

# UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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Thursday,  
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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 11:01 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  
IRVING A. WILLIAMSON, VICE CHAIRMAN  
DANIEL R. PEARSON, COMMISSIONER  
SHARA L. ARANOFF, COMMISSIONER  
DEAN A. PINKERT, COMMISSIONER  
DAVID S. JOHANSON, COMMISSIONER

APPEARANCES: (cont'd.)

BILL BISHOP, HEARINGS AND MEETINGS COORDINATOR  
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Staff, Inv. No. 731-TA-1185:

FRED RUGGLES, INVESTIGATOR  
GERALD HOUCK, INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRY ANALYST  
JEFFREY CLARK, ECONOMIST  
MARY KLIR, ACCOUNTANT-AUDITOR  
GEOFFREY CARLSON, ATTORNEY  
DOUGLAS CORKRAN, SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATOR

Staff, Inv. Nos. 731-TA-1186 and 1187:

CYNTHIA TRAINOR, INVESTIGATOR  
PHILIP STONE, INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRY ANALYST  
AIMEE LARSEN, ECONOMIST  
MICHELLE BREAUX, ECONOMIST  
CHARLES YOST, ACCOUNTANT-AUDITOR  
CHARLES ST. CHARLES, ATTORNEY  
JAMES McCLURE, SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATOR

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OUTSTANDING ACTION JACKETS: NONE	4



1 Are there any questions for the staff?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Are there any additions or  
4 corrections to the staff report? All those votes are  
5 wearing out our microphones.

6 MR. CORKRAN: Douglas Corkran, Office of  
7 Investigations. Thank you, Chairman Okun.

8 Staff proposes that the staff report for the  
9 subject investigation be revised in accordance with  
10 Memorandum INV-KK-044 dated April 10, 2012. Staff has  
11 no further revisions.

12 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Thank you.

13 Is there any objection to the staff report  
14 as revised?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Hearing none, it is  
17 approved.

18 Mr. Secretary, will you please call the  
19 roll?

20 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Pearson?

21 COMMISSIONER PEARSON: I vote in the  
22 affirmative.

23 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Johanson?

24 COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote in the  
25 affirmative.

1 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Aranoff?

2 COMMISSIONER ARANOFF: I vote in the  
3 affirmative.

4 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Pinkert?

5 COMMISSIONER PINKERT: I vote in the  
6 affirmative.

7 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Okun?

8 CHAIRMAN OKUN: I vote in the affirmative.

9 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Williamson?

10 VICE CHAIRMAN WILLIAMSON: I vote in the  
11 affirmative.

12 MR. BISHOP: Madam Chairman, the Commission  
13 has reached an affirmative determination.

14 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Thank you. Further  
15 information regarding this determination will be in  
16 the press release. Commissioners' opinions are  
17 currently scheduled to be transmitted to the  
18 Department of Commerce on or before May 2, 2012.

19 Thank you again to the staff who  
20 participated in the investigation. We'll take just a  
21 moment to change staff to turn to our next vote.

22 (Pause.)

23 CHAIRMAN OKUN: We will now turn to the vote  
24 in Investigation Nos. 731-TA-1186 and 1187 (Final),  
25 Certain Stilbenic Optical Brightening Agents From

1 China and Taiwan.

2 Welcome to Mr. McClure and the other members  
3 of the staff who participated in these investigations.

4 Are there any additions or corrections to  
5 the staff report?

6 MR. McCLURE: Jim McClure, Office of  
7 Investigations. Madam Chairman, there are no  
8 additions or corrections to the staff report.

9 However, before I turn it back over to you I  
10 have the privilege of introducing yet another member  
11 of the Office of Economics, Michelle Breaux, who has  
12 been of immeasurable assistance and value to everyone  
13 on this investigative team, particularly Aimee and  
14 Cynthia, and I haven't even mentioned her finest  
15 quality. She laughs at my jokes.

16 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Thank you, Mr. McClure.  
17 Welcome, and thank you. Again, a trial by fire.

18 Is there any objection to approval of the  
19 staff report?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Hearing none, it is  
22 approved.

23 Mr. Secretary, will you please call the  
24 roll?

25 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Pinkert?

1           COMMISSIONER PINKERT: I vote in the  
2 affirmative.

3           MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Johanson?

4           COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote in the  
5 affirmative.

6           MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Aranoff?

7           COMMISSIONER ARANOFF: I vote in the  
8 affirmative.

9           MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Okun?

10          CHAIRMAN OKUN: I vote in the affirmative.

11          MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Williamson?

12          VICE CHAIRMAN WILLIAMSON: I vote in the  
13 affirmative.

14          MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Pearson?

15          COMMISSIONER PEARSON: I concur with my  
16 colleagues.

17          MR. BISHOP: Madam Chairman, the Commission  
18 has reached affirmative determinations.

19          CHAIRMAN OKUN: Thank you. Further  
20 information regarding these determinations will be in  
21 the press release. Commissioners' opinions are  
22 currently scheduled to be transmitted to the  
23 Department of Commerce on or before May 2, 2012.

24                 Thank you again to all the staff who  
25 participated in the investigations.

1                   With no other business to come before the  
2 Commission, this meeting is adjourned.

3                   (Whereupon, at 11:07 a.m., the Commission  
4 meeting in the above-entitled matter was concluded.)

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**CERTIFICATION OF TRANSCRIPTION**

**TITLE:** Certain Steel Nails  
Certain Stilbenic Agents

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731-TA-1186 and 1187 (Final)

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