UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN LITHIUM-ION BATTERY CELLS, BATTERY MODULES, BATTERY PACKS, COMPONENTS THEREOF, AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING THE SAME

Investigation No. 337-TA-1181

NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION EXTENDING THE TARGET DATE

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission ("Commission") has determined not to review an initial determination ("ID") (Order No. 7) extending the target date for completion of the above-captioned investigation to June 4, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sidney 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 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 November 4, 2019, the Commission instituted this investigation based on a complaint filed by LG Chem, Ltd. of Seoul, Republic of Korea; LG Chem Michigan Inc. of Holland, Michigan; and Toray Industries, Inc. of Tokyo, Japan. 84 FR 59415 (Nov. 4, 2019). The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, due to the importation into the United States, sale for importation, or sale in the United States after importation of certain lithium-ion battery cells, battery modules, battery packs, components thereof (including battery separators and powderous electrode active material), and vehicles containing same that purportedly infringe one or more claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 7,662,517; 7,638,241; 7,709,152; and 7,771,877. *Id.* The complaint also alleges the existence of a domestic industry. *Id.* The notice of investigation names SK Innovation Co., Ltd., of Seoul, Republic of Korea and SK Battery America, Inc., of Atlanta, Georgia as respondents. *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations was not named as a party. *Id.*

On March 5, 2020, complainants and respondents filed a joint motion to modify the procedural schedule based on travel restrictions between South Korea and the United States due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. The joint motion seeks to extend the procedural schedule by approximately ten weeks.

On March 12, 2020, the presiding administrative law judge issued the subject ID (Order No. 7) granting the joint motion and extending the target date in the investigation in order to accommodate the extended schedule. *See* ID. Pursuant to 19 CFR 210.51(a)(1), the ID extends the target date by three months to June 4, 2021, and the deadline for issuing the final ID to February 4, 2021. *Id.* at 3. No petitions for review of the ID were filed.

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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