UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN CARTRIDGES FOR ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND COMPONENTS THEREOF **Investigation No. 337-TA-1141**

NOTICE OF A COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION TO TERMINATE THE INVESTIGATION WITH RESPECT TO PARALLELDIRECT LLC

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

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. 30) to terminate the investigation with respect to ParallelDirect LLC ("ParallelDirect") of Lincolnshire, Illinois due to a settlement agreement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carl P. Bretscher, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-2382. 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 SW, Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (https://www.usitc.gov). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's Electronic Docket Information System ("EDIS") (https://edis.usitc.gov). Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal, telephone (202) 205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 27, 2018, the Commission instituted the present investigation based on a complaint filed by Juul Labs, Inc. ("Juul") of San Francisco, California. 83 FR 66756 (Dec. 27, 2018). The complaint alleges a violation of 19 U.S.C. 1337, as amended ("Section 337"), in the importation, sale for importation, and sale in the United States after importation of certain cartridges used in electronic nicotine delivery systems and components thereof that allegedly infringe one or more of the asserted claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 10,058,129; 10,104,915; 10,111,470; 10,117,465; and 10,117,466. *Id.* The notice of investigation named twenty-three (23) respondents, including ParallelDirect. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations was also named as a party. *Id.*

A number of respondents have already been terminated from this investigation pursuant to consent orders or settlement. *See* Order No. 26 (*not rev'd*, Commission Notice (May 31, 2019)); Order No. 25 (*not rev'd*, Comm'n Notice (May 15, 2019)); Order Nos. 19-21 (*not rev'd*, Comm'n Notice (May 7, 2019)); Order Nos. 15, 16 (*not rev'd*, Comm'n Notice (Mar. 26, 2019)); Order Nos. 13, 14 (*not rev'd*, Comm'n Notice (Mar. 26, 2019)).

On April 29, 2019, Juul and ParallelDirect filed a joint motion to terminate the investigation as to ParallelDirect due to a settlement agreement. OUII filed a response in support of the termination. No other responses were filed.

On May 15, 2019, the presiding administrative law judge issued an ID (Order No. 30) granting the joint motion to terminate the investigation with respect to ParallelDirect. The ID finds that the motion complied with Commission Rules 210.21(a), (b) (19 CFR 210.21(a), (b)), and that settlement would not adversely impact the public interest.

No party filed a petition to review the subject ID. The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID.

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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