

# UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

In the Matter of: ) Investigation Nos.:  
FORGED STEEL FITTINGS FROM ) 701-TA-631 AND 731-TA-1463-1464  
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Friday, December 6, 2019

Main Hearing Room (Room 101)

U.S. International Trade

Commission

500 E Street, SW

Washington, DC

The meeting commenced pursuant to notice at 11:01  
a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States  
International Trade Commission, the Honorable David S.  
Johanson, Chairman, presiding.

1 APPEARANCES:

2 On behalf of the International Trade Commission:

3 Commissioners:

4 Chairman David S. Johanson (presiding)

5 Commissioner Rhonda K. Schmidtlein

6 Commissioner Jason E. Kearns

7 Commissioner Randolph J. Stayin

8 Commissioner Amy A. Karpel

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11 Tyrell T. Burch, Management Analyst

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13 Staff:

14 Christopher Watson, Investigator

15 Mark Brininstool, International Trade Analyst

16 Alexander Melton, International Trade Analyst

17 Amelia Preece, International Economist

18 Emily Kim, Accountant/Auditor

19 Carolyn Holmes, Statistician

20 David Goldfine, Attorney/Advisor

21 Douglas Corkran, Supervisory Investigator

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

2 (11:01 a.m.)

3 MR. BURCH: Will the room please come to order.

4 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Good morning. This meeting  
5 of the U.S. International Trade Commission will now come to  
6 order. I understand that there are no agendas for future  
7 meetings or Outstanding Action Jackets to consider.

8 Is there any objection to approval of the minutes  
9 of November 8th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 19th, 20th, 21st, and  
10 22nd, 2019 or Ratification List 19-012?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Hearing none, they are  
13 approved.

14 Next we turn to the vote on the Preliminary Phase  
15 of Investigation Numbers 701-TA-631 and 731-TA-1463 and 1464  
16 Concerning the Imports of Forged Steel Fittings from India  
17 and Korea.

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19 Welcome to Mr. Corkran and the staff who  
20 participated in these investigations. Are there any  
21 questions for the staff?

22 (No response.)

23 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Are there any additions or  
24 corrections to the staff report?

25 MR. CORKRAN: Douglas Corkran, Office of

1 Investigations. Mr. Chairman, staff has no additions or  
2 corrections to the staff report.

3           However, I would like to introduce Mr. Alex  
4 Melton who is completing his first case as an industry  
5 analyst with the Commission.

6           I also would like to note that these  
7 investigations represent the final case for one of our team  
8 members. The Commission recognized Carolyn Holmes earlier  
9 this month, both for the length of her service, 45 year, and  
10 the quality of her service to the agency.

11           As Carolyn wraps up her final case, I would  
12 simply like to recognize her for the wonderful teammate and  
13 colleague she has been and for the many professional lives  
14 she has touched over the course of her career. When you  
15 speak about Carolyn, you consistently hear about the traits  
16 that endear her to her colleagues. These include words  
17 like: welcoming, enthusiastic, likeable, loyal, dependable,  
18 organized, nice, encouraging.

19           How we are remembered by those with whom we work  
20 ultimately is our most lasting professional legacy. So I  
21 would just like to say:

22           Thank you, Carolyn, for all you do and for all  
23 you have done, and best wishes for life after the  
24 Commission. Thank you, very much.

25           CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Thank you, Carolyn, for your

1 many years of service here. We really appreciate it when  
2 good employees stick around and contribute to the agency,  
3 and your presence has been very welcome here. So  
4 congratulations on your next steps in life.

5 And, Mr. Melton, welcome to the ITC. I hope you  
6 enjoy it. I assume you will. Hopefully you will stick  
7 around for five decades, as well.

8 (Laughter.)

9 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: I won't. I will be well  
10 gone, unfortunately.

11 Is there any objection to approval of the staff  
12 report?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Hearing none, it is approved.  
15 Mr. Secretary, will you please call the roll.

16 MR. BURCH: Commissioner Schmidtlein.

17 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN: I vote in the  
18 affirmative.

19 MR. BURCH: Commissioner Johanson.

20 COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote in the  
21 affirmative.

22 MR. BURCH: Commissioner Stayin is not  
23 participating. Commissioner Karpel.

24 COMMISSIONER KARPEL: I vote in the affirmative.

25 MR. BURCH: Commissioner Kearns.

1                   COMMISSIONER KEARNS: I vote in the affirmative.

2                   MR. BURCH: Mr. Chairman, the Commission has  
3 reached affirmative determinations.

4                   CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.  
5 Further information concerning these determinations will be  
6 in the press release. Views of the Commission are currently  
7 scheduled to be completed and filed on December 16th, 2019.

8                   Thank you to all staff, and in particular  
9 Carolyn, for participating in these hearings. Seeing no  
10 other business before the Commission, this meeting is  
11 adjourned.

12                   (Whereupon, at 11:04 a.m., Friday, December 6,  
13 2019, the meeting of the Commissioners of the U.S.  
14 International Trade Commission in the above-entitled matter  
15 was adjourned.)

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