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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. USTR-2026-0364]

Notice of Determination to Extend Section 301 Investigation of Vietnam's Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Intellectual Property Protection and Enforcement

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Trade Representative (Trade Representative) has determined to extend for three months the ongoing Section 301 investigation of certain acts, policies, and practices of the Government of Vietnam related to intellectual property (IP) protection and enforcement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding this notice should be directed to Philip Butler, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Monitoring & Enforcement, or Christina Olson, Senior Associate General Counsel, at (202) 395-5725.

DATES: This notice is effective as of *Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at 12:01 a.m. EDT.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 29, 2026, the Trade Representative initiated a Section 301 investigation into certain acts, policies, and practices of the Government of Vietnam related to IP protection and enforcement under Section 302(b)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (Trade Act). *See* 91 FR 33285 (June 3, 2026). For investigations initiated under that section that do not involve a trade agreement, Section 304(a)(3)(A) directs the Trade Representative to make findings on actionability and what action, if any, to take within six months of the date of initiation. Section 304(a)(3)(B) provides that, if the Trade Representative determines that the investigation involves complex or complicated issues that require additional time, the foreign country involved in the investigation is making substantial progress in drafting or

implementing legislative or administrative measures that will provide adequate and effective protection of IP rights, or the foreign country involved in the investigation is undertaking enforcement measures to provide adequate and effective protection of IP rights, then the Trade Representative shall make findings on actionability and what action, if any, to take within nine months of the date of initiation. Pursuant to this provision, the Trade Representative has determined that the investigation involves complex or complicated issues that require additional time. Accordingly, the determinations in the investigation will be made by no later than February 28, 2027.

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