



## THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

In the Matter of: )  
 ) Investigation Nos.:  
 FROZEN WARMWATER SHRIMP ) 701-TA-491-493, 495 and 497  
 FROM CHINA, ECUADOR, ) (Final)  
 INDIA, MALAYSIA, AND )  
 VIETNAM )

Friday,  
 September 20, 2013

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

The meeting commenced, pursuant to Notice, at 11:00 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States International Trade Commission, the Honorable IRVING A. WILLIAMSON, Chairman, presiding.

## APPEARANCES:

On Behalf of the International Trade Commission:Commissioners:

IRVING A. WILLIAMSON, CHAIRMAN (presiding)  
 DANIEL R. PEARSON, COMMISSIONER  
 SHARA L. ARANOFF, COMMISSIONER  
 DEAN A. PINKERT, COMMISSIONER  
 DAVID S. JOHANSON, COMMISSIONER  
 MEREDITH M. BROADBENT, COMMISSIONER

APPEARANCES: (Cont'd.)

Staff:

LISA R. BARTON, ACTING SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION  
SHARON BELLAMY, HEARINGS AND MEETINGS ASSISTANT  
EDWARD PETRONZIO, INVESTIGATOR  
RENEE BERRY, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ANALYST  
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ROBIN TURNER, ATTORNEY-ADVISOR  
ELIZABETH HAINES, SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATOR

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(11:00 a.m.)

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3 CHAIRMAN WILLIAMSON: Good morning. This  
4 meeting of the U.S. International Trade Commission  
5 will now come to order.

6 I understand that there are no agendas for  
7 future meetings, minutes, ratification lists, or  
8 outstanding action jackets to consider.

9 Next we turn to the vote in Investigations  
10 No. 701-TA-491-493, 495, and 497 (Final) (Frozen  
11 Warmwater Shrimp From China, Ecuador, India, Malaysia,  
12 and Vietnam).

13 Welcome to Ms. Haines and the staff who  
14 participated in these investigations.

15 Are there any questions for the staff?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN WILLIAMSON: Is there any objection  
18 to approval of the staff report? No. Are there any  
19 additions or corrections to the staff report?

20 MS. HAINES: Elizabeth Haines. No revisions  
21 to the staff report.

22 CHAIRMAN WILLIAMSON: Thank you. Is there  
23 any objection to approval of the staff report?

24 (No response.)

25 CHAIRMAN WILLIAMSON: Hearing none, it is

1 approved.

2 Madam Secretary, will you please call the  
3 roll?

4 MS. BARTON: Thank you. Commissioner  
5 Johanson?

6 COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote in the  
7 negative.

8 MS. BARTON: Commissioner Broadbent?

9 COMMISSIONER BROADBENT: I vote in the  
10 negative.

11 MS. BARTON: Commissioner Aranoff?

12 COMMISSIONER ARANOFF: I vote in the  
13 affirmative.

14 MS. BARTON: Commissioner Pearson?

15 COMMISSIONER PEARSON: I vote in the  
16 negative.

17 MS. BARTON: Commissioner Pinkert?

18 COMMISSIONER PINKERT: I vote in the  
19 negative.

20 MS. BARTON: Commissioner Williamson?

21 CHAIRMAN WILLIAMSON: I vote in the  
22 affirmative.

23 MS. BARTON: Mr. Chairman, the Commission  
24 has reached a negative determination.

25 CHAIRMAN WILLIAMSON: Thank you, Madam

1 Secretary.

2 Further information regarding these  
3 determinations will be in the press release. The  
4 Commission currently is scheduled to complete and file  
5 its views on or before October 1, 2013.

6 Thank you to all the staff who participated  
7 in these investigations.

8 But before bringing this meeting to a close,  
9 I with sadness must note that Commissioner Pearson's  
10 time at the Commission is coming to an end. So after  
11 coming to the Commission in October of 2003, he has  
12 cast some 895 votes and has had almost a decade of  
13 service.

14 Dan, you can look back with pride on a  
15 record of accomplishment while at the Commission. You  
16 have served as chairman from June 2006 through June of  
17 2008 and as vice chairman from June of 2008 through  
18 June of 2010. Your 3,634 days to date of service do  
19 not go unrecognized.

20 Today we want to thank you for being such an  
21 excellent, thoughtful and dedicated colleague, a wise  
22 leader and a hard worker, and there are those shall we  
23 say intangible things of being an excellent cook and  
24 musician. We will miss all of these talents, and so  
25 we wish you well in the future.

1 (Applause.)

2 COMMISSIONER PEARSON: Thank you, Mr.  
3 Chairman. Am I allowed a rebuttal?

4 CHAIRMAN WILLIAMSON: Yes. I mean, you're  
5 the one that trained me, so you can do it.

6 COMMISSIONER PEARSON: Well, I would just  
7 observe that on more than what, you said 800 or some  
8 votes that I have voted in the affirmative 62 percent  
9 of the time and in the negative only 38 percent. I'm  
10 not sure what to make of that. I guess that's what  
11 happens when an admitted free trader runs into the  
12 statutes and the facts of the case. That's just how  
13 it sorted out.

14 But it is really a great privilege to work  
15 with good people and, Mr. Chairman, if I may, I would  
16 like to just say thanks to most of them. To the  
17 businesses that have been involved in the cases in  
18 front of us for helping me to learn so much about your  
19 industries and especially to all the companies that  
20 hosted me on plant tours, and I know some of the  
21 counsel here have been with me on those tours. It's  
22 just been an incredible opportunity to see modern  
23 industrial production.

24 To the members of the bar who have  
25 represented Petitioners and Respondents for helping me

1 to understand obscure concepts like cumulation and for  
2 sharing diverse perspectives on how the statutes  
3 should be applied to the particular facts of each  
4 case.

5 To the professional staff of the Commission  
6 for your unceasing efforts to dig into the relevant  
7 issues so that we as Commissioners can make well-  
8 informed decisions, assuming we actually get the  
9 material read. We're pretty good at that.

10 To the Office of the Secretary for taking  
11 such good care of us during hearings and votes. And I  
12 know that Bill Bishop is not here today, but you may  
13 tell him that I'm saying some nice things about him  
14 because I really think that as our Supervisory  
15 Hearings and Information Officer his commitment to  
16 customer service has set a standard higher than I will  
17 ever achieve, so I just really appreciate what he and  
18 the rest of you do to keep everyone in this room  
19 comfortable and moving forward.

20 To the personal staff of my fellow  
21 Commissioners, whom I have found consistently to be  
22 helpful whenever I've asked them questions, and for  
23 the important work they do to resolve differences at  
24 times when the Sunshine Act makes it difficult for the  
25 Commissioners to get together themselves.

1           To my personal staff, to Cecilia Allen, my  
2 confidential assistant, who's done her best to keep  
3 the operations of my office orderly, as well as for  
4 organizing the combined federal campaign and the  
5 holiday party.

6           To Michael Robbins, who for more than six  
7 years wore two hats as an attorney and an economist,  
8 and after getting me almost to the goal line he last  
9 week began working for Commissioner Johanson, who is a  
10 very lucky Commissioner indeed, and if he doesn't know  
11 it yet, he'll come to understand that in time.

12           To Jonathan Seiger, whose consistent and  
13 detailed legal analysis contributed immeasurably to my  
14 understanding of how differing conditions of  
15 competition could provide a basis for decumulation if  
16 you looked at it right.

17           And to Mary Beth Jones, whose steadfast,  
18 thoughtful, and creative support as attorney-advisor  
19 and chief of staff made her indispensable in my life  
20 as a Commissioner. For the first time in my  
21 professional life I've had an alter ego, and it's been  
22 great.

23           To my fellow Commissioners for your good-  
24 natured, patient, and collegial approach to dealing  
25 with a colleague who had not benefitted from an

1 education in the law. It's fair to say that I'm  
2 unlikely ever again to be in a situation in which  
3 people of different political persuasions find ways to  
4 work together collaboratively on behalf of the greater  
5 good. It has been a truly remarkable experience, and  
6 I thank you for your part in it.

7 As you probably have been able to tell, I've  
8 had fun here at least most days. I leave the  
9 Commission with wonderful memories and with the belief  
10 that it will continue to fulfill its important mission  
11 in the coming years despite what some editorial  
12 writers might wish.

13 Mr. Chairman, I yield the floor.

14 CHAIRMAN WILLIAMSON: Thank you.

15 (Whereupon, at 11:08 a.m., the commission  
16 meeting in the above-entitled matter was concluded.)

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**CERTIFICATION OF TRANSCRIPTION**

**TITLE:** Frozen Warmwater Shrimp  
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I hereby certify that the foregoing/attached transcript is a true, correct and complete record of the above-referenced proceeding(s) of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

DATE: September 20, 2013

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I hereby certify that I am not the Court Reporter and that I have proofread the above-referenced transcript of the proceeding(s) of the U.S. International Trade Commission, against the aforementioned Court Reporter's notes and recordings, for accuracy in transcription in the spelling, hyphenation, punctuation and speaker-identification, and did not make any changes of a substantive nature. The foregoing/attached transcript is a true, correct and complete transcription of the proceeding(s).

SIGNED: Rebecca McCrary  
Signature of Proofreader

I hereby certify that I reported the above-referenced proceeding(s) of the U.S. International Trade Commission and caused to be prepared from my tapes and notes of the proceedings a true, correct and complete verbatim recording of the proceeding(s).

SIGNED: Edwin Wesley  
Signature of Court Reporter