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

In the Matter of

CERTAIN OIL-VAPING CARTRIDGES, COMPONENTS THEREOF, AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING THE SAME **Investigation No. 337-TA-1286** 

## NOTICE OF A COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW TWO INITIAL DETERMINATIONS TERMINATING THE INVESTIGATION IN PART WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN RESPONDENTS BASED ON SETTLEMENT

**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 two initial determinations ("ID") (Order Nos. 33 & 34) of the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ"), granting motions to terminate the investigation in part based on a settlement agreement between complainant Shenzhen Smoore Technology Limited ("Smoore") and respondent Atmos Nation LLC ("Atmos") and a settlement agreement between Smoore and respondents AlderEgo Group Limited, Hanna Carfield, and Jonathan Ray Carfield (collectively, "Carfields").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cathy Chen, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-2392. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <a href="https://edis.usitc.gov">https://edis.usitc.gov</a>. For help accessing EDIS, please email <a href="mailto:EDIS3Help@usitc.gov">EDIS3Help@usitc.gov</a>. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at <a href="https://www.usitc.gov">https://www.usitc.gov</a>. 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 November 10, 2021, based on a complaint filed on behalf of Smoore of China. 86 FR 62567-69 (Nov. 10, 2021). The complaint, as supplemented, alleged violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain oil-vaping cartridges, components thereof, and products containing the same by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 10,357,623; 10,791,763; 10,791,762; and U.S. Registered Trademark No. 5,633,060. *Id.* at 62567-68. The complaint further alleged that a domestic industry exists. *Id.* at 62568. The Commission's notice of investigation named numerous

respondents including Atmos d/b/a atmosrx.com of Davie, Florida; Hanna Carfield of Tacoma, Washington; AlderEgo Group Limited of Hong Kong; and Jonathan Ray Carfield d/b/a AlderEgo Wholesale, AlderEgo Holdings, Inc. and AlderEgo Group Limited a/k/a AVD Holdings Limited of China. *Id.* at 62568. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations ("OUII") is also named as a party in this investigation. *Id.* 

On January 14, 2022, Smoore moved to terminate the investigation as to Atmos based on a settlement agreement pursuant to Commission Rule 210.21(a), 19 CFR 210.21(a). On March 18, 2022, Smoore and Carfields jointly moved to terminate the investigation as to Carfields based on a settlement agreement pursuant to Commission Rule 210.21(a). OUII filed responses supporting the motions. No other response was filed to either motion.

On July 5, 2022, the ALJ issued the subject IDs granting the motions. Order No. 33 at 4 (Jul. 5, 2022) (granting motion to terminate as to Atmos); Order No. 34 at 4 (Jul. 5, 2022) (granting motion to terminate as to Carfields). The IDs found that the motions comply with the Commission Rules. *See* Order No. 33 at 1-3; Order No. 34 at 1-3. The IDs also found that there is no evidence that terminating this investigation on the basis of settlement would adversely affect the public health and welfare, competitive conditions in the United States economy, the production of like or directly competitive articles in the United States, or United States consumers. *See* Order No. 33 at 3; Order No. 34 at 3. No petitions for review were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject IDs. Respondents Atmos Nation LLC and AlderEgo Group Limited, Hanna Carfield, and Jonathan Ray Carfield are hereby terminated from the investigation.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on August 2, 2022.

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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