

# UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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8 U.S. International

9 Trade Commission

10 500 E Street, S.W.

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12 The meeting, commenced, pursuant to notice, at  
13 11:00 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States  
14 International Trade Commission, the Honorable Chairman  
15 Rhonda K. Schmidtlein, presiding.

16 APPEARANCES:

17 On behalf of the International Trade Commission:

18 Commissioners:

19 RHONDA K. SCHMIDTLEIN, COMMISSIONER

20 DAVID S. JOHANSON, VICE CHAIRMAN

21 IRVING A. WILLIAMSON, CHAIRMAN

22 MEREDITH M. BROADBENT, COMMISSIONER

23 F. SCOTT KIEFF, COMMISSIONER

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1 APPEARANCES (Continued):

2 Staff:

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4 LAWRENCE JONES, INVESTIGATOR

5 BENJAMIN ALLEN, ATTORNEY/ADVISOR

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8 ANALYST

9 JANET FREAS, ACCOUNTANT/AUDITOR

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12 SPECIALIST

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

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

6 COMMISSIONER BROADBENT: Hello.

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

10 Next we turn to the vote in the Preliminary phase  
11 of Investigation Number 731-TA-1359, concerning imports of  
12 Carton Closing Staples from China. Welcome to Mr. Corkran  
13 and the staff who participated in this investigation.

14 Are there any questions for the staff?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Are there any additions or  
17 corrections to the staff report?

18 MR. CORKRAN: Douglas Corkran, Office of  
19 Investigations, thank you Chairman Schmidtlein. Staff  
20 proposes that the staff report for the subject investigation  
21 be revised in accordance with memorandum, INV-PP-062, dated  
22 May 10th, 2017. Staff has no further revisions, however it  
23 is with distinct pleasure that I introduce Miss Janet Freas,  
24 who has joined our team to provide financial analysis for  
25 this case.

1                   CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Very well, welcome. Is  
2                   there any objection to approval of the staff report as  
3                   revised?

4                   (No response.)

5                   CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Hearing none it is  
6                   approved.

7                   Madam Secretary, will you please call the roll?

8                   MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Schmidtlein?

9                   COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN: I vote in the  
10                  affirmative.

11                  MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Johanson?

12                  COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote in the  
13                  affirmative.

14                  MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Kieff?

15                  COMMISSIONER KIEFF: I vote in the affirmative.

16                  MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Williamson?

17                  COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON: I vote in the  
18                  affirmative.

19                  MS. BELLAMY: Commissioner Broadbent:

20                  COMMISSIONER BROADBENT: I vote in the  
21                  affirmative.

22                  MS. BELLAMY: Madam Chairman, the Commission has  
23                  reached an affirmative determination in this investigation.

24                  CHAIRMAN SCHMIDTLEIN: Thank you, Madam  
25                  Secretary.

1                   Further information regarding these  
2                   determinations will be in the press release. Views of the  
3                   Commission currently are scheduled to be completed and filed  
4                   on May 22nd, 2017.

5                   Thank you to all the staff who participated in  
6                   this investigation.

7                   Seeing that there is no other business before the  
8                   Commission, this hearing is adjourned.

9                   (Whereupon, at 11:01 a.m., the meeting was  
10                  adjourned.)

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