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Room 101  
 U.S. International  
 Trade Commission  
 500 E Street, SW  
 Washington, D.C.

The commission meeting commenced, pursuant to notice, at 11:03 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States International Trade Commission, the Honorable DEANNA TANNER OKUN, Chairman, presiding.

## APPEARANCES:

On behalf of the International Trade Commission:Commissioners:

DEANNA TANNER OKUN, CHAIRMAN (presiding)  
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 MARCIA E. MILLER, COMMISSIONER  
 STEPHEN KOPLAN, COMMISSIONER  
 CHARLOTTE R. LANE, COMMISSIONER  
 DANIEL R. PEARSON, COMMISSIONER

APPEARANCES (continued):

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COMMISSION

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DIANE MAZUR, SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATOR

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(11:03 a.m.)

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3 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Good morning. Good morning,  
4 Mr. Secretary.

5 MR. BISHOP: Good morning, Madam Chairman.

6 CHAIRMAN OKUN: There is no agenda for  
7 future meetings to consider. There are no outstanding  
8 action jackets to consider. There are no minutes to  
9 consider. There are no ratification lists to  
10 consider. Therefore, this meeting of the United  
11 States International Trade Commission this morning  
12 will turn to Investigation No. TA-421-4, (Remedy)  
13 Certain Ductile Iron Waterworks Fittings from China.

14 Good morning, Ms. Mazur and the other  
15 members of the staff who participated in the remedy  
16 phase of the investigation. Does any commissioner  
17 have questions for the staff?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Mr. Secretary, will you  
20 please call the role?

21 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Koplan?

22 COMMISSIONER KOPLAN: On the basis of the  
23 information developed in the subject investigation, I  
24 propose that the president impose a tariff rate quota  
25 for a three-year period on imports of certain ductile

1 iron waterworks fittings from China that are the  
2 subject of this investigation as follows: An  
3 additional tariff of 50 percent ad valorem on imports  
4 in excess of 14,324 short tons in the first year of  
5 relief; 40 percent ad valorem on imports in excess of  
6 15,398 short tons in the second year of relief; and 30  
7 percent ad valorem on imports in excess of 16,553  
8 short tons in the third year of relief.

9 Finally, if applications are filed, I  
10 recommend that the president direct the U.S.  
11 Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of  
12 Labor to provide expedited consideration of trade-  
13 adjustment assistance for firms and/or workers  
14 affected by the subject imports.

15 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Pearson?

16 COMMISSIONER PEARSON: I concur.

17 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Lane?

18 COMMISSIONER LANE: I concur.

19 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Hillman?

20 VICE CHAIRMAN HILLMAN: In this  
21 investigation, I recommend that the president impose a  
22 quota on imports of certain ductile iron waterworks  
23 fittings from China for a three-year period at the  
24 following levels: 14,324 short tons in the first year  
25 of relief; 15,398 short tons in the second year of

1 relief; and 16,553 short tons in the third year of  
2 relief.

3 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Miller?

4 COMMISSIONER MILLER: In this investigation,  
5 I propose a tariff increase for a three-year period on  
6 imports of the subject ductile iron waterworks  
7 fittings from China. I propose a tariff increase of  
8 50 percent ad valorem in the first year of relief, to  
9 be reduced to 40 percent ad valorem in the second year  
10 relief, and to 30 percent ad valorem in the third year  
11 of relief.

12 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Okun?

13 CHAIRMAN OKUN: I concur with the remedy  
14 recommendation as articulated by Commissioners Koplan,  
15 Pearson, and Lane.

16 MR. BISHOP: Madam Chairman, the Commission  
17 have announced their recommendations on remedy in the  
18 remedy phase of this investigation.

19 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Further information  
20 regarding these recommendations will be in a press  
21 release. Commissioners' recommendations on remedy are  
22 currently scheduled to be transmitted to the president  
23 and the United States trade representative on or  
24 before December 24, 2003.

25 Once again, I want to thank the staff for

1 all of their help in preparing these remedy  
2 recommendations, and with no other business to come  
3 before the Commission, this meeting is adjourned.

4 (Whereupon, at 11:06 a.m., the Commission  
5 meeting was adjourned.)

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**CERTIFICATION OF TRANSCRIPTION**

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Waterworks Fittings from China)

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