NOTICE OF A COMMISSION DETERMINATION TO EXTEND THE DATE FOR DETERMINING WHETHER TO REVIEW THE FINAL INITIAL DETERMINATION


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to extend the date for determining whether to review a final initial determination ("ID") of the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ") to June 21, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amanda P. Fisherow., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-2737. 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 on (202) 205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 26, 2021, the Commission instituted this investigation under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, based on a complaint filed by Amphenol Corp. of Wallingford, Connecticut (“Amphenol,” or “Complainant”). 86 FR 7104-05 (Jan. 26, 2021). The complaint alleged a violation of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of electrical connectors and cages, components thereof, and products containing the same by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 7,371,117 (“the ’117 patent”); 8,371,875 (“the ’875 patent”); 8,864,521 (“the ’521 Patent”); 9,705,255 (“the ’255 patent”); and 10,381,767 (“the ’767 patent”). The complaint also alleged the existence of a domestic industry. The notice of investigation named as respondents:
Luxshare Precision Industry Co., Ltd. and Dongguan Luxshare Precision Industry Co. Ltd., both of Qingxi Town, Dongguan City, Guangdong Province, China; Luxshare Precision Limited (HK) of Fotan, New Territories, Hong Kong; and Luxshare-ICT Inc. of Milpitas, California (collectively, “Luxshare,” or “Respondents”).  Id. at 7104. The Commission’s Office of Unfair Import Investigations is not named as a party in this investigation. Id.

Subsequently, the ALJ granted Complainant’s motion for partial termination of the investigation by withdrawal of the ’875 and the ’521 patents, and claims 2, 14, 17-19, and 25-27 of the ’117 patent; claims 1-3, 5-8, and 18 of the ’255 patent; and claims 2-3, 7, 14, 20-22, 30, and 32 of the ’767 patent.  See Order No. 29 (Oct. 13, 2021), unreviewed by Comm’n Notice (Nov. 3, 2021). The ALJ also granted in part and denied in part Complainant’s motion for summary determination that it has satisfied the importation requirement.  See Order No. 34 (Oct. 28, 2021). On November 29, 2021, the Commission determined to review that determination.

On March 11, 2022, the ALJ issued the final ID. On March 25, 2022, Complainant petitioned for review of the final ID. On April 4, 2022, Respondents filed a response.

The Commission has determined to extend the date for determining whether to review the final ID to June 21, 2022.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on April 20, 2022.


By order of the Commission.

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Secretary to the Commission

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