

# UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of: ) Investigation Nos.:  
BIODIESEL FROM ARGENTINA ) 731-TA-1347 AND 1348  
AND INDONESIA ) (FINAL)  
AND )  
HONEY FROM CHINA ) 731-TA-893 (THIRD REVIEW)

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
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Tuesday, April 3, 2018  
Main Hearing Room  
U.S. International Trade  
Commission  
500 E Street SW  
Washington, DC

The hearing commenced, pursuant to notice at  
11:01 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States  
International Trade Commission, the Honorable Rhonda K.  
Schmidtlein, Chairman, presiding.

1 APPEARANCES:

2 On behalf of the International Trade Commission:

3 Commissioners:

4 Chairman Rhonda K. Schmidtlein (presiding)

5 Vice Chairman David S. Johanson

6 Commissioner Irving A. Williamson

7 Commissioner Meredith M. Broadbent (via telephone)

8 Commissioner Jason E. Kearns

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10 William R. Bishop, Supervisory Hearings and Information

11 Officer

12 Tyrell Burch, Program Support Specialist

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14 Staff

15 Phillip Stone, International Trade Analyst

16 Charles Yost, Accountant/Auditor

17 Roop Bhatti, Attorney/Advisor

18 Elizabeth Haines, Supervisory Investigator

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20 Julie Duffy, Investigator

21 Marin Weaver, International Industry Analyst

22 Henry Smith, Attorney/Advisor

23 Keysha Martinez, Supervisory Investigator

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (11:01 a.m.)

3 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Good morning. This  
4 meeting of the U.S. International Trade Commission will now  
5 come to order. Good morning, Commissioner -- to  
6 Commissioner Broadbent, who is participating by telephone.

7 COMMISSIONER BROADBENT: Good morning.

8 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Before we turn to the  
9 agenda, I would like to welcome Commission Jason Kearns,  
10 who was sworn in yesterday as the 87th Commissioner of the  
11 USITC. Since this is literally his first day on the job,  
12 Commissioner Kearns will not be participating in today's  
13 votes. But since it is his first time on the dais, I  
14 wanted to say welcome on behalf of everyone here at the  
15 agency.

16 Commissioner Kearns comes to us after having  
17 spent many years on the Hill and also at USTR. And so we  
18 are very much looking forward to your contributions for  
19 many years to come. So welcome.

20 Would you like to say --

21 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON: Yeah, okay, I just  
22 also wanted to join the Chairman in welcoming you, and very  
23 excited to have you here, and wish you a very successful  
24 career at the Commission. Thank you.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Well, I will also add

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1 welcome, Jason. I think you'll enjoy it here. It's a very  
2 good decision of you to join this body. I think you'll  
3 enjoy it and I look forward to working with you.

4 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Okay, I understand that  
5 there are no agendas for future meetings or outstanding  
6 action jackets to consider. Is there objection to approval  
7 of the minutes of March 6th, 9th, 13th, 15th, 20th, 23rd,  
8 and 29, 2018 or ratification list 18-004? Hearing none,  
9 they are approved.

10 Next, we turn to the vote in the final phase of  
11 investigation number 731-TA-1347 and 1348 concerning  
12 imports of biodiesel from Argentina and Indonesia.  
13 Welcome to Ms. Haines and the staff who participated in  
14 these investigations. Are there any questions for the  
15 staff? Are there any additions or corrections to the staff  
16 report?

17 MS. HAINES: Elizabeth Haines, no additions or  
18 revisions.

19 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Okay. Is there any  
20 objection to approval of the staff report? Hearing none,  
21 it is approved.

22 Mr. Secretary, will you please call the roll.

23 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Schmidtlein?

24 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN: I vote in the  
25 affirmative.

1 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Kearns?

2 COMMISSIONER KEARNS: Not participating.

3 Commissioner Johanson?

4 COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote in the  
5 affirmative.

6 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Broadbent?

7 COMMISSIONER BROADBENT: I vote in the  
8 affirmative.

9 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Williamson?

10 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON: I vote in the  
11 affirmative.

12 MR. BISHOP: Madam Chairman, the Commission has  
13 reached affirmative determinations.

14 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.  
15 Further information regarding these determinations will be  
16 in the press release. Views of the Commission currently  
17 are scheduled to be completed and filed on April 16th,  
18 2018. Thank you again to all the staff who participated in  
19 these investigations. We will now pause for a moment while  
20 we change staff for the next vote.

21 (Pause).

22 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Next, we turn to the vote  
23 in the third review of investigation number 731-TA-893  
24 concerning imports of honey from China. Welcome to Ms.  
25 Martinez and the staff who participated in this review.

1 Are there any questions for the staff? Are there any  
2 additions or corrections to the staff report?

3 MS. MARTINEZ: Keysha Martinez. Thank you,  
4 Chairman Schmidtlein. Staff has no revisions to the staff  
5 report, however, it is my privilege to introduce Ms. Julie  
6 Duffy, who is completing her first Title VII case.

7 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Very well. Welcome, Ms.  
8 Duffy.

9 Is there any objection to approval of the staff  
10 report? Hearing none, it is approved.

11 Mr. Secretary, will you please call the roll.

12 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Johanson?

13 COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote in the  
14 affirmative.

15 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Broadbent?

16 COMMISSIONER BROADBENT: I vote in the  
17 affirmative.

18 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Schmidtlein?

19 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN: I vote in the  
20 affirmative.

21 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Williamson?

22 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON: I vote in the  
23 affirmative.

24 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Kearns?

25 COMMISSIONER KEARNS: Not participating.

1 Madam Chairman, the Commission has reached an affirmative  
2 determination.

3 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.  
4 Further information regarding this determination will be in  
5 the press release. Views of the Commission currently are  
6 scheduled to be completed and filed by April 16th, 2018.

7 Thank you again to all the staff who  
8 participated in this review. Seeing that there is no other  
9 business before the Commission, this meeting is adjourned.

10 (Whereupon at 11:06 a.m., the commission vote  
11 was adjourned.)

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