UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN AUDIO PLAYERS AND
CONTROLLERS, COMPONENTS
THEREOF, AND PRODUCTS
CONTAINING THE SAME

Investigation No. 337-TA-1191

NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL
DETERMINATION TERMINATING THE INVESTIGATION IN PART AS TO
RESPONDENT ALPHABET INC.


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. 18) of the presiding chief
administrative law judge (“CALJ”) terminating the investigation in part as to respondent
Alphabet Inc. based on withdrawal of allegations in the complaint.

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20436, telephone (202) 205-3179. 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, telephone (202) 205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 11, 2020, the Commission instituted this
investigation based on a complaint filed by Sonos, Inc. (“Sonos”) of Santa Barbara, California.
85 FR 7783 (Feb. 11, 2020). The complaint 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, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain audio players and
controllers, components thereof, and products containing the same by reason of infringement of
certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 9,195,258; 10,209,953; 8,588,949; 9,219,959; and 10,439,896.
Id. The complaint further alleges that a domestic industry exists. Id. The notice of investigation
named as respondents Google LLC and Alphabet Inc. (“Alphabet”) (collectively, the
On August 21, 2020, Sonos filed a motion to terminate this investigation in part as to respondent Alphabet based on withdrawal of the allegations in the complaint directed to Alphabet. The motion states that Respondents do not oppose the motion. See Mot. at 1. On August 26, 2020, OUII filed a response in support of Sonos’s motion.

On September 1, 2020, the CALJ issued the subject ID granting the requested relief. The ID finds that “no extraordinary circumstances exist that would prevent the requested partial termination of this Investigation” and “Sonos has complied with the requirements of Commission Rule 210.21(a)” (19 CFR 210.21(a)). ID at 2. No petitions for review of the subject ID were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on September 21, 2020.


By order of the Commission.

Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

Issued: September 21, 2020