In the Matter of

CERTAIN ELECTRONIC DEVICES HAVING A RETRACTABLE USB CONNECTOR

NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW FOUR INITIAL DETERMINATIONS TERMINATING THE INVESTIGATION AS TO EIGHT RESPONDENTS ON THE BASIS OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined not to review the presiding administrative law judge’s (“ALJ”) initial determinations (“IDs”) (Order Nos. 32-35) terminating the investigation as to eight respondents on the basis of settlement agreements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sidney A. Rosenzweig, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 708-2532. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at http://www.usitc.gov. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at http://edis.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: The Commission instituted this investigation on May 24, 2012, based on a complaint filed by Anu IP LLC of Longview, Texas (“Anu”), alleging a violation of section 337 by reason of the infringement of claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,979,210 and 7,090,515. 77 Fed. Reg. 31039-40 (Aug. 12, 2011). The notice of investigation named more than forty respondents. The investigation has since been terminated as to many respondents on the basis of withdrawal of the complaint, settlement agreement, or consent order.

On November 8, 2012, the ALJ issued four IDs terminating the investigation as to eight respondents on the basis of settlement agreements: Order No. 32 (respondent Office Depot, Inc. of Boca Raton, Florida); Order No. 33 (respondents Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd. of Osaka, Japan;
and Sanyo North America Corporation of San Diego, California); Order No. 34 (respondents Panasonic Corporation of Osaka, Japan; Panasonic Corporation North America of Secaucus, New Jersey; Yamaha Corporation of Shizuoka, Japan; and Yamaha Corporation of America of Buena Park, California); and Order No. 35 (respondent Centon Electronics, Inc. of Aliso Viejo, California). The ALJ found that termination of the investigation as to these respondents did not impose any undue burden on the public health and welfare, competitive conditions in the U.S. economy, the production of like or directly competitive articles in the United States, or U.S. consumers.

No petitions for review of the IDs were filed. The Commission has determined not to review the IDs.


By order of the Commission.

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