the Ground Rules to ease the burden of its involvement,” and (3) “Amazon will only participate with respect to ‘infringement/non-infringement, validity/invalidity, any related subsidiary issues (*e.g.*, claim construction), and any other issue directed to or otherwise involving Amazon’s technology.’” Complainant’s Statement of Non-Opposition at 2.

On December 8, 2025, OUII filed its response to the motion, supporting Amazon’s motion to intervene because the motion satisfies Commission Rule 210.19, 19 CFR 210.19, and the factors found in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24.

On December 10, 2025, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 6) pursuant to Commission Rule 210.19, 19 CFR 210.19, granting Amazon’s motion to intervene. The ID finds “no dispute that Amazon has an interest in infringement and invalidity issues regarding the asserted patents, that Amazon’s interests are not adequately protected by TCL, and that intervention has been granted in similar circumstances in previous investigations.” ID at 3. The ID also finds that “Amazon’s motion was timely filed,” and “no party claims any undue prejudice from Amazon’s intervention.” *Id.*

No petitions for review of the ID were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on December 22, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa R. Barton', enclosed within a large, loopy oval flourish.

Lisa R. Barton  
Secretary to the Commission

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