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

The meeting commenced, pursuant to notice, at 2:00 p.m., before the Commissioners of the United States International Trade Commission, the Honorable STEPHEN KOPLAN, Chairman, presiding.

## APPEARANCES:

On behalf of the International Trade Commission:Commissioners:

STEPHEN KOPLAN, CHAIRMAN (presiding)  
 DEANNA TANNER OKUN, VICE CHAIRMAN  
 JENNIFER A. HILLMAN, COMMISSIONER  
 CHARLOTTE R. LANE, COMMISSIONER  
 DANIEL R. PEARSON, COMMISSIONER  
 SHARA L. ARANOFF, COMMISSIONER

## APPEARANCES (continued):

Staff:

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WILLIAM R. BISHOP, HEARINGS AND MEETINGS  
COORDINATOR

VINCENT HONNOLD, INVESTIGATOR  
CHRISTOPHER MAPES, INDUSTRY ANALYST  
KELLY CLARK, ECONOMIST  
DAVID BOYLAND, ACCOUNTANT  
CHARLES ST. CHARLES, ATTORNEY  
GEORGE DEYMAN, SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATOR

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Outstanding Action Jackets: none	4

P R O C E E D I N G S

(2:00 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Good afternoon. This meeting of the U.S. International Trade Commission will please come to order.

I understand there is no agenda for future meetings, minutes, or ratification list to consider.

We will now turn to the briefing and vote in Investigation Nos. 701-TA-269 and 731-TA-311-314, 317, and 379 (Second Review) Brass Sheet and Strip from Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, and Japan.

I note that on February 22, 2006, the Department of Commerce issued a notice terminating Investigation No. 701-TA-270 (Second Review) Brass Sheet and Strip from France, which appeared in the Federal Register on March 2, 2006. Accordingly, the Commission terminated the investigation on March 3, 2006.

Am I correct, Mr. Deyman, that that was with respect to one portion of our consideration in regard to France, or was that in total?

MR. DEYMAN: The Federal Register notice on France was on the countervailing duty case.

CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: But not on the other aspect of it.

1 MR. DEYMAN: The other aspect being the  
2 dumping?

3 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Yes.

4 MR. DEYMAN: It was not on the dumping.  
5 Correct.

6 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Okay. So we are voting on  
7 the dumping aspect.

8 MR. DEYMAN: Yes. Correct.

9 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Thank you.  
10 Are there any questions for the staff?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Are there any additions or  
13 corrections to the staff report?

14 MR. DEYMAN: I'm George Deyman, Office of  
15 Investigations. Mr. Chairman, there are no changes to  
16 the staff report.

17 I would like to take this opportunity to  
18 introduce Christopher Mapes of the Office of  
19 Industries, who is the industry analyst on these  
20 reviews, and these are his first Title VII cases.

21 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Thank you, and thank you  
22 for your contribution to our investigation.

23 Are there any objections to approval of the  
24 staff report?

25 (No response.)

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

3                   Mr. Secretary, will you please call the  
4 roll?

5                   MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Lane?

6                   COMMISSIONER LANE: I vote in the  
7 affirmative with regard to all countries except  
8 Canada, and with regard to Canada, I vote in the  
9 negative.

10                  MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Aranoff?

11                  COMMISSIONER ARANOFF: In the reviews  
12 regarding imports from Brazil and Canada, I vote in  
13 the negative. In the reviews regarding imports from  
14 France, Germany, Italy, and Japan, I vote in the  
15 affirmative.

16                  MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Hillman?

17                  COMMISSIONER HILLMAN: I concur with  
18 Commissioner Aranoff in voting in the negative with  
19 respect to imports from Canada and Brazil, and with  
20 respect to imports from France, Italy, Germany, and  
21 Japan, I vote in the affirmative.

22                  MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Koplan?

23                  CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: I vote in the negative  
24 with respect to Canada. I vote in the affirmative  
25 with respect to all other countries.

1 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Pearson?

2 COMMISSIONER PEARSON: I concur with  
3 Commissioners Aranoff and Hillman.

4 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Okun?

5 VICE CHAIRMAN OKUN: I vote in the negative  
6 with respect to Brazil and Canada. I vote in the  
7 affirmative with respect to France, Germany, Italy,  
8 and Japan.

9 MR. BISHOP: Mr. Chairman, the Commission  
10 has reached affirmative determinations with respect to  
11 France, Germany, Italy, and Japan. The Commission has  
12 reached negative determinations with respect to Brazil  
13 and Canada.

14 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

15 Further information regarding this  
16 determination will be in the press release. The  
17 Commissioners' opinions are currently scheduled to be  
18 transmitted to the Department of Commerce on or before  
19 March 21, 2006.

20 I want to thank the staff for its assistance  
21 to us in these investigations. Understanding that  
22 there is no other business before the Commission, this  
23 meeting is adjourned.

24 (Whereupon, at 2:05 p.m., the meeting in the  
25 above-entitled matter was concluded.)



**CERTIFICATION OF TRANSCRIPTION**

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