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Room 101  
 U.S. International  
 Trade Commission  
 500 E Street, S.W.  
 Washington, D.C.

The Commission meeting commenced, pursuant to notice, at 11:00 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States International Trade Commission, the Honorable STEPHEN KOPLAN, Chairman, presiding.

## APPEARANCES:

On behalf of the International Trade Commission:Commissioners:

STEPHEN KOPLAN, CHAIRMAN (presiding)  
 DEANNA TANNER OKUN, VICE CHAIRMAN  
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 ASSISTANT

APPEARANCES: (Cont'd.)

Staff:

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JONATHAN ENGLER, ATTORNEY  
DOUGLAS CORKRAN, SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATOR

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| Meeting called to order  | 4    |
| Agenda for Future Meeting: none  | 4    |
| Minutes: December 7, 2005  | 4    |
| Ratification List: 05-027  | 4    |
| Outstanding Action Jackets: none   | 4    |
| Inv. Nos. 731-TA-1099-1101 (Preliminary)<br>(Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod from<br>China, Germany, and Turkey) - briefing and vote | 4    |

P R O C E E D I N G S

(11:00 a.m.)

MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Lane and  
Commissioner Pearson, can you hear me?

COMMISSIONER LANE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER PEARSON: Yes. Good morning.

MS. ABBOTT: Good morning.

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

I understand there is no agenda for future  
meetings.

Are there any objections to approval of the  
minutes of December 7, 2005 or Ratification List  
05-027?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Hearing none, they are  
approved.

Good morning to Commissioners Lane and  
Pearson, who I understand are voting by telephone  
today.

COMMISSIONER LANE: Good morning.

COMMISSIONER PEARSON: Good morning, Mr.  
Chairman.

CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: We will now turn to the

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1 briefing and vote in Investigation Nos. 731-TA-1099-  
2 1101 (Preliminary) (Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire  
3 Rod from China, Germany, and Turkey).

4 Good morning, Mr. Corkran.

5 MR. CORKRAN: Good morning, Mr. Chairman.

6 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Are there any questions  
7 for the staff?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Are there any additions or  
10 corrections to the staff report?

11 MR. CORKRAN: Douglas Corkran, Office of  
12 Investigations. Thank you, Chairman Koplan. Staff  
13 proposes that the staff report on the subject  
14 investigations be revised in accordance with  
15 Memorandum Inv. CC-220, dated December 22, 2005.

16 Staff has no further revisions, but I would  
17 like to take this opportunity to introduce to the  
18 Commission Jonathan Engler, who has very ably served  
19 as one of the attorneys on our investigative team.

20 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Thank you, Mr. Corkran.

21 Welcome, Mr. Engler. We appreciate your  
22 contribution to this investigation, and I'm sure we'll  
23 be seeing much more of you.

24 Are there any objections to approval of the  
25 staff report as revised?

1 (No response.)

2 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Hearing none, it is  
3 approved.

4 Madame Secretary, will you please call the  
5 roll?

6 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Koplan.

7 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: I vote in the negative.

8 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Lane.

9 COMMISSIONER LANE: I vote in the negative.

10 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Hillman.

11 COMMISSIONER HILLMAN: I vote in the  
12 negative.

13 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Aranoff.

14 COMMISSIONER ARANOFF: I vote in the  
15 negative.

16 MS. ABBOTT: Commission Okun.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN OKUN: I vote in the negative.

18 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Pearson.

19 COMMISSIONER PEARSON: I vote in the  
20 negative.

21 MS. ABBOTT: Mr. Chairman, the Commission  
22 has reached negative determinations in these  
23 investigations.

24 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Thank you, Madame  
25 Secretary.

1                   Further information regarding this  
2                   determination will be in the press release.  
3                   Commissioners' opinions are currently scheduled to be  
4                   transmitted to the Department of Commerce on or before  
5                   January 4, 2006.

6                   I want to thank the staff for their  
7                   assistance in this investigation.

8                   I understand there is no other business  
9                   before the Commission. This meeting is adjourned.

10                   (Whereupon, at 11:02 a.m., the Commission  
11                   meeting was adjourned.)

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**CERTIFICATION OF TRANSCRIPTION**

**TITLE:** (Preliminary) (Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod from China, Germany, and Turkey)

**INVESTIGATION NOS.:** 731-TA-1099-1101

**HEARING DATE:** December 23, 2005

**LOCATION:** Washington, D.C.

**NATURE OF HEARING:** Commission meeting

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**DATE:** December 23, 2005

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