

# UNITED STATES

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:  
AMMONIUM SULFATE FROM CHINA

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

AND

STAINLESS STEEL WIRE ROD FROM  
ITALY, JAPAN, KOREA, SPAIN AND  
TAIWAN

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) Investigation Nos.:  
) 731-TA-770-773 and 775  
) (Third Review)

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5 FROM CHINA ) (Preliminary)

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10 FROM ITALY, JAPAN, KOREA, ) 731-TA-770-773 and 775  
11 SPAIN, AND TAIWAN ) (Third Review)

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13 Friday, July 8, 2016  
14 Main Hearing Room (Room 101)  
15 U.S. International  
16 Trade Commission  
17 500 E Street, S.W.  
18 Washington, D.C.

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20 The meeting, commenced, pursuant to notice, at  
21 11:00 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States  
22 International Trade Commission, Commissioner Dean A.  
23 Pinkert, presiding.

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## 1 APPEARANCES:

2 On behalf of the International Trade Commission:

3 Commissioners:

4 IRVING A. WILLIAMSON, CHAIRMAN (via telephone)

5 DEAN A. PINKERT, COMMISSIONER (presiding)

6 MEREDITH M. BROADBENT, COMMISSIONER (via  
7 telephone)

8 DAVID S. JOHANSON, COMMISSIONER

9 F. SCOTT KIEFF, COMMISSIONER

10 RHONDA K. SCHMIDTLEIN, COMMISSIONER, (via  
11 telephone)

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13 Staff:

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15 CHRISTOPHER ROBINSON, INTERNATIONAL TRADE  
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18 FRED RUGGLES, INVESTIGATOR

19 DAVID GOLDFINE, ATTORNEY/ADVISOR

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

2 (11:00 a.m.)

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

8 CHAIRMAN WILLIAMSON: Good morning.

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

12 Is there any objection to approval of the minutes  
13 of June 8, 9, 16, 21, 22, and 24, 2016, or ratification list  
14 16-007?

15 (No response.)

16 COMMISSIONER PINKERT: Hearing none, they are  
17 approved.

18 Next we turn to the vote in Investigation numbers  
19 701-TA-562 and 731-TA-1329, Preliminary, Ammonium Sulfate  
20 from China. Welcome to Ms. Haines and the staff who  
21 participated in these investigations. Are there any  
22 questions for the staff?

23 (No response.)

24 COMMISSIONER PINKERT: Are there any additions or  
25 corrections to the staff report?

1 MS. HAINES: Elizabeth Haines, Office of  
2 Investigations, Commissioner Pinkert I would first like to  
3 welcome a new economist to the Commission, Emily Burke. This  
4 is the first case that she has worked on. To answer your  
5 question, there are no revisions or additions to the staff  
6 report.

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

10 (No response.)

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

13 MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Broadbent?

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

17 MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Kieff?

18 COMMISSIONER KIEFF: I vote in the affirmative.

19 MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Johanson?

20 COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote in the  
21 affirmative.

22 MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Schmidtlein?

23 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN: I vote in the  
24 affirmative.

25 MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Williamson?

1                   COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON: I vote in the  
2 affirmative.

3                   MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Pinkert?

4                   COMMISSIONER PINKERT: I vote in the  
5 affirmative.

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

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

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

17                   (Pause.)

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

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

25                   (No response.)

1                   COMMISSIONER PINKERT: Are there any additions or  
2 corrections to the staff report?

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

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

7                   (No response.)

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

10                  MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Pinkert?

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

14                  MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Williamson?

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

18                  MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Johanson?

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

22                  MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Kieff?

23                  COMMISSIONER KIEFF: I vote in the affirmative  
24 with respect to the imports from Japan, Korea and Taiwan,  
25 and I vote in the negative with respect to the imports from

1 Italy and Spain.

2 MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Broadbent?

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

6 MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Schmidtlein?

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

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

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

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

22 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08  
23 a.m.)

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## CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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