

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN LOW-PROFILE MICROWAVE-
HOOD COMBINATION PRODUCTS**

Investigation No. 337-TA-1467

**NOTICE OF 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. 29) of the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) granting complainant’s unopposed motion to terminate the investigation as to the following asserted claims based on withdrawal of the complaint: (i) claim 3 of U.S. Patent No. 11,079,118 (“the ’118 patent”); (ii) claims 1-3, 8, 12, and 13 of U.S. Patent No. 11,979,967 (“the ’967 patent”); (iii) claim 4 of U.S. Patent No. 12,101,865 (“the ’865 patent”); (iv) claims 1, 2, 3, 5, and 8 of U.S. Patent No. 12,133,317 (“the ’317 patent”); and (v) claims 2, 4-7, 11, 13-16, 24, 26, and 28 of U.S. Patent No. 12,289,819 (“the ’819 patent”) (collectively, the “Withdrawn Claims”).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on December 22, 2025, based on a complaint filed by Whirlpool Corporation (“Whirlpool”) of Benton Harbor, Michigan. 90 FR 59866-67 (Dec. 22, 2025). The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, based on the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain low-profile microwave-hood combination products by reason of the infringement of certain claims of the ’118, ’967, ’865, ’317, and ’819 patents. *Id.* at 59866. The complaint further alleges that a domestic industry exists. *Id.*

The notice of investigation names 16 respondents: (1) Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. of Suwon-si, Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea; (2) Samsung Electronics America, Inc. of Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey; (3) LG Electronics Inc. of Yeongdeungpo-gu, Seoul, Republic of Korea; (4) LG Electronics USA, Inc. of Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey; (5) Midea Group Co., Ltd. of Foshan, Guangdong, China; (6) Midea America Corporation of Parsippany, New Jersey; (7) Haier Group Corporation (“HGC”) of Qingdao, Shandong, China; (8) Haier US Appliance Solutions, Inc. (d/b/a GE Appliances) of Louisville, Kentucky; (9) Electrolux Professional AB (“ABE”) of Stockholm, Sweden; (10) Electrolux Consumer Products, Inc. of Charlotte, North Carolina; (11) Cosmo Products, LLC of Chino, California; (12) Meyer Corporation, U.S. (“Meyer”) of Vallejo, California; (13) Koolmore Supply, Inc. of Brooklyn, New York; (14) THOR International (d/b/a THOR Kitchen, Inc.) of Ontario, California; (15) Unique Appliances Ltd. of Oakville, Ontario, Canada; and (16) CTM Household Appliances Inc. (d/b/a FORNO) of Montreal, Quebec, Canada. *Id.* at 59867. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is not named as a party to this investigation. *Id.*

On February 18, 2026, the Commission terminated the investigation as to respondents Meyer and ABE based on withdrawal of the complaint. Order No. 8 (Jan. 23, 2026) (Meyer), Order No. 9 (Jan. 23, 2026) (ABE), *both unreviewed by Comm’n Notice* (Feb. 18, 2026). On February 20, 2026, the Commission terminated the investigation as to respondent HGC based on withdrawal of the complaint. Order No. 16 (Feb. 3, 2026), *unreviewed by Comm’n Notice* (Feb. 20, 2026).

On March 16, 2026, the Commission terminated the investigation as to the following asserted claims based on withdrawal of the complaint: (i) claims 2, 5, and 18 of the ’118 patent; (ii) claims 4, 5, 7, 9-11, and 14-24 of the ’967 patent; (iii) claims 2, 5, 7, and 10-21 of the ’865 patent; (iv) claims 6 and 7 of the ’317 patent; and (v) claims 3, 8-10, 18, 21, and 22 of the ’819 patent. Order No. 18 (Feb. 18, 2026), *unreviewed by Comm’n Notice* (Mar. 16, 2026).

On June 26, 2026, the Commission terminated the investigation as to the following asserted claims based on withdrawal of the complaint: (i) claim 3 of the ’865 patent; (ii) claim 4 of the ’317 patent; and (iii) claim 27 of the ’819 patent. Order No. 27 (June 9, 2026), *unreviewed by Comm’n Notice* (June 26, 2026).

On July 15, 2026, Whirlpool filed a motion to terminate the investigation as to the Withdrawn Claims based on withdrawal of the complaint as to those claims. The motion states that all the remaining respondents confirmed that they do not oppose the motion. No responses to the motion were filed.

On July 22, 2026, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 29) granting the motion. The ID finds that the motion complies with the requirements of Commission Rule 210.21(a)(1) (19 CFR 210.21(a)(1)) and that there are no extraordinary circumstances that warrant denying the motion. *Id.* at 2. No petitions for review of the subject ID were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. The investigation is hereby terminated as to: (i) claim 3 of the ’118 patent; (ii) claims 1-3, 8, 12, and 13 of the ’967 patent; (iii) claim 4 of the ’865 patent; (iv) claims 1, 2, 3, 5, and 8 of the ’317 patent; and (v) claims 2, 4-7, 11, 13-16, 24, 26, and 28 of the ’819 patent.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on August 20, 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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