UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of
CERTAIN LAPTOPS, DESKTOPS, SERVERS, MOBILE PHONES, TABLETS, AND COMPONENTS THEREOF

Investigation No. 337-TA-1280

NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION TERMINATING THE INVESTIGATION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN PATENT CLAIMS


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission (“the Commission”) has determined not to review an initial determination (“ID”) (Order No. 18) issued by the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) partially terminating the investigation with respect to two patent claims that were withdrawn by the complainant. Claims 6 and 15 of U.S. Patent No. 8,193,792 (“the ’792 patent”) are hereby terminated from this investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carl P. Bretscher, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-2382. 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 September 7, 2021, the Commission instituted this investigation based on a complaint, as amended, filed by Sonrai Memory Ltd. of Carrickmines, Ireland (“Sonrai”). 86 FR 50170-71 (Sept. 7, 2021). The complaint alleges a violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain laptops, desktops, servers, mobile phones, tablets, and components thereof that infringe claims 1-18 of the ’792 patent; claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10, 13-14, 16-21, 25-27, 45, 47-50, 54-58, and 60 of U.S. Patent No. 7,159,766 (“the ’766 patent”); and claims 1-3, 6-7, 9, 11-15, 17-18, 20-23, and 25 of U.S. Patent No.7,325,733 (“the ’733 patent”). Id. at 50170. The complaint alleges that a domestic industry exists or is in the process of being established. Id.

The Commission’s notice of investigation named ten respondents: Amazon.com Inc. of Seattle, Washington; Dell Technologies Inc. of Round Rock, Texas; EMC Corporation of Round Rock, Texas; Lenovo Group Ltd. of Beijing, China; Lenovo (United States) Inc. of Morrisville,
North Carolina; Motorola Mobility LLC of Chicago, Illinois; LG Electronics Inc. of Seoul, South Korea; LG Electronics USA, Inc. of Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey; Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. of Gyeonggido, South Korea; and Samsung Electronics America, Inc. of Ridgefield Park, New Jersey.  Id. at 50171. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is participating in this investigation.  Id.

The Commission previously determined to partially terminate the investigation with respect to sixteen patent claims that were withdrawn by the complainant. Order No. 12 (Dec. 9, 2021), unreviewed by Comm’n Notice (Dec. 15, 2021).

On February 17, 2021, Sonrai filed an unopposed motion to partially terminate the investigation with respect to claims 6 and 15 of the ’792 patent by withdrawing those claims.

On February 22, 2022, the presiding ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 18) pursuant to Commission Rule 210.21(a) (19 CFR 210.21(a)), granting the motion and terminating the investigation with respect to the two withdrawn patent claims. No party filed a petition for review of the subject ID.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. Claims 6 and 15 of the ’792 patent are hereby terminated from this investigation.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on March 15, 2022.

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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