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

The Commission meeting commenced, pursuant to notice, at 11:00 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States International Trade Commission, the Honorable SHARA L. ARANOFF, Chairman, presiding.

APPEARANCES:

On Behalf of the International Trade Commission:

Commissioners:

SHARA L. ARANOFF, CHAIRMAN (presiding)  
 DANIEL R. PEARSON, VICE CHAIRMAN (via telephone)  
 DEANNA TANNER OKUN, COMMISSIONER  
 CHARLOTTE R. LANE, COMMISSIONER (via telephone)  
 IRVING A. WILLIAMSON, COMMISSIONER  
 DEAN A. PINKERT, COMMISSIONER

MARILYN R. ABBOTT, SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION  
 BILL BISHOP, HEARINGS AND MEETINGS COORDINATOR

APPEARANCES: (Cont'd)

Staff:

RUSSELL DUNCAN, INVESTIGATOR  
LINDA WHITE, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ANALYST  
MARY KLIR, ACCOUNTANT/AUDITOR  
NANCY BRYAN, ECONOMIST  
KARL VON SCHRILTZ, ATTORNEY  
JAMES MCCLURE, SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATOR

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(11:00 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: Good morning. This meeting of the U.S. International Trade Commission will now come to order.

Welcome to Vice Chairman Pearson and Commissioner Lane, who are apparently having a very interesting discussion while participating by telephone.

VICE CHAIRMAN PEARSON: Good morning, Madam Chairman.

COMMISSIONER LANE: Good morning, Madam Chairman.

CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: I understand that there are no agendas for future meetings, minutes, ratification list, or outstanding action jackets to consider.

Next we turn to the vote in Investigation Nos. 701-TA-457 and 731-TA-1153 (Preliminary) (Certain Tow-Behind Lawn Groomers and Parts Thereof From China).

Welcome to Mr. McClure and the staff who participated in these investigations.

Are there any questions for the staff?

(No response.)

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1                   CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: Are there any additions  
2 or corrections to the staff report?

3                   MR. MCCLURE: Jim McClure, Office of  
4 Investigations. Thank you, Chairman Aranoff. Staff  
5 proposes that the staff report on the subject  
6 investigations be revised in accordance with  
7 Memorandum Inv. FF-095 dated August 5, 2008. We have  
8 no other revisions.

9                   CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: Is there any objection to  
10 approval of the staff report as revised?

11                   (No response.)

12                   CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: Hearing none, it is  
13 approved.

14                   Madam Secretary, will you please call the  
15 roll?

16                   MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Okun.

17                   COMMISSIONER OKUN: I vote in the  
18 affirmative.

19                   MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Pearson.

20                   VICE CHAIRMAN PEARSON: I vote in the  
21 affirmative.

22                   MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Aranoff.

23                   CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: I vote in the  
24 affirmative.

25                   MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Lane.

1 COMMISSIONER LANE: I vote in the  
2 affirmative.

3 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Williamson.

4 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON: I vote in the  
5 affirmative.

6 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Pinkert.

7 COMMISSIONER PINKERT: I vote in the  
8 affirmative.

9 MS. ABBOTT: Madam Chairman, the Commission  
10 has reached affirmative determinations.

11 CHAIRMAN ARANOFF: Thank you, Madam  
12 Secretary.

13 Further information regarding this  
14 determination will be in the press release.  
15 Commissioners' opinions currently are scheduled to be  
16 transmitted to the Department of Commerce on or before  
17 August 15, 2008.

18 Thank you to all the staff who participated  
19 in these investigations.

20 Seeing that there is no other business  
21 before the Commission, this meeting is adjourned.

22 (Whereupon, at 11:04 a.m., the Commission  
23 meeting was adjourned.)

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**CERTIFICATION OF TRANSCRIPTION**

**TITLE:** (Preliminary) (Certain Tow-Behind  
Lawn Groomers and Parts Thereof  
from China)

**INVESTIGATION NOS.:** 701-TA-457 and 731-TA-1153

**HEARING DATE:** August 7, 2008

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**NATURE OF HEARING:** Commission meeting

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Signature of Court Reporter