UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN VAPORIZER CARTRIDGES AND COMPONENTS THEREOF

Investigation No. 337-TA-1211

NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION TERMINATING THE INVESTIGATION AS TO RESPONDENT VAPE CENTRAL GROUP 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 ("Commission") has determined not to review an initial determination ("ID") (Order No. 37) granting a joint motion to terminate respondent Vape Central Group in the above-captioned investigation based on a consent order stipulation. The Commission has issued a consent order.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynde Herzbach, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-3228. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <u>https://edis.usitc.gov</u>. For help accessing EDIS, please email EDIS3Help@usitc.gov. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at <u>https://www.usitc.gov</u>. 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 August 14, 2020, the Commission instituted this investigation based on a complaint, as supplemented, filed on behalf of Juul Labs, Inc. ("JLI") of San Francisco, California. 85 FR 49679 (Aug. 14, 2020). The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain vaporizer cartridges and components thereof by reason of infringement of U.S. Design Patent Nos. D842,536; D858,870; D858,869; and D858,868. *Id.* The complaint further alleges that a domestic industry exists. *Id.* The Commission's notice of investigation names forty-nine (49) respondents, including Vape Central Group of Hallandale, Florida. *See id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations ("OUII") is also a party to the investigation. *See id.*

On December 1, 2020, JLI and Vape Central Group filed a joint motion to terminate this investigation with respect to Vape Central Group based on a consent order stipulation and proposed consent order. On December 11, 2020, OUII filed a response supporting the motion.

On December 30, 2020, the presiding administrative law judge issued the subject ID. See Order No. 37 (Dec. 30, 2020). The subject ID finds that the joint motion, consent order stipulation, and proposed consent order satisfy the requirements of Commission Rules 210.21(c)(3) and (c)(4) (19 CFR 210.21(c)(3), (c)(4)). The subject ID also finds that termination of Vape Central Group would not be contrary to the public interest.

No party petitioned for review of the subject ID.

The Commission has determined not to review Order No. 37. Vape Central Group is hereby terminated from the investigation. The Commission has issued a consent order to Vape Central Group.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on January 21, 2021.

While temporary remote operating procedures are in place in response to COVID-19, the Office of the Secretary is not able to serve parties that have not retained counsel or otherwise provided a point of contact for electronic service. Accordingly, pursuant to Commission Rules 201.16(a) and 210.7(a)(1) (19 CFR 201.16(a), 210.7(a)(1)), the Commission orders that the complainant complete service for any party/parties without a method of electronic service noted on the attached Certificate of Service and shall file proof of service on the Electronic Document Information System (EDIS).

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

Issued: January 21, 2021