

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on June 18, 2026, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of Sila Nanotechnologies, Inc. of Alameda, California, and Georgia Tech Research Corporation of Atlanta, Georgia. 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 anode materials for use in battery cells and batteries by reason of the infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 11,515,528 (“the ‘528 patent”); U.S. Patent No. 11,715,825 (“the ‘825 patent”); U.S. Patent No. 11,374,215 (“the ‘215 patent”); and U.S. Patent No. 11,942,624 (“the ‘624 patent”). The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by the applicable Federal Statute.

The complainants request that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a limited 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. 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: Lisa Barton, 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 CFR 210.10 (2025).

Scope of Investigation: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on July 21, 2026, *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 1–5, 21, and 31 of the ‘528 patent; claims 1–3, 6, 8, 11, and 19 of the ‘825 patent; claims 1, 4, 5, 14, and 16 of the ‘215 patent; and claims 1, 5–7, 25, 27, and 28 of the ‘624 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 “composites, comprising silicon carbon material for use in battery anodes, *e.g.*, lithium-ion battery anodes (“Si-C Anode Products”)”;

(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 complainants are:

Sila Nanotechnologies, Inc., 2470 Mariner Square Loop, Alameda, CA 94501

Georgia Tech Research Corporation, 926 Dalney Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30332

(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:

Carbon ONE New Energy Group Co., Ltd., EN21–1 Block, Jiangshan Economic Development Zone, (Lianhuashan Industrial Park), Jiangshan City, Quzhou City, Zhejiang Province, China, 324000

Carbon One New Energy (Hangzhou) Co., Ltd., 10th Floor, Building 2, No. 980, Anting Street, Wuchang Subdistrict, Yuhang District, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province, China, 311100

Zhejiang Lichen New Material Technology Co., Ltd., Room 236, Building 12, Zhejiang Changxing National University, Science and Technology Park, No. 669 Gaotie Road, Huzhou, Zhejiang Province, China, 313000

(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: July 21, 2026.

Sharon Bellamy,

Supervisory and Hearings and Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy

AGENCY: Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Labor Department (LABOR).

ACTION: Announcement of meeting of the Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy.

SUMMARY: The Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy will meet from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on July 27, 2026.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Labor, Secretary’s Conference Room, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anne M. Zollner, Designated Federal Official and Division Chief, Office of Trade and Labor Affairs, Office of Trade

and Labor Affairs, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Department of Labor, Frances Perkins Building, Room S-5317, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-4890, zollner.anne@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy consults with and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Labor and the United States Trade Representative on general policy matters concerning labor and trade negotiations, operations of any trade agreement once entered into, and other matters arising in connection with the administration of the trade policy of the United States.

During the meeting, the Committee will review and discuss current issues that influence U.S. trade policy. The Committee will also discuss potential U.S. negotiating objectives and bargaining positions in current and anticipated trade negotiations. Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2155(f)(2)(A), the meeting will concern matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the Government’s negotiating objectives or bargaining positions. Therefore, the meeting is exempt from the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of sections 10 and 11 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (relating to open meetings, public notice, public participation, and public availability of documents). 5 U.S.C. app. Accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 16th day of July, 2026.
Susan Frazier,
Acting Deputy Undersecretary, Bureau of International Affairs.
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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT**

**Agency Information Collection
Request: OPM E-File System (3206-
NEW)**

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.
ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public the opportunity to comment on a new information collection request (ICR): OPM E-File System, OMB-Control Number (3206-NEW). As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act, OPM is soliciting comments for this collection.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until August 24, 2026. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1).

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection request by selecting “Office of Personnel Management” under “Currently Under

Review,” then check “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Knouff, Suitability Director, (202) 599-0090. Email: SuitEA@opm.gov, with Attn: OPM E-File System in the subject line.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OPM adjudicates appeals under a variety of regulations in 5 CFR Chapter I. These include classification appeals (parts 511 and 532), declination of a “reasonable offer” appeals (part 536, subpart D), compensation and leave claims (5 CFR 178 Subpart A), and Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) claims (part 551, subpart G). In addition, OPM has proposed regulations to adjudicate appeals of additional types of actions, including probationary and trial period appeals (see 90 FR 61070, Dec. 30, 2025), suitability action appeals (91 FR 5352, February 6, 2026), and Reduction in Force Appeals (91 FR 586, February 10, 2026). To facilitate agency processing and tracking appeals, OPM is creating an electronic filing system by which appellants can create an account and file and track their appeals.

On February 6, 2026, OPM published a 60-Day Notice at 91 FR 5526. One comment was received which, among other things, expressed concern that the burden numbers may have been undercounted. Since the publication of the 60-Day Notice, OPM regulations have moved further within the rulemaking process, which allowed OPM to modify and correct the original burden estimate to reflect a more accurate number. We have broken down the numbers as such below:

Type of action	Number of respondents	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total annual burden (in hours)
Suitability Appeals	318	1 hour	318 hours.
Compensation and Leave Claims	109	30 hours	3,207 hours.
FLSA Claims	9	24 hours	216 hours.
RIF Appeals	292	24 hours	7,008 hours.
Probationer Appeals	498	4 hours	1,992 hours.
Position Classification Appeals	59	5 hours	295 hours.
Declination of reasonable offer appeals	1	3 hours	3 hours.
Total/Average	1,286	13 hours (Average)	13,039 hours.

The commenter goes on to express concerns regarding the IT and Privacy portions of this E-File ICR, FedRAMP (Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program) is a standardized, government-wide framework in the United States that assesses, authorizes, and continuously monitors the security of cloud products and services used by federal agencies. OPM can confirm that

all cloud products and services used for the E-File ICR are FedRAMP certified. Federal Information Security Modernization Act (FISMA) core requirements include proper system categorization based on their risk level (low, moderate, or high), implementing required security controls, continuous monitoring, and annual reviews. OPM can also confirm that all FISMA

requirements were met with this E-File ICR. Finally, under Section 208 of the E-Government Act of 2002, Federal agencies must conduct a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) before developing or procuring IT systems that collect, maintain, or disseminate Personally Identifiable Information (PII). We invite the commenter to go to <https://www.opm.gov/privacy/#url=PIAs> to