UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of	
CERTAIN PICKLEBALL PADDLES	**Investigation No. 337-TA-1503**

NOTICE OF A COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION TERMINATING THE INVESTIGATION AS TO RESPONDENT ENGAGED SPORTING BASED ON A CONSENT ORDER AND AN INITIAL DETERMINATION FINDING RESPONDENT DIADEM IN DEFAULT

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission ("Commission") has determined not to review two initial determinations ("IDs") (Order Nos. 23 and 24) of the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ") terminating the investigation as to respondent Engage Sporting, LLC ("Engage Sporting") based on consent order stipulation and consent order and finding respondent Diadem Sports LLC ("Diadem") in default.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on June 8, 2026, based on a complaint filed, as amended, by Sport Squad, Inc. d/b/a JOOLA ("JOOLA") of North Bethesda, Maryland. 91 FR 34647-48 (June 8, 2026). The amended complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337 ("section 337"), based on the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain pickleball paddles by reason of the infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 12,465,826 and 12,357,891. *Id.* at 34647-48. The amended complaint, as supplemented, further alleges that an industry in the United States exists or is in the process of being established, as required by the applicable Federal Statute. *Id.* at 34648.

The notice of investigation names 20 respondents: (1) Franklin Sports, Inc. of Stoughton, Massachusetts; (2) Proton Sports, Inc. of Scottsdale, Arizona; (3) Proton Pickleball, Inc. of

Scottsdale, Arizona; (4) Vegas Pickleball d/b/a RPM Pickleball of Delray Beach, Florida; (5) Engage Pickleball, LLC of Oxford, Florida; (6) Engage Sporting, LLC of Oxford, Florida; (7) Friday Labs, LLC of San Francisco, California; (8) Diadem Sports LLC of Pompano Beach, Florida; (9) Facolospickleball LLC of Denver, Colorado; (10) Facolos Sports Joint Stock Company of Ha Noi, Vietnam; (11) Paddletek, LLC of Niles, Michigan; (12) Paddletek Pickleball, LLC of Dover, Delaware; (13) ProXR, LLC of Rolla, Missouri (14) ProXR Pickleball, LLC of Dover, Delaware; (15) Thirty-Five Capital LLC of Chicago, Illinois; (16) United Pickleball Properties, LLC of Dover, Delaware; (17) UPP Paddles, LLC of Dover, Delaware; (18) All Racquet Sports, LLC of Wilmington, Delaware; (19) All For Padel, S.L. of Alcorcó, Spain; and (20) Volair C Corp., Inc. of Austin, Texas. *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is not named as a party to this investigation. *Id*.

On November 2, 2026the Commission terminated the following respondents from the investigation based on consent orders: (1) Paddletek, LLC; (2) Paddletek Pickleball, LLC; (3) ProXR, LLC; (4) ProXR Pickleball, LLC; (5) Thirty-Five Capital, LLC; (6) UPP Paddles, LLC; (7) United Pickleball Properties, LLC; (8) Engage Pickleball, LLC; (9) Proton Sports, Inc.; (10) Proton Pickleball, Inc.; (11) Volair C Corp., Inc.; (12) All Racquet Sports, LLC; (13) All for Padel S.L.; (14) Facolos Pickleball LLC; and (15) Facolos Sports Joint Stock Company. Order Nos. 16-20 (Sept. 24, 2026); *unreviewed by* Comm'n Notice (Nov. 2, 2026)

On June 24, 2026, Respondent Engage Sporting filed a motion to terminate the investigation as to itself based on consent order stipulation and proposed content order. On September 25, 2026, the ALJ issued an order directing JOOLA either "(1) to explain why it thinks Engage Sporting is properly a respondent to this investigation and, in particular, identify the specific products Engage Sporting imports in to the United States, sells for importation to the United States, or sells within the United States after importation that are alleged to infringe the asserted patents in this investigation or (2) to move to terminate Engage Sporting by withdrawing the complaint pursuant to [19 CFR 210.21(a)]." Order No. 21 (Sept. 25, 2026). On September 30, 2026, JOOLA and Engage Sporting filed a joint submission in response to Order No. 21 requesting the ALJ grant Engage Sporting's unopposed motion to terminate on the basis of a consent order.

On July 15, 2026, JOOLA filed a motion to order Respondent Diadem to show cause as to why it should not be found in default for failing to respond to the Complaint and Notice of Investigation or otherwise participate in the investigation. On September 25, 2026, the ALJ issued an order for Diadem to show cause no later than October 7, 2026, why it should not be held in default stating that default would be entered against the respondent if it failed to show cause. Order No. 22 (Sept. 25, 2026). Diadem did not respond.

On October 8, 2026, the ALJ issued an ID granting Engage Sporting's motion to terminate. Order No. 23 (Oct. 8, 2026). The ID found that the motion, consent order stipulation, and proposed order satisfy the requirements of Commission Rules 210.2(c)(3) and (c)(4) (19 CFR 210.21(c)(3), (c)(4)). The ID also found that the termination of the investigation as to Engage Sporting is in the public interest.

Also on October 8, 2026, the ALJ issued an ID finding Respondent Diadem in default for failure to show cause as to why it should not be held in default. Order No. 24 (Oct. 8, 2026).

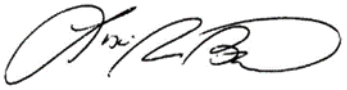
No party petitioned for review of the subject IDs.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject IDs. Engage Sporting is hereby terminated from the investigation. The Commission has issued a consent order to Engage Sporting. Respondent Diadem is found in default. Diadem has waived its right to appear, to be served with documents, and to contest the allegations at issue in this investigation, pursuant to Commission Rule 210.16(b)(4) (19 CFR 210.16(b)(4)).

The Commission vote for this determination took place on November 9, 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.



Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

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