UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

CERTAIN HIGH-STRENGTH ALUMINUM OR ALUMINUM ALLOY-COATED STEEL, AND AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS AND AUTOMOBILES CONTAINING SAME

Investigation No. 337-TA-1402

NOTICE OF A COMMISSION DETERMINATION NOT TO REVIEW AN INITIAL DETERMINATION SETTING A 17-MONTH 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. 6) of the presiding administrative law judge ("ALJ"), setting the target date for completion of the above-captioned investigation as October 23, 2025.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on May 24, 2024, based on a complaint filed by ArcelorMittal. 89 FR 45922-23 (May 24, 2024). The complaint, as supplemented, alleges 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 high-strength aluminum or aluminum alloy-coated steel, and automotive products and automobiles containing same by reason of infringement of claims 1-3, 5-10, 12, 20-22, 24-26, and 28 of U.S. Patent No. 10,961,602, and claims 1, 2, 4-11, 13, 15-17, 22, 24, and 25 of U.S. Patent No. 11,326,227. *Id.* at 45923. The complaint further alleges that a domestic industry exists. *Id.* at 45922. The Commission's notice of investigation named as respondents VinFast Auto Ltd. and VinFast Trading and Production JSC of Hai Phong City, Vietnam; and VinFast Auto, LLC, VinFast USA Distribution, LLC, and Vingroup USA, LLC of Los Angeles, California. *Id.* at 45923. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations is not participating in the investigation. *Id.*

On June 25, 2024, the ALJ issued the subject ID (Order No. 6), setting the target date for completion of the investigation as October 23, 2025. No petitions for review of the ID were filed.

The Commission has determined not to review the subject ID. The target date for completion of the investigation is set to October 23, 2025, and the final initial determination on violation is due by June 23, 2025.

The Commission vote for this determination took place on July 23, 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.

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Lisa R. Barton Secretary to the Commission

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