

# UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

In the Matter of: ) Investigation Nos.:  
STEEL RACKS FROM CHINA ) 701-TA-608 AND 731-TA-1420 (PRELIMINARY)  
AND )  
CAST IRON SOIL PIPE FITTINGS ) 701-TA-583 AND 731-TA-1381 (FINAL)  
FROM CHINA )

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The meeting, commenced, pursuant to notice, at  
11:00 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States

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International Trade Commission, Chairman David S. Johanson,

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presiding.

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1 APPEARANCES:

2 On behalf of the International Trade Commission:

3 Commissioners:

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5 IRVING A. WILLIAMSON, COMMISSIONER

6 MEREDITH M. BROADBENT, COMMISSIONER, (via  
7 telephone)

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9 telephone)

10 JASON E. KEARNS, COMMISSIONER

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12 Staff:

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3 INFORMATION OFFICER

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

2 (11:00 a.m.)

3 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Good morning. This meeting  
4 of the U.S. International Trade Commission will now come to  
5 order. Welcome to Commissioner Schmidtlein and  
6 Commissioner Broadbent 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 or outstanding action  
11 jackets to consider.

12 Is there any objection to approval of the  
13 minutes of July 5, 10, 12, 13, 17, 19, 26, and 31, 2018 or  
14 Ratification List, 18-008?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Hearing none they are  
17 approved.

18 Next we turn to the vote on the Preliminary  
19 phase of Investigation Numbers 701-TA-608 and 731-TA-1420  
20 concerning imports of Steel Racks from China.

21 Welcome to Ms. Haines and the staff who  
22 participated in these investigations. Are there any  
23 questions for the staff?

24 (No response.)

25 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Are there any additions or

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1 corrections to the staff report?

2 MS. HAINES: Elizabeth Haines, revisions are  
3 contained in memo INV-QQ-089.

4 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Is there any objection to  
5 approval of the staff report, as revised?

6 (No response.)

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

9 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Broadbent is not  
10 participating.

11 Commissioner Kearns?

12 COMMISSIONER KEARNS: I vote in the affirmative.

13 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Williamson?

14 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON: I vote in the  
15 affirmative.

16 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Schmidtlein?

17 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN: I vote in the  
18 affirmative.

19 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Johanson?

20 COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote in the  
21 affirmative.

22 MR. BISHOP: Mr. Chairman, the Commission has  
23 reached affirmative determinations.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Thank you Mr. Secretary.  
25 Further information concerning these determinations will be

1 in the press release. Views of the Commission are  
2 currently scheduled to be completed and filed on August 13,  
3 2018.

4 Thank you again to all the staff who  
5 participated in these investigations. We will now pause a  
6 moment while we change staff for the next vote.

7 (Pause.)

8 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Next we turn to the vote on  
9 the Final phase of Investigation Numbers 701-TA-583 and  
10 731-TA-1381, concerning imports of Cast Iron Soil Pipe  
11 Fittings from China.

12 Welcome to Mr. Corkran and the staff who  
13 participated in these investigations. Are there any  
14 questions for the staff?

15 (No response.)

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

18 MR. CORKRAN: Douglas Corkran, Office of  
19 Investigations, for Craig Thomsen. Thank you Chairman  
20 Johanson, staff proposes revising the staff report in  
21 accordance with memorandum INV-QQ-086, dated July 25, 2018.  
22 Staff has no further additions or corrections to the staff  
23 report, but it is my pleasure to introduce Ms. Junie  
24 Joseph, who has served as Investigator in this  
25 investigation. Thank you.

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1                   CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Thank you Mr. Corkran and  
2 welcome Ms. Joseph to the ITC. Is there any objection to  
3 approval of the staff report, as revised?

4                   (No response.)

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

7                   MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Williamson?

8                   COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON: I vote in the negative  
9 with respect to Drain Bodies and I vote in the affirmative  
10 with respect to all other Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings.

11                  MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Schmidtlein?

12                  COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN: I vote in the  
13 negative with respect to Drain Bodies and I vote in the  
14 affirmative with respect to all other Cast Iron Soil Pipe  
15 Fittings.

16                  MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Kearns?

17                  COMMISSIONER KEARNS: I vote in the negative  
18 with respect to Drain Bodies and I vote in the affirmative  
19 with respect to all other Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings.

20                  MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Broadbent?

21                  COMMISSIONER BROADBENT: I vote in the negative  
22 with respect to imports of Drain Bodies from China and I  
23 vote in the affirmative with respect to imports of all  
24 other Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings from China.

25                  MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Johanson?



1                   COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I make a negative  
2 determination on the separate domestic-like product of  
3 Drain Bodies and I make an affirmative determination for  
4 all other Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings except Drain Bodies.

5                   MR. BISHOP: Mr. Chairman, the Commission has  
6 found two like products in these investigations, Drain  
7 Bodies and other Cast Iron Soil Pipe Fittings. With  
8 respect to Drain Bodies, the Commission has reached a  
9 negative determination. With respect to all other Cast  
10 Iron Soil Pipe Fittings, the Commission has reached an  
11 affirmative determination.

12                   CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Thank you Mr. Secretary.  
13 Further information concerning these determinations will be  
14 in the press release. Views of the Commission are  
15 currently scheduled to be completed and filed by August 20,  
16 2018.

17                   Seeing that there is no other business before  
18 the Commission, this meeting is adjourned.

19                   (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10  
20 a.m.)

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