## UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN AUTOMATED RETRACTABLE VEHICLE STEPS AND COMPONENTS THEREOF

**Investigation No. 337-TA-1345** 

NOTICE OF A COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION TERMINATING THE INVESTIGATION IN PART BASED ON A CONSENT ORDER STIPULATION; ISSUANCE OF A CONSENT ORDER

**AGENCY**: U.S. International Trade Commission.

**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. 19) of the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ") granting a motion for partial termination of the investigation as to respondents Anhui Aggeus Auto-Tech Co., Ltd. ("Aggeus"); Wuhu Wow-good, Auto-Tech Co. Ltd. ("Wow-good"); and Anhui Wollin International Co., Ltd. ("Wollin") based on a consent order stipulation. The Commission has entered a consent order against Aggeus, Wollin and Wow-good.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cathy Chen, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-2392. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <a href="https://edis.usitc.gov">https://edis.usitc.gov</a>. For help accessing EDIS, please email <a href="https://edis.usitc.gov">EDIS3Help@usitc.gov</a>. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at <a href="https://www.usitc.gov">https://www.usitc.gov</a>. 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: The Commission instituted this investigation on December 6, 2022. 87 FR 74661 (Dec. 6, 2022). The complaint, as supplemented, 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, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain automated retractable vehicle steps and components thereof by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 9,272,667; U.S. Patent No. 9,527,449; U.S. Patent No. 9,511,717; and U.S. Patent No. 11,198,395. *Id.* The Commission's notice of investigation named as respondents Aggeus of Wuhu, China; Rough Country LLC of Dyersburg, TN; Southern Truck of Swanton, OH; Meyer Distributing, Inc. of Jasper, IN; and

Earl Owen Company, Inc. of Carrollton, TX. *Id.* at 74662. The complainant is Lund Motion Products, Inc. of Brea, CA ("Lund"). *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is participating in the investigation. *Id.* 

On February 23, 2023, the ALJ granted Lund's unopposed motion to amend the complaint and notice of investigation to add Wollin and Wow-good as named respondents. *See* Order No. 14 (Feb. 23, 2023), *unreviewed by* Comm'n Notice (Mar. 23, 2023).

On April 21, 2023, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 19) granting a motion to terminate the investigation with respect to respondents Aggeus, Wollin and Wow-good based on the entry of a consent order. The ID found that the consent order stipulation and proposed consent order conform with Commission Rule 210.21(c)(3) and (4) (19 CFR 210.21(c)(3) and (4)). The ID also found that termination of the investigation with respect to respondents Aggeus, Wollin and Wow-good would not be contrary to the public interest. No petitions for review were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID and to issue a consent order against respondents Aggeus, Wollin and Wow-good.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on May 22, 2023.

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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