

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:) Investigation Nos.:
4TH TIER CIGARETTES FROM KOREA) 731-TA-1465 (PRELIMINARY)
AND)
FLUID END BLOCKS FROM CHINA,) 701-TA-632-635 AND
GERMANY, INDIA, AND ITALY) 731-TA-1466-1468 (PRELIMINARY)

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13 Main Hearing Room (Room 101)

14 U.S. International

15 Trade Commission

16 500 E Street, S.W.

17 Washington, D.C.

18 The meeting, commenced, pursuant to notice, at

19 11:00 p.m., before the Commissioners of the United States

20 International Trade Commission, Chairman David S. Johanson,

21 presiding.

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

2 (11:00 a.m.)

3 MR. BISHOP: Will the room please come to order.

4 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Good morning. This meeting
5 of the U.S. International Trade Commission will now come to
6 order.7 I understand that there are no agendas for future
8 meetings, minutes, ratification lists or Outstanding Action
9 Jackets to consider.10 Next we turn to the vote on the Preliminary phase
11 of Investigation No. 731-TA-1465 concerning imports of 4th
12 Tier Cigarettes from Korea.13 Welcome to Ms. Haines and the staff who
14 participated in this investigation.

15 Are there any questions for the staff?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Are there any additions or
18 corrections to the staff report?19 MS. HAINES: Elizabeth Haines, there are no
20 revisions or additions to the staff report.21 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Is there any objection to
22 approval of the staff report?

23 (No response.)

24 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Hearing none, it is
25 approved.

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

2 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Schmidtlein?

3 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN: I vote in the
4 affirmative.

5 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Johanson?

6 COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote in the
7 affirmative.

8 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Kearns?

9 COMMISSIONER KEARNS: I vote in the affirmative.

10 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Karpel.

11 COMMISSIONER KARPEL: I vote in the affirmative.

12 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Stayin?

13 COMMISSIONER STAYIN: I vote in the affirmative.

14 MR. BISHOP: Mr. Chairman, the Commission has
15 reached an affirmative determination.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.
17 Further information concerning this determination will be in
18 the press release. Views of the Commission are currently
19 scheduled to be completed and filed on February 10, 2020.

20 Thank you to all staff who participated in this
21 investigation. We will now pause for a moment while we
22 change staff for the next vote.

23 (Pause.)

24 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Next we turn to the vote on
25 the Preliminary phase of Investigation Nos. 701-TA-632-635

1 and 731-TA-1466-1468 concerning imports of Fluid End Blocks
2 from China, Germany, India, and Italy.

3 Welcome to Mr. Corkran and the staff who
4 participated in these investigations.

5 Are there any questions for the staff?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Are there any additions or
8 corrections to the staff report?

9 MR. CORKRAN: Douglas Corkran, Office of
10 Investigations. Thank you Mr. Chairman, staff proposes
11 revising the staff report in accordance with memorandum
12 INV-SS-008, dated January 30, 2020. Staff has no further
13 additions or corrections. But it is my pleasure to introduce
14 Mr. Edward Logsdail, who is completing his first
15 investigation as a Statistician.

16 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Welcome Mr. Logsdail to the
17 Commission. Is there any objection to approval of the staff
18 report, as revised?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Hearing none, it is
21 approved.

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

23 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Kearns?

24 COMMISSIONER KEARNS: I vote in the affirmative.

25 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Schmidtlein?

1 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN: I vote in the
2 affirmative.

3 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Stayin?

4 COMMISSIONER STAYIN: I vote in the affirmative.

5 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Johanson?

6 COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote in the
7 affirmative.

8 MR. BISHOP: COMMISSIONER KARPEL?

9 COMMISSIONER KARPEL: I vote in the affirmative.

10 MR. BISHOP: Mr. Chairman, the Commission has
11 reached affirmative determinations.

12 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.
13 Further information concerning these determinations will be
14 in the press release. Views of the Commission are currently
15 scheduled to be completed and filed on February 10, 2020.

16 Thank you to all staff who participated in these
17 investigations. Seeing no other business before the
18 Commission, this meeting is adjourned.

19 (Whereupon, at 11:05 a.m., Friday, January 31,
20 2020, the meeting of the Commissioners of the United States
21 International Trade Commission was adjourned.)

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CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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