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

In the Matter of

## CERTAIN SHINGLED SOLAR MODULES, COMPONENTS THEREOF, AND METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Investigation No. 337-TA-1223

## NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION GRANTING COMPLAINANT'S UNOPPOSED MOTION TO TERMINATE THE INVESTIGATION AS TO CERTAIN PATENT CLAIMS

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. 13) of the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ") granting complainant's unopposed motion to terminate the investigation as to certain patent claims.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 21, 2020, the Commission instituted this investigation based on a complaint filed by The Solaria Corporation ("Solaria") of Fremont, California. 85 FR 67010-11 (Oct. 21, 2020). The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), based on the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain shingled solar modules, components thereof, and methods for manufacturing the same by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 10,522,707 ("the '707 patent"); 10,651,333 ("the '333 patent"); and 10,763,388 ("the '388 patent"). *Id.* at 67011. The complaint further alleges that a domestic industry exists. *Id.* The

notice of investigation named two respondents: Canadian Solar Inc. of Guelph, Ontario, Canada and Canadian Solar (USA) Inc. of Walnut Creek, California (collectively, "Canadian Solar"). *Id.* The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is not named as a party. *Id.* 

On July 15, 2021, the Commission determined to terminate the investigation as to the '707 patent based on Solaria's withdrawal of the allegations in the complaint as to that patent. Order No. 9 (June 28, 2021), *unreviewed by* Comm'n Notice (July 15, 2021).

On September 13, 2021, Solaria filed an unopposed motion for partial termination of the investigation based on withdrawal of the allegations in the complaint as to (i) claims 18-20 of the '333 patent and (ii) claims 6, 7, and 10 of the '388 patent. *See* Mot. at 1. Canadian Solar did not file a response to the motion.

On September 14, 2021, the ALJ issued the subject ID granting the motion. The ID finds that the motion complies with the requirements of Commission Rule 210.21(a)(1) (19 CFR 210.21(a)(1)) and that "there are no extraordinary circumstances that warrant denying the motion." ID at 2. No petitions for review of the subject ID were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. The investigation is terminated as to (i) claims 18-20 of the '333 patent and (ii) claims 6, 7, and 10 of the '388 patent.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on October 13, 2021.

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.

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Lisa R. Barton Secretary to the Commission

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