

# UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

**In the Matter of:**  
**RUBBER BANDS FROM THAILAND**  
**AND**  
**UTILITY SCALE WIND TOWERS FROM**  
**CHINA AND VIETNAM**

**) Investigation Nos.:**  
**) 731-TA-1410 (FINAL)**  
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**) 701-TA-486 AND 731-TA-1195-1196**  
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13 Main Hearing Room (Room 101)

14 U.S. International

15 Trade Commission

16 500 E Street, S.W.

17 Washington, D.C.

18 The meeting, commenced, pursuant to notice, at

19 11:00 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States

20 International Trade Commission, Chairman David S. Johanson,

21 presiding.

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

2 (11:02 a.m.)

3 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Good morning. This meeting of  
4 the U.S. International Trade Commission will now come to  
5 order. Welcome to Commissioners Schmidtlein and Broadbent  
6 who are participating by telephone.

7 COMMISSIONER BROADBENT: Good morning.

8 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN: Good morning.

9 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: I understand that there are  
10 no agendas for future meetings, minutes, ratification lists  
11 or outstanding action jackets to consider.

12 Next we turn to the vote on the Final phase of  
13 Investigation Number 731-TA-1410 concerning imports of  
14 Rubber Bands from Thailand.

15 Welcome to Ms. Haines and the staff who  
16 participated in this investigation. Are there any questions  
17 for the staff?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Are there any additions or  
20 corrections to the staff report?

21 MS. HAINES: Elizabeth Haines, no additions or  
22 revisions to the staff report.

23 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Is there any objection to  
24 approval of the staff report?

25 (No response.)

1                   CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Hearing none, it is approved.

2           Mr. Secretary, will you please call the roll?

3                   MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Williamson?

4                   COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON: I vote in the  
5           affirmative.

6                   MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Schmidtlein?

7                   COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN: I vote in the  
8           affirmative.

9                   MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Broadbent?

10                  COMMISSIONER BROADBENT: I vote in the  
11           affirmative.

12                  MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Johanson?

13                  COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote in the  
14           affirmative.

15                  MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Kearns?

16                  COMMISSIONER KEARNS: I vote in the affirmative.

17                  MR. BISHOP: Mr. Chairman, the Commission has  
18           reached an affirmative determination.

19                  CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Thank you Mr. Secretary.

20           Further information concerning this determination will be in  
21           the press release. Views of the Commission are currently  
22           scheduled to be completed and filed by April 22, 2019.

23                  Thank you to all the staff who participated in  
24           this investigation. We will now pause for a moment while we  
25           change staff for the next vote.

1 (Pause.)

2 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Next we turn to the vote on  
3 the Review of Investigation Numbers 701-TA-486 and  
4 731-TA-1195 and 1196, concerning imports of Utility Scale  
5 Wind Towers from China and Vietnam.

6 Welcome to Mr. Thomsen and the staff who  
7 participated in these investigations. Are there any  
8 questions for the staff?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Are there any additions or  
11 corrections to the staff report?

12 MR. THOMSEN: Craig Thomsen, Office of  
13 Investigations, staff have no corrections or additions to  
14 the staff report.

15 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Is there any objection to  
16 approval of the staff report?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Hearing none, it is approved.  
19 Mr. Secretary, will you please call the roll?

20 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Broadbent is not  
21 participating.

22 Commissioner Johanson?

23 COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote in the affirmative  
24 with respect to China. And in the negative with respect to  
25 Vietnam.

1 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Kearns?

2 COMMISSIONER KEARNS: I vote in the affirmative.

3 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Schmidtlein?

4 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN: I vote in the  
5 affirmative.

6 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Williamson?

7 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON: I vote in the  
8 affirmative.

9 MR. BISHOP: Mr. Chairman, the Commission has  
10 reached affirmative determinations.

11 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Thank you Mr. Secretary.  
12 Further information concerning these determinations will be  
13 in the press release. Views of the Commission are currently  
14 scheduled to be completed and filed by April 29, 2019. Thank  
15 you to all of the staff who participated in these  
16 investigations. Seeing that there is no other business  
17 before the Commission, this meeting is adjourned.

18 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 11:06  
19 a.m.)  
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