

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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Room No. 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 DEANNA
TANNER OKUN, Chairman, presiding.

APPEARANCES:

On behalf of the International Trade Commission:

Commissioners:

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STEPHEN KOPLAN, COMMISSIONER
CHARLOTTE R. LANE, COMMISSIONER

APPEARANCES: (cont'd.)

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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 OKUN: Good morning, and welcome to
4 this meeting of the United States International Trade
5 Commission.

6 I understand there is no agenda for future
7 meetings.

8 I now want to turn to the minutes of
9 September 4, 2003. Any objection to approval of the
10 minutes?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Hearing none, it is
13 approved.

14 Is there any objection to approval of
15 Ratification List 03-023?

16 (No response.)

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

19 Madam Secretary, before we turn to the vote
20 in Investigation No. 731-TA-1048-1053, I did want to
21 take a moment to welcome our new Commissioner,
22 Commissioner Charlotte Lane. We are happy to have you
23 here, and we are delighted that you'll be joining us.

24 COMMISSIONER KOPLAN: I concur.

25 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Let us now turn to the

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1 briefing and vote in Investigation No. 731-TA-1048-
2 1053 (Final) Electrolytic Manganese Dioxide from
3 Australia, China, Greece, Ireland, Japan and South
4 Africa.

5 Welcome to Mr. Deyman and the other members
6 of the staff who participated in this investigation.

7 Does any Commissioner have questions for the
8 staff?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Are there any additions or
11 corrections to the staff report?

12 MR. DEYMAN: I'm George Deyman, Office of
13 Investigations. We propose that the staff report be
14 amended to include revisions contained in Office of
15 Investigations Memorandum No. INV-AA-139 of
16 September 11.

17 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Is there any objection to
18 the staff report as revised?

19 (No response.)

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

22 Madam Secretary, will you please call the
23 roll?

24 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Okun?

25 CHAIRMAN OKUN: I find imports of EMD from

1 China to be negligible. I make an affirmative
2 determination with respect to imports of EMD from the
3 remaining countries.

4 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Hillman?

5 VICE CHAIRMAN HILLMAN: I also find imports
6 from China to be negligible and make an affirmative
7 determination with respect to all other countries.

8 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Miller?

9 COMMISSIONER MILLER: I concur with
10 Commissioners Okun and Hill.

11 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Lane?

12 COMMISSIONER LANE: I concur with the other
13 Commissioners.

14 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Koplan?

15 COMMISSIONER KOPLAN: I concur.

16 MS. ABBOTT: Madam Chairman, with respect to
17 China, the Commission has made a finding of
18 negligibility. With respect to all other
19 investigations, the Commission has reached affirmative
20 determinations.

21 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Thank you.

22 Further information regarding this
23 determination will be in a press release.
24 Commissioners' opinions are currently scheduled to be
25 transmitted to the Department of Commerce on or before

1 September 22, 2003.

2 Thank you again to all staff who
3 participated in this investigation.

4 We will take a couple of moments to change
5 staff for the next vote.

6 (Pause.)

7 CHAIRMAN OKUN: We will now turn to
8 Investigation No. 731-TA-1014 and 1017 (Final),
9 Polyvinyl Alcohol From China and Korea.

10 Welcome again to Mr. Deyman and the other
11 members of the staff who participated in this
12 investigation.

13 Does any Commissioner have questions for the
14 staff?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Are there any additions or
17 corrections to the staff report?

18 MR. DEYMAN: I'm George Deyman, Office of
19 Investigations. We propose that the supplemental
20 staff report be amended to include the revision
21 contained in Office of Investigations Memorandum
22 INV-AA-127 of August 27.

23 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Is there any objection to
24 approval of the staff report as revised?

25 (No response.)

1 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Hearing none, it is
2 approved.

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

5 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Miller?

6 COMMISSIONER MILLER: I vote in the
7 affirmative.

8 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Koplan?

9 COMMISSIONER KOPLAN: I vote in the
10 affirmative.

11 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Hillman?

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

14 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Okun?

15 CHAIRMAN OKUN: I vote in the affirmative.

16 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Lane is not
17 participating in these investigations.

18 Madam Chairman, the Commission has reached
19 affirmative determinations in these investigations.

20 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Thank you.

21 Further information regarding this
22 determination will be in a press release.

23 Commissioners' opinions are currently scheduled to be
24 transmitted to the Department of Commerce on or before
25 September 24, 2003.

1 Thank you again to all staff who
2 participated in this investigation.

3 Seeing no other business to come before the
4 Commission, this meeting is adjourned.

5 (Whereupon, at 11:09 a.m, the Commission
6 meeting in the above-entitled matter was concluded.)

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CERTIFICATION OF TRANSCRIPTION

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