

# UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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8 Main Hearing Room (Room 101)

9 U.S. International

10 Trade Commission

11 500 E Street, S.W.

12 Washington, D.C.

13 The meeting, commenced, pursuant to notice, at  
14 11:00 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States  
15 International Trade Commission, Chairman Rhonda K.  
16 Schmidtlein, presiding.

17 APPEARANCES:

18 On behalf of the International Trade Commission:

19 Commissioners:

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## P R O C E E D I N G S

(11:00 a.m.)

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3 MR. BISHOP: Will the room please come to order.  
4 Also no recording of the meeting will be permitted except  
5 by credentialed broadcast news organizations. And no live  
6 transmission through any device will be permitted. We do  
7 not allow the use of cellphones in the main hearing room  
8 during a proceeding. Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Good morning. This meeting  
10 of the U.S. International Trade Commission will now come to  
11 order.

12 I understand that there are no agendas for future  
13 meetings, minutes, ratification lists or outstanding action  
14 jackets to consider.

15 Next we turn to the vote in the Injury phase of  
16 the Safeguard Investigation number TA-201-76, concerning  
17 imports of Large Residential Washers.

18 Welcome to Mr. Anderson and the staff who  
19 participated in this investigation. I want to take a  
20 moment to note that the Commission hasn't had a 201  
21 investigation in over fifteen years, and now we've been  
22 handling two, basically at the same time. I know that for  
23 many of you this is the first time you've worked on an  
24 investigation concerning global imports and that this type  
25 of case presents its own unique challenges.

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1 I want to thank you all very much for your effort  
2 and acknowledge all the hard work that has gone into this  
3 case. Are there any questions for the staff?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Are there any additions or  
6 corrections to the staff report?

7 MR. ANDERSON: Thank you Madam Chairman,  
8 Michael Anderson, Office of Investigations, revisions to  
9 the staff report are contained in INV-PP-134.

10 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Thank you. Is there any  
11 objection to approval of the staff report as revised?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Hearing none, it is  
14 approved. Before we call the roll, I want to remind  
15 everyone that the determination that the Commission is  
16 making today is whether Large Residential Washers are being  
17 imported into the United States in such increased  
18 quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury  
19 or threat thereof to the domestic industry, producing an  
20 article like or directly competitive with the imported  
21 article.

22 If the Commission reaches an affirmative  
23 determination with regard to overall injury, there are some  
24 additional findings required by the implementing statutes  
25 of certain U.S. Free Trade Agreements. To the extent that

1 a Commissioner votes in the affirmative this morning, the  
2 Commissioner may also choose to announce their findings  
3 with respect to certain FTA countries.

4 Mr. Secretary, will you please call the roll?

5 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Williamson?

6 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON: I vote in the  
7 affirmative and determine that Large Residential Washers  
8 are being imported into the United States, in such  
9 increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of  
10 serious injury to the domestic industry, producing an  
11 article like or directly competitive with the imported  
12 article. With respect to the NAFTA countries, I find that  
13 neither imports from Canada nor imports from Mexico account  
14 for a substantial share of total imports or contribute  
15 importantly to the serious injury caused by imports.

16 With respect to imports from Australia, the  
17 CAFTA-DR countries, Columbia, Jordan, Korea, Panama, Peru  
18 and Singapore. I find that those imports are not  
19 individually a substantial cause of serious injury or  
20 threat thereof.

21 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Broadbent?

22 COMMISSIONER BROADBENT: I vote in the  
23 affirmative and determine that Large Residential Washers  
24 are being imported into the United States, in such  
25 increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of

1 serious injury to the domestic industry, producing an  
2 article like or directly competitive with the imported  
3 article. With regard to imports from all relevant FTA  
4 countries, including NAFTA, I make negative findings.

5 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Schmidtlein?

6 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN: I vote in the  
7 affirmative and determine that Large Residential Washers  
8 are being imported into the United States, in such  
9 increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of  
10 serious injury to the domestic industry, producing an  
11 article like or directly competitive with the imported  
12 article.

13 With respect to imports from all relevant FTA  
14 countries, including the NAFTA countries, I make negative  
15 findings.

16 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Johanson?

17 COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote in the  
18 affirmative and determine that Large Residential Washers  
19 are being imported into the United States, in such  
20 increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of  
21 serious injury to the domestic industry, producing an  
22 article like or directly competitive with the imported  
23 article. With regard to imports from all relevant Free  
24 Trade Agreement countries, including the North American  
25 Free Trade Agreement countries, I make a negative finding.

1                   MR. BISHOP: Madam Chairman, the Commission has  
2 reached an affirmative injury determination.

3                   CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Thank you, Mr.  
4 Secretary. Given that the Commission has reached an  
5 affirmative injury determination, this investigation will  
6 proceed to the Remedy phase, with a hearing concerning  
7 Remedy scheduled for Thursday, October 19th. Further  
8 information regarding the Commission's determination will  
9 be in the news release.

10                  Please also note that the Commission's  
11 determinations and views, including both injury and any  
12 recommendation with regard to Remedy, are due to be  
13 delivered to the President by December 4, 2017. It will  
14 then be up to the President to decide whether to impose any  
15 Remedy and what that Remedy may be, including with respect  
16 to individual FTA countries.

17                  Thank you again to all the staff who participated  
18 in this investigation. Seeing that there's no other  
19 business before the Commission, this meeting is adjourned.

20                  (Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.)

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