In the Matter of: AMMONIUM SULFATE FROM CHINA AND STAINLESS STEEL WIRE ROD FROM ITALY, JAPAN, KOREA, SPAIN AND TAIWAN

) Investigation Nos.: 701-TA-562 AND 731-TA-1329 (PRELIMINARY)

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Washington, D.C.

The meeting, commenced, pursuant to notice, at
11:00 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States
International Trade Commission, Commissioner Dean A.
Pinkert, presiding.
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On behalf of the International Trade Commission:

Commissioners:

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COMMISSIONER PINKERT: Good morning. This meeting of the U.S. International Trade Commission will now come to order. Welcome to Chairman Williamson and Commissioners Broadbent and Schmidtlein, who are participating by telephone.

CHAIRMAN WILLIAMSON: Good morning.

COMMISSIONER PINKERT: I understand that there are no agendas for future meetings, or outstanding action jackets to consider.

Is there any objection to approval of the minutes of June 8, 9, 16, 21, 22, and 24, 2016, or ratification list 16-007?

(No response.)

COMMISSIONER PINKERT: Hearing none, they are approved.

Next we turn to the vote in Investigation numbers 701-TA-562 and 731-TA-1329, Preliminary, Ammonium Sulfate from China. Welcome to Ms. Haines and the staff who participated in these investigations. Are there any questions for the staff?

(No response.)

COMMISSIONER PINKERT: Are there any additions or corrections to the staff report?
MS. HAINES: Elizabeth Haines, Office of Investigations, Commissioner Pinkert I would first like to welcome a new economist to the Commission, Emily Burke. This is the first case that she has worked on. To answer your question, there are no revisions or additions to the staff report.

COMMISSIONER PINKERT: Thank you. Welcome Ms. Burke. Is there any objection to approval of the staff report?

(No response.)

COMMISSIONER PINKERT: Hearing none, it is approved. Madame Secretary, will you please call the roll?

MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Broadbent?

COMMISSIONER BROADBENT: I can't hear you very well, but I vote in the affirmative on Ammonium Sulfate from China.

MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Kieff?

COMMISSIONER KIEFF: I vote in the affirmative.

MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Johanson?

COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote in the affirmative.

MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Schmidtlein?

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN: I vote in the affirmative.

MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Williamson?
COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON: I vote in the affirmative.

MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Pinkert?

COMMISSIONER PINKERT: I vote in the affirmative.

MS. BELLAMY: Mr. Chairman, the Commission has reached an affirmative determination in these investigations.

COMMISSIONER PINKERT: Thank you Madame Secretary. Further information regarding these determinations will be in the press release. Views of the Commission currently are scheduled to be completed and filed on July 18, 2016.

Thank you to all staff who participated in these investigations. We will pause for a moment while we change staff for the next vote.

(Pause.)

COMMISSIONER PINKERT: Next we turn to the vote in investigation number 731-TA-770-773 and 775, Third Review, Stainless Steel Wire Rod from Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, and Taiwan.

Welcome to Mr. Ruggles and the staff who participated in these investigations. Are there any questions for the staff?

(No response.)
COMMISSIONER PINKERT: Are there any additions or corrections to the staff report?

MR. RUGGLES: Fred Ruggles, Office of Investigations, no additions or corrections.

COMMISSIONER PINKERT: Thank you. Is there any objection to approval of the staff report?

(No response.)

COMMISSIONER PINKERT: Hearing none, it is approved. Madame Secretary, will you please call the roll?

MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Pinkert?

COMMISSIONER PINKERT: I vote in the affirmative with respect to Italy, Japan, Korea and Taiwan, and in the negative with respect to Spain.

MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Williamson?

COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON: I vote in the negative with respect to imports from Italy and Spain, and in the affirmative with respect to all other imports.

MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Johanson?

COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote in the affirmative with respect to Japan, Korea and Taiwan. I vote in the negative with respect to Italy and Spain.

MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Kieff?

COMMISSIONER KIEFF: I vote in the affirmative with respect to the imports from Japan, Korea and Taiwan, and I vote in the negative with respect to the imports from
Italy and Spain.

MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Broadbent?

COMMISSIONER BROADBENT: I vote in the negative with respect to Italy and Spain, and I vote in the affirmative with respect to Japan, Korea and Taiwan.

MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Schmidtlein?

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN: I vote in the negative with respect to Spain and in the affirmative with respect to all other countries.

MS. BELLAMY: Mr. Chairman, the Commission has reached affirmative determinations in regard to Japan, Korea and Taiwan, and a negative determination with regard to Italy and Spain.

COMMISSIONER PINKERT: Thank you Madame Secretary. Further information regarding these determinations will be in the press release. Views of the Commission currently are scheduled to be completed and filed on July 25, 2016. Thank you to all staff who participated in these investigations.

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

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.)
CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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