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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 9:30 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States International Trade Commission, the Honorable DEANNA TANNER OKUN, Vice Chairman, presiding.

APPEARANCES:

On behalf of the International Trade Commission:

Commissioners:

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

APPEARANCES: (cont'd.)

Staff:

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MARY PEDERSEN, AUDITOR/ACCOUNTANT
MARK REES, ATTORNEY
DOUGLAS CORKRAN, SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATOR

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(9:30 a.m.)

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3 VICE CHAIRMAN OKUN: This meeting of the
4 U.S. International Trade Commission will please come
5 to order.

6 Good morning, Madam Secretary.

7 MS. ABBOTT: Good morning, Madam Chairman.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN OKUN: And good morning to
9 Chairman Koplan, who is participating by telephone
10 this morning. Chairman Koplan?

11 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Yes. Good morning.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN OKUN: Good morning.

13 There is no agenda for future meetings or
14 outstanding action jackets for us to consider.

15 We will now turn to the minutes of
16 February 23, and March 2 and 3, 2005, and Ratification
17 List 05-004. Are there any objections to approval?

18 (No response.)

19 VICE CHAIRMAN OKUN: Hearing none, they are
20 approved.

21 We will now turn to Investigation No.
22 731-TA-1070B (Final), Certain Tissue Paper Products
23 From China.

24 Welcome to Mr. Corkran and the other members
25 of the staff who participated in this investigation.

1 Does any Commissioner have questions for the
2 staff?

3 (No response.)

4 VICE CHAIRMAN OKUN: Are there any additions
5 or corrections to the staff report?

6 MR. CORKRAN: Douglas Corkran, Office of
7 Investigations. Thank you, Madam Chairman.

8 We propose that the staff report be revised
9 in accordance with Memorandum INV-CC-019 dated
10 February 23, 2005, and Memorandum INV-CC-022 dated
11 March 1, 2005.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN OKUN: Is there any objection
13 to approval of the staff report as revised?

14 (No response.)

15 VICE CHAIRMAN OKUN: Hearing none, it is
16 approved.

17 Madam Secretary, will you please call the
18 roll?

19 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Koplan?

20 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: I make an affirmative
21 determination. With regard to critical circumstances,
22 I make a negative finding.

23 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Okun?

24 VICE CHAIRMAN OKUN: In this investigation I
25 find two like products, bulk tissue paper and consumer

1 tissue paper.

2 I find in the affirmative with regard to
3 bulk tissue paper, and I find in the negative with
4 respect to consumer tissue paper.

5 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Hillman?

6 COMMISSIONER HILLMAN: I vote in the
7 affirmative. With respect to critical circumstances,
8 I make a negative determination.

9 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Lane?

10 COMMISSIONER LANE: I concur with Chairman
11 Koplan and Commissioner Hillman.

12 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Pearson?

13 COMMISSIONER PEARSON: I concur with Vice
14 Chairman Okun.

15 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Miller?

16 COMMISSIONER MILLER: I also find two like
17 products in this investigation.

18 I make an affirmative determination with
19 respect to bulk tissue paper and a negative
20 determination with respect to consumer tissue paper,
21 and I do not find critical circumstances.

22 MS. ABBOTT: Madam Chairman, the Commission
23 has reached affirmative determinations in this
24 investigation.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN OKUN: Thank you, Madam

1 Secretary, and thank you to the staff who
2 participated.

3 Further information regarding this
4 determination will be in a press release.

5 Commissioners' opinions are currently
6 scheduled to be transmitted to the Department of
7 Commerce on or before March 18, 2005.

8 Is there any other business to come before
9 the Commission?

10 Commissioner Pearson?

11 COMMISSIONER PEARSON: Thank you, Madam Vice
12 Chairman.

13 I just wanted to offer a word of
14 clarification. In the ethics letter that I signed
15 when joining the Commission in October 2003, I agreed
16 not to participate for two years in any investigation
17 in which Cargill, Inc. is a party.

18 In a mid February filing with the
19 Commission, Cargill was listed, along with other
20 firms, as a member of a coalition requesting
21 interested party status in the investigation regarding
22 Live Swine From Canada.

23 A subsequent filing three days later removed
24 Cargill from the list of firms in that coalition. I
25 first learned about this issue on March 2.

1 The Commission's records indicate that
2 Cargill is not now a party to this investigation.
3 Thus, technically there is no barrier to my
4 participation in this case.

5 However, to avoid any appearance of a
6 conflict of interest, I have voluntarily recused
7 myself from further proceedings in this investigation.
8 Thank you.

9 Madam Vice Chairman, if I might offer one
10 more comment?

11 It is my custom to recognize Minnesotans
12 when they come before us. There is in the audience
13 one Donald Buehl from Tyler, Minnesota, who is a hog
14 farmer, but beyond that he is a friend and a
15 fraternity brother whom I have known for more than 30
16 years who also has been a great friend to my father.

17 I welcome him here, and, Don, I regret that
18 I will not be around to hear what you are here for.

19 Thank you very much.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN OKUN: Thank you, Commissioner
21 Pearson.

22 If there is no other business to come before
23 the Commission, this meeting is adjourned.

24 (Whereupon, at 9:35 a.m. the Commission
25 meeting in the above-entitled matter was concluded.)

CERTIFICATION OF TRANSCRIPTION

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