



## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-1402]

### **Certain High-Strength Aluminum or Aluminum Alloy-Coated Steel, and Automotive Products and Automobiles Containing Same; Notice of Institution of Investigation**

**AGENCY:** U.S. International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on April 17, 2024, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of ArcelorMittal of Luxembourg. Supplements to the complaint were filed on April 24 and May 1, 2024. The complaint alleges violations of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain high-strength aluminum or aluminum alloy-coated steel, and automobile products and automobiles containing same by reason of the infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,961,602 (“the ’602 patent”) and U.S. Patent No. 11,326,227 (“the ’227 patent”). The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by the applicable Federal Statute. The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a limited/general exclusion order and cease and desist orders.

**ADDRESSES:** The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>. For help accessing EDIS, please email [EDIS3Help@usitc.gov](mailto:EDIS3Help@usitc.gov). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 205-2000.

General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at <https://www.usitc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Heidi Yoo, The Office of the Secretary, Docket Services Division, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205-1802.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and in section 210.10 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 C.F.R. 210.10 (2024).

**Scope of Investigation:** Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on May 17, 2024, ORDERED THAT –

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain products identified in paragraph (2) by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1-3, 5-10, 12, 20-22, 24-26, and 28 of the ’602 patent and claims 1, 2, 4-11, 13, 15-17, 22, 24, and 25 of the ’227 patent, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;

(2) Pursuant to section 210.10(b)(1) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10(b)(1), the plain language description of the accused products or category of accused products, which defines the scope of the investigation, is “high-strength aluminum or aluminum alloy-coated steel for use in automobiles, automobiles that include high-strength aluminum or aluminum alloy-coated steel and automotive products that include high-strength aluminum or aluminum alloy-coated steel”;

(3) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainant is:

ArcelorMittal  
24 – 26, Boulevard d’Avranches L-1160  
Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

(b) The respondents are the following entities alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint is to be served:

VinFast Auto Ltd.  
Dinh Vu – Cat Hai Economic Zone  
Cat Hai Islands, Cat Hai Town, Cat Hai  
District  
Hai Phong City, Vietnam

VinFast Auto, LLC  
12777 West Jefferson Boulevard  
Suite A-101  
Los Angeles, CA 90066

VinFast USA Distribution, LLC  
12777 West Jefferson Boulevard  
Suite A-101  
Los Angeles, CA 90066

Vingroup USA, LLC  
12777 West Jefferson Boulevard  
Suite A-101  
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VinFast Trading and Production JSC

Dinh Vu – Cat Hai Economic Zone

Cat Hai Islands, Cat Hai Town, Cat Hai District

Hai Phong City, Vietnam

(4) For the investigation so instituted, the Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. International Trade Commission, shall designate the presiding Administrative Law Judge.

The Office of Unfair Import Investigations will not participate as a party in this investigation.

Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.13. Pursuant to 19 CFR 201.16(e) and 210.13(a), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter an initial determination and a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of an exclusion order or a cease and desist order or both directed against the respondent.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: May 20, 2024.

**Sharon Bellamy,**

*Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer.*

