

UNITED STATES  
INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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FROM INDIA AND TAIWAN )

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Room 101  
 U.S. International  
 Trade Commission  
 500 E Street, SW  
 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:

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 DEANNA TANNER OKUN, VICE CHAIRMAN  
 JENNIFER A. HILLMAN, COMMISSIONER  
 CHARLOTTE R. LANE, COMMISSIONER  
 DANIEL R. PEARSON, COMMISSIONER  
 SHARA L. ARANOFF, COMMISSIONER

## APPEARANCES (continued):

Staff:

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Inv. No. 731-TA-1098 (Preliminary) (Liquid Sulfur  
Dioxide from Canada)

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PHILIP STONE, INDUSTRY ANALYST  
STEVEN TROST, ECONOMIST  
JOHN ASCIENZO, ACCOUNTANT  
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DAVID FISHBERG, ATTORNEY  
DOUGLAS CORKRAN, SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATOR

Inv. Nos. 731-TA-639 and 640 (Second  
Review) (Forged Stainless Steel Flanges from India  
and Taiwan)

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GRACEMARY ROTH-ROFFY, ATTORNEY  
DOUGLAS CORKRAN, SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATOR

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(10:00 a.m.)

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 November 30 and December 1 and 5, 2005, or Ratification List 05-026?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Hearing none, they are approved.

We will now turn to the briefing and vote in Investigation No. 731-TA-1098 (Preliminary) Liquid Sulfur Dioxide from Canada. Good morning, Mr. Corkran.

MR. CORKRAN: Good morning, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Are there any questions for the staff?

(No response.)

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

MR. CORKRAN: Douglas Corkran, Office of Investigations. Thank you, Chairman Koplan. The staff proposes that the staff report on the subject

1 investigation be revised in accordance with Memorandum  
2 INV-CC-203, dated December 1, 2005. There was an  
3 additional supplemental memo issued, No. INV-CC-206,  
4 but that was not a revision to the staff report.

5 I would also like to take the opportunity to  
6 introduce three new members of our investigative team  
7 who are all working on their first case here at the  
8 Commission. Behind me are Philip Stone, who is our  
9 industry analyst; Steven Trost, who is our economist;  
10 David Fishberg, who is one of our two attorneys  
11 serving on this case; and an honorable mention:  
12 Russell Duncan is a newish investigator but has  
13 actually worked on four import injury investigations.  
14 Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: We welcome each one of  
16 you. We're glad to have you with us and appreciate  
17 your assistance in the investigation we're about to  
18 vote on. Welcome to the Commission. Thank you for  
19 that, Mr. Corkran.

20 Are there any objections to approval of the  
21 staff report, as revised?

22 (No response.)

23 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Hearing none, it is  
24 approved.

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1 Madam Secretary, will you please call the  
2 roll?

3 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Lane?

4 COMMISSIONER LANE: I vote in the negative.

5 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Pearson?

6 COMMISSIONER PEARSON: I vote in the  
7 negative.

8 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Okun?

9 VICE CHAIRMAN OKUN: 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: Commissioner Koplan?

17 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: I vote in the affirmative.

18 MS. ABBOTT: Mr. Chairman, the Commission  
19 has reached a negative determination in this  
20 investigation.

21 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Thank you, Madam  
22 Secretary.

23 Further information regarding this  
24 determination will be in the press release. The  
25 Commissioners' opinions are currently scheduled to be

1 transmitted to the Department of Commerce on or before  
2 December 15, 2005.

3 I want to thank all of the staff who have  
4 assisted us in this investigation. We will now take a  
5 moment to change staff for our next vote.

6 (Pause.)

7 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: I see you've got them both  
8 this morning, Mr. Corkran.

9 (Pause.)

10 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: I see we're ready. We can  
11 proceed. We will now turn to the briefing and vote in  
12 Investigation Nos. 731-TA-639 and 640 (Second Review)  
13 Forged Stainless Steel Flanges from India and Taiwan.

14 Welcome back, Mr. Corkran. I see you never  
15 left the table. Are there any questions for the  
16 staff?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Are there any additions or  
19 corrections to the staff report?

20 MR. CORKRAN: Douglas Corkran, Office of  
21 Investigations. Thank you, Chairman Koplan. The  
22 staff has no revisions to the staff report.

23 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Are there any objections  
24 to approval of the staff report?

25 (No response.)



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

3 Madam Secretary, will you please call the  
4 roll?

5 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Koplan?

6 CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: I vote in the affirmative.

7 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Aranoff?

8 COMMISSIONER ARANOFF: I vote in the  
9 affirmative.

10 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Okun?

11 VICE CHAIRMAN OKUN: I vote in the  
12 affirmative.

13 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Lane?

14 COMMISSIONER LANE: I vote in the  
15 affirmative.

16 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Hillman?

17 COMMISSIONER HILLMAN: I vote in the  
18 affirmative.

19 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Pearson?

20 COMMISSIONER PEARSON: I vote in the  
21 negative with respect to Taiwan and in the affirmative  
22 with respect to India.

23 MS. ABBOTT: Mr. Chairman, the Commission  
24 has reached affirmative determinations in these  
25 reviews.

1                   CHAIRMAN KOPLAN: Thank you, Madam  
2 Secretary.

3                   Further information regarding this  
4 determination will be in the press release. The  
5 Commissioners' opinions are currently scheduled to be  
6 transmitted to the Department of Commerce on or before  
7 December 16, 2005.

8                   Thank you again to the staff who assisted us  
9 in these investigations.

10                  I understand there is no other business  
11 before the Commission. Therefore, this meeting is  
12 adjourned.

13                  (Whereupon, at 11:05 a.m., the Commission  
14 meeting was adjourned.)

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