NOTICE OF A COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION GRANTING A JOINT MOTION TO TERMINATE THE INVESTIGATION BASED ON SETTLEMENT; TERMINATION OF THE INVESTIGATION


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. 13) issued by the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) on May 10, 2022, granting a joint motion to terminate the investigation based on settlement.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 3, 2022, 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 DivX, LLC of San Diego, California (“DivX”). 87 FR 6200-01 (Feb. 3, 2022). 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 certain video processing devices, components thereof, and digital smart televisions containing the same by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 8,832,297 and 8,472,792. The complaint also alleged the existence of a domestic industry. The notice of investigation named as respondents: TCL Technology Group Corporation of Huizhou, Guangdong, China; TCL
Electronics Holdings Limited of Shenzhen, Guangdong, China; TTE Technology, Inc. of Shenzhen, Guangdong, China; TCL King Electrical Appliances (Huizhou) Co. Ltd. of Huizhou, Guangdong, China; TCL MOKA International Limited of Sha Tin, New Territories, Hong Kong; and TCL Smart Device (Vietnam) Co., Ltd. of Tan Binh Commune, Bae Tan Uyen District, Binh Duong Province, Vietnam (collectively, “TCL”). Id. at 6201. The Commission’s Office of Unfair Import Investigations was not named as a party in this investigation. Id.

On February 25, 2022, the ALJ issued Order No. 9 granting a motion to intervene of Amazon.com, Inc. (“Amazon”). Order No. 9 (Feb. 25, 2022), unreviewed by Comm’n Notice (Mar. 18, 2022).

On April 26, 2022, complainant DivX and respondents TCL (together, the “Moving Parties”) filed a joint motion (the “Motion”) to terminate the investigation based on settlement. They represent that intervenor Amazon does not oppose the motion. Motion at 5.

On May 10, 2022, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 13) granting the motion. The ID found that, consistent with Commission Rule 210.21(b)(1), the Moving Parties attached a copy of the signed settlement and license agreement between DivX and TCL (the “Settlement Agreement”) as Exhibit A, with a redacted version of the Settlement Agreement attached as Exhibit B. ID at 2. The ID noted that the Moving Parties submit that the Settlement Agreement resolves all of the issues in dispute in this Investigation. Id. (citing Motion at 1-2). The ID also found that, in further compliance with Commission Rule 210.21(b)(1), the Motion contains a statement that “there are no other agreements, written or oral, express or implied, between the Private Parties concerning the subject matter of this Investigation.” Id. (citing Motion at 2). The ID further found that termination of this investigation by settlement will not adversely affect the public interest. Id. (citing 19 CFR 210.50(b)(2)).

The Commission has determined not to review the ID. The investigation has been terminated in its entirety based on settlement.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on June 1, 2022.


By order of the Commission.

Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

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