OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20436

July 15, 2020

Dear Counsel:

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as the Commission proceeds with alternative solutions during the COVID-19 pandemic. In light of the restrictions on access to the Commission building, the Commission will not be holding in-person Title VII (antidumping and countervailing duty) preliminary phase staff conferences. It will conduct its preliminary phase staff conference by providing an opportunity for parties to provide opening remarks, witness testimony, and responses to staff questions through written submissions. In addition to the notice of institution ("written submissions"), I am providing information and guidance on this matter for **Investigation Nos. 701-TA-656 and 731-TA-1533 (Preliminary): Metal Lockers from China.**

For the purposes of these investigations, please proceed as follows:

- Tuesday, July 28: Parties submit and serve public opening remarks and witness testimony (in the form of certified affidavits)
    - Petitioners have a 5-page limit for opening remarks and a 50-page limit for direct witness testimony, in total
    - Respondents have a 5-page limit for opening remarks and a 50-page limit for direct witness testimony, in total
- Thursday, July 30 (original conference date): Staff issues public written questions
- Tuesday, August 4 (original briefing date): Parties submit and serve postconference briefs (including responses to staff questions); if business proprietary, a public version is due on the next business day.

With respect to opening statements, please state the position of your client with respect to the appropriate domestic like product; the appropriate domestic industry; and any data-specific considerations (e.g., the use of official import statistics vs. the use of questionnaire data for volume consideration, negligibility, etc.).

Please note the Secretary's Office will accept only electronic filings during this time. Filings must be made through the Commission's Electronic Document Information System (EDIS, https://edis.usitc.gov). No in-person paper-based filings or paper copies of any electronic filings will be accepted until further notice.

Again, thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Director