

# UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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Monday,  
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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:

DEANNA TANNER OKUN, CHAIRMAN  
 JENNIFER A. HILLMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN  
 MARCIA E. MILLER, COMMISSIONER  
 STEPHEN KOPLAN, COMMISSIONER (Via Telephone)

APPEARANCES: (cont'd.)

Staff:

MARILYN R. ABBOTT, THE SECRETARY  
WILLIAM R. BISHOP, STAFF ASSISTANT  
CYNTHIA TRAINOR, INVESTIGATOR  
STEVEN WANSER, INDUSTRY ANALYST  
CHAND MEHTA, ACCOUNTANT  
WILLIAM DEESE, ECONOMIST  
PETER SULTAN, ATTORNEY  
BONNIE NOREEN, SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATOR

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(11:00 a.m.)

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

Good morning, Madam Secretary.

MS. ABBOTT: Good morning, Madam Chairman.

CHAIRMAN OKUN: And good morning to Commissioner Koplan, who I understand is participating by telephone this morning.

COMMISSIONER KOPLAN: Good morning, Madam Chairman.

CHAIRMAN OKUN: There is no agenda for future meetings or outstanding action jackets to consider.

Is there any objection to approval of the minutes of June 16, 17, 19, 20, 24, 25 and 26, 2003?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN OKUN: Hearing none, they are approved.

Is there any objection to approval of Ratification List 03-016?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN OKUN: Hearing none, it is approved.

1                   We will now turn to Investigation Nos.  
2                   701-TA-435 and 731-TA-1036-1038 (Preliminary) Certain  
3                   4,4'-Diamino-2,2'-Stilbenedisulfonic Acid Chemistry.

4                   Good morning to Ms. Noreen and the other  
5                   members of the staff who participated in this  
6                   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                  MS. NOREEN: Bonnie Noreen with the Office  
13                  of Investigations. Yes, Madam Chairman.

14                  We propose that the staff report be revised  
15                  to include the information in Director of  
16                  Investigations Memoranda INV-AA-085 and INV-AA-086 of  
17                  June 27, 2003.

18                  CHAIRMAN OKUN: Is there any objection to  
19                  approval of the staff report as advised?

20                  (No response.)

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

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

25                  MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Koplan?

1                   COMMISSIONER KOPLAN: I vote in the  
2 negative.

3                   MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Hillman?

4                   VICE CHAIRMAN HILLMAN: In these  
5 investigations, I find two like products, one  
6 4,4<sup>1</sup>-Diamino-2,2<sup>1</sup> Stilbenedisulfonic Acid or DAS, and  
7 the second Stilbenic Fluorescent whitening agents or  
8 SFWA.

9                   With respect to DAS, I make a negative  
10 determination. For SFWA, I find subject imports from  
11 China and India to be negligible, and I make a  
12 negative determination with respect to subject imports  
13 from Germany.

14                  MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Okun?

15                  CHAIRMAN OKUN: I vote in the negative.

16                  MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Miller?

17                  COMMISSIONER MILLER: In these  
18 investigations -- I'm going to take the simple way --  
19 I concur with Commissioner Hillman. I also find two  
20 like products and reach the same conclusion.

21                  MS. ABBOTT: Madam Chairman, in these  
22 investigations the Commission has reached negative  
23 determinations.

24                  CHAIRMAN OKUN: Thank you.

25                  Further information regarding this

1 determination will be in a press release.

2 Commissioners' opinions are currently scheduled to be  
3 transmitted to the Department of Commerce on or before  
4 July 8, 2003.

5 Thank you again to all staff who  
6 participated in this investigation.

7 If there is no other business before the  
8 Commission, this meeting is adjourned.

9 (Whereupon, at 11:05 a.m. the meeting in the  
10 above-entitled matter was concluded.)

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**CERTIFICATION OF TRANSCRIPTION**

**TITLE:** Certain 4,4'-Diamino-2,2'-  
Stilbenedisulfonic Acid Chemistry

**INVESTIGATION NO.:** 701-TA-435, et al.

**HEARING DATE:** June 30, 2003

**LOCATION:** Washington, D.C.

**NATURE OF HEARING:** Commission Meeting

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DATE: June 30, 2003

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SIGNED: Charity Davis  
Signature of Court Reporter