

# UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of: )  
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STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD ) Investigation No.:  
PIPE FITTINGS FROM ITALY, ) 731-TA-865-867  
MALAYSIA, AND THE PHILIPPINES ) (Review)

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(11:00 a.m.)

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

Welcome to Vice Chairman Aranoff who is participating by telephone.

COMMISSIONER ARANOFF: Good morning, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN PEARSON: Yesterday my staff and I had discussed whether I should make any particular recognition of Halloween and I was advised not to on the theory that the unpredictability that comes with me being Chairman is scary enough.

On a more serious note, let me acknowledge Commissioners Hillman and Okun both of whom successfully completed the Marine Corps marathon on Sunday.

(Applause.)

Now let me return to the regular order. I understand that there are no agendas for future meetings or outstanding action jackets to consider. Are there any objections to approval of the minutes of September 14, 18, and 19, 2006 and October 5, 12, 17, and 19, 2006, or ratification list 06-018?

1 (No response.)

2 Hearing none, they are approved.

3 Next we turn to the briefing and vote in  
4 Investigation No. 731-TA-865-867 (Review) Stainless  
5 Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Italy, Malaysia,  
6 and the Philippines.

7 Welcome to Mr. Deyman and the staff who  
8 participated in these investigations. Are there any  
9 questions for the staff? Commissioner Koplan, you  
10 have a question for the staff?

11 COMMISSIONER KOPLAN: I'm not sure, but what  
12 I have in front of me says Brazil, Malaysia, and the  
13 Philippines.

14 CHAIRMAN PEARSON: And what did I say? I  
15 said Italy, Malaysia, and the Philippines.

16 COMMISSIONER KOPLAN: I believe so, Mr.  
17 Chairman.

18 MS. ABBOTT: The Chairman's script is  
19 correct. We apologize, you did not get a revised  
20 copy.

21 COMMISSIONER KOPLAN: This is trick or  
22 treat.

23 MS. ABBOTT: Yes.

24 CHAIRMAN PEARSON: Thank you for raising  
25 that question, Commissioner. It's always useful to

1 try to get things right, even on Halloween. We were  
2 asking whether there are questions for the staff, and  
3 I think the answer to that was no.

4 Are there any additions or corrections to  
5 the staff report?

6 MR. DEYMAN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'm George  
7 Deyman, Office of Investigations. We propose that the  
8 staff report be amended to include the revisions  
9 contained in Office of Investigations Memorandum No.  
10 INV-DD145 of October 19, 2006.

11 I'd also like to take this opportunity to  
12 introduce to you Nathanael Comly, the investigator in  
13 this case, who joined our office earlier this year.  
14 This is his first full Title VII investigation.

15 CHAIRMAN PEARSON: Welcome, Mr. Comly. We  
16 sometimes are more serious than this. Don't think  
17 it's always this way.

18 Is there any objection to approval of the  
19 staff report as revised?

20 (No response.)

21 Hearing none, it is approved. Madame  
22 Secretary, will you please call the roll.

23 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Aranoff.

24 COMMISSIONER ARANOFF: I vote in the  
25 affirmative.

1 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Koplan.

2 COMMISSIONER KOPLAN: I concur.

3 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Okun.

4 COMMISSIONER OKUN: I vote in the  
5 affirmative.

6 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Pearson.

7 CHAIRMAN PEARSON: I vote in the  
8 affirmative.

9 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Lane.

10 COMMISSIONER LANE: I vote in the  
11 affirmative.

12 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Hillman.

13 COMMISSIONER HILLMAN: I vote in the  
14 affirmative.

15 MS. ABBOTT: Mr. Chairman, the commission  
16 has reached affirmative determinations in these  
17 reviews.

18 CHAIRMAN PEARSON: Thank you, Madame  
19 Secretary. Further information regarding this  
20 determination will be in the press release. The  
21 Commissioners' opinions currently are scheduled to be  
22 transmitted to the Department of Commerce on or before  
23 November 14, 2006.

24 Thank you to all the staff who participated  
25 in these investigations. Seeing that there is no



1 other business before the Commission, this meeting is  
2 adjourned.

3 (Whereupon, at 11:06 a.m., the Commission  
4 meeting in the above-entitled matter was concluded.)

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**CERTIFICATION OF TRANSCRIPTION**

**TITLE:** Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe  
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the Philippines

**INVESTIGATION NOS.:** 731-TA-865-867

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