UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of
CERTAIN CHILD CARRIERS AND COMPONENTS THEREOF

Investigation No. 337-TA-1154

NOTICE OF COMMISSION DECISION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION TERMINATING THE INVESTIGATION AS TO AN ASSERTED PATENT


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review the presiding administrative law judge’s (“ALJ”) initial determination (“ID”) (Order No. 39), which terminates the investigation as to asserted U.S. Patent No. 8,424,732 (“the ’732 patent”).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sidney A. Rosenzweig, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 708-2532. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at https://www.usitc.gov. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at https://edis.usitc.gov. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on April 10, 2019, based on a complaint filed by LILLEbaby LLC of Golden, Colorado (“LILLEbaby”). 84 FR 14393, 14394 (Apr. 10, 2019). The complaint 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, in the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain child carriers and components thereof, by reason of the infringement of certain claims U.S. Patent No. 8,172,116 (“the ’116 patent”) and the ’732 patent. 84 FR at 14393-94. The notice of investigation names twenty-seven respondents. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations was also named as a party. Id. A number of respondents have been terminated from the investigation based upon settlement or consent order. Order No. 12 (May 30, 2019),
On December 4, 2019, LILLEbaby filed an unopposed motion seeking to terminate the investigation as to all asserted claims of the '732 patent, based on withdrawal of the complaint. Also on December 4, 2019, the ALJ issued the subject ID pursuant to Commission Rule 210.21(a), 19 CFR 210.21(a), granting the motion. The ID finds there are no extraordinary circumstances that warrant denying the motion. ID at 2. LILLEbaby continues to assert claims 18-19 and 23-25 of the '116 patent. Id. at 2.

No petitions for review of the ID were filed. The Commission has determined not to review the ID.


By order of the Commission.

Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

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