

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES HAVING
WIRELESS COMMUNICATION
CAPABILITIES AND COMPONENTS
THEREOF**

Investigation No. 337-TA-1367

**NOTICE OF A COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW
AN INITIAL DETERMINATION GRANTING A MOTION TO TERMINATE THE
INVESTIGATION AS TO U.S. PATENT NO. 8,416,862 AND TO WITHDRAW THE
COMPLAINT AS TO LAIRD CONNECTIVITY, LLC**

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) issued by the presiding administrative law judge (“ALJ”) granting an unopposed motion for partial termination of the investigation as to U.S. Patent No. 8,416,862 (“the ’862 patent”) and respondent Laird Connectivity, LLC (“Laird”) based on withdrawal of the complaint.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cathy Chen, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., 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 <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 July 27, 2023, the Commission instituted this investigation, based on a complaint filed by Bell Northern Research, LLC (“Complainant”) of Chicago, Illinois. 88 FR 48493-494 (Jul. 27, 2023). The complaint, as supplemented, alleges a violation 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 electronic devices and semiconductor devices having wireless communication capabilities and components thereof by way of infringement of certain claims of the ’862 patent and U.S. Patent Nos. RE 48,629 (“the ’629 patent”) and 7,564,914 (“the ’914 patent”). *Id.* at 48493. The complaint also alleges a domestic industry exists. *Id.* The Commission’s notice of investigation names eight (8) respondents: NXP Semiconductors, N.V. of Eindhoven, Netherlands; NXP USA, Inc. of Austin, Texas; Laird of Akron, Ohio; Qualcomm

Technologies, Inc. (“Qualcomm”) of San Diego, California; MediaTek Inc. of Taipei, Taiwan; MediaTek USA Inc. of San Jose, California; ASUSTek Computer Inc. of Taipei, Taiwan; and ASUS Computer International of Fremont, California. *Id.* at 48494. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is also participating in this investigation. *Id.*

The investigation was terminated as to Respondent Qualcomm and the ’914 patent based on withdrawal of the complaint. Order No. 12 (Sept. 1, 2023), *unreviewed by* Comm’n Notice (Sept. 22, 2023); Order No. 33 (Jan. 30, 2024), *unreviewed by* Comm’n Notice (Feb. 29, 2024).

On February 26, 2024, Complainant moved to terminate the investigation with respect to the ’862 patent. Because the remaining asserted patent, the ’629 patent, is not asserted against Laird, Complainant moved to withdraw the complaint as to Laird. No party opposed the motion.

On February 27, 2024, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 37) granting Complainant’s unopposed motion for partial termination of the investigation as to the ’862 patent and Laird. The ID found the motion complies with the Commission Rules. No party filed a petition for review of the subject ID.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. The investigation is terminated with respect to the ’862 patent and Laird.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on March 25, 2024.

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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