§ 210.41 Termination of investigation.

Except as provided in §210.21(b)(2), (c), and (d), an order of termination issued by the Commission shall constitute a determination of the Commission under §210.45(c). The Commission shall publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER notice of each Commission order that terminates an investigation in its entirety.

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§ 210.42 Initial determinations.

(a) On issues concerning violation of section 337. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, the administrative law judge shall certify the record to the Commission and shall file an initial determination on whether there is a violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 no later than four (4) months before the target date set pursuant to §210.51(a).

(ii) Recommended determination on issues concerning permanent relief and bonding. Unless the Commission orders otherwise, within 14 days after issuance of the initial determination on violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, the administrative law judge shall issue a recommended determination containing findings of fact and recommendations concerning—

(A) The appropriate remedy in the event that the Commission finds a violation of section 337, and

(B) The amount of the bond to be posted by the respondents during Presidential review of Commission action under section 337(j) of the Tariff Act.

(b) On issues concerning temporary relief or forfeiture of temporary relief bonds. Certification of the record and the disposition of an initial determination concerning a motion for temporary relief are governed by §§210.65 and 210.66. The disposition of an initial determination concerning possible forfeiture or return of a complainant’s temporary relief bond, in whole or in part, is governed by §210.70.

(c) On other matters. The administrative law judge shall grant the following types of motions by issuing an initial determination or shall deny them by issuing an order: a motion to amend the complaint or notice of investigation pursuant to §210.14(b); a motion for a finding of default pursuant to §210.16; a motion for summary determination pursuant to §210.18; a motion for intervention pursuant to §210.19; a motion for termination pursuant to §210.21; a motion to suspend an investigation pursuant to §210.23; a motion for forfeiture or return of respondents’ bonds pursuant to §210.50(d); a motion to set a target date exceeding 15 months pursuant to §210.51(a); or a motion for forfeiture or return of a complainant’s temporary relief bond pursuant to §210.70.

(d) Contents. The initial determination shall include: an opinion stating findings (with specific page references to principal supporting items of evidence in the record) and conclusions and the reasons or bases therefor necessary for the disposition of all material issues of fact, law, or discretion presented in the record; and a statement that, pursuant to §210.42(h), the initial determination shall become the determination of the Commission unless a party files a petition for review of the initial determination pursuant to §210.43(a) or the Commission, pursuant to §210.44, orders on its own motion a review of the initial determination or certain issues therein.

(e) Notice to and advice from other departments and agencies. Notice of each initial determination granting a motion for termination of an investigation in whole or part on the basis of a consent order or a settlement, licensing, or other agreement pursuant to §210.21 of this part, and notice of such other initial determinations as the
Commission may order, shall be provided to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. Customs Service, and such other departments and agencies as the Commission deems appropriate. The Commission shall consider comments, limited to issues raised by the record, the initial determination, and the petitions for review, received from such agencies when deciding whether to initiate review or the scope of review. The Commission shall allow such agencies 10 days after the service of an initial determination to submit their comments.

(f) **Initial determination made by the administrative law judge.** An initial determination under this section shall be made and filed by the administrative law judge who presided over the investigation, except when that person is unavailable to the Commission and except as provided in §210.20(a).

(g) **Reopening of proceedings by the administrative law judge.** At any time prior to the filing of the initial determination, the administrative law judge may reopen the proceedings for the reception of additional evidence.

(h) **Effect.** (1) An initial determination filed pursuant to §210.42(a)(2) shall become the determination of the Commission 45 days after the date of service of the initial determination, unless the Commission has ordered review of the initial determination or certain issues therein, or by order has changed the effective date of the initial determination.

(2) An initial determination under §210.42(a)(1)(i) shall become the determination of the Commission 60 days after the date of service of the initial determination, unless the Commission within 60 days after the date of such service shall have ordered review of the initial determination or certain issues therein, or by order has changed the effective date of the initial determination.

(3) An initial determination filed pursuant to §210.42(c) shall become the determination of the Commission 30 days after the date of service of the initial determination, except as provided for in paragraph (h)(5) and paragraph (h)(6) of this section, §210.50(d)(3), and §210.70(c), unless the Commission, within 30 days after the date of such service shall have ordered review of the initial determination or certain issues therein or by order has changed the effective date of the initial determination.

(4) The disposition of an initial determination granting or denying a motion for temporary relief is governed by §210.66.

(5) The disposition of an initial determination concerning possible forfeiture of a complainant’s temporary relief bond is governed by §210.70(c).

(6) The disposition of an initial determination filed pursuant to §210.42(c) which grants a motion for summary determination that would terminate the investigation in its entirety if it were to become the Commission’s final determination, shall become the final determination of the Commission 45 days after the date of service of the initial determination, unless the Commission has ordered review of the initial determination or certain issues therein, or by order has changed the effective date of the initial determination.

(i) **Notice of determination.** A notice stating that the Commission’s decision on whether to review an initial determination will be issued by the Secretary and served on the parties. Notice of the Commission’s decision will be published in the Federal Register if the decision results in termination of the investigation in its entirety, if the Commission deems publication of the notice to be appropriate under §201.10 of subpart B of this part, or if publication of the notice is required under §210.49(b) of this subpart or §210.66(f) of subpart H of this part.