UNITED STATES
INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:
4TH TIER CIGARETTES FROM KOREA
AND
FLUID END BLOCKS FROM CHINA,
GERMANY, INDIA, AND ITALY

) Investigation Nos.:
) 731-TA-1465 (PRELIMINARY)
) 701-TA-632-635 AND
) 731-TA-1466-1468 (PRELIMINARY)

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The meeting, commenced, pursuant to notice, at 11:00 p.m., before the Commissioners of the United States International Trade Commission, Chairman David S. Johanson, presiding.
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On behalf of the International Trade Commission:

Commissioners:

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RANDOLPH J. STAYIN, COMMISSIONER
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WILLIAM R. BISHOP, SUPERVISORY HEARINGS AND

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TYRELL BURCH, MANAGEMENT ANALYST
MR. BISHOP: Will the room please come to order.

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

I understand that there are no agendas for future meetings, minutes, ratification lists or Outstanding Action Jackets to consider.

Next we turn to the vote on the Preliminary phase of Investigation No. 731-TA-1465 concerning imports of 4th Tier Cigarettes from Korea.

Welcome to Ms. Haines and the staff who participated in this investigation.

Are there any questions for the staff?

(No response.)

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

MS. HAINES: Elizabeth Haines, there are no revisions or additions to the staff report.

CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Is there any objection to approval of the staff report?

(No response.)

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

MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Schmidtlein?

COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN: I vote in the affirmative.

MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Johanson?

COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote in the affirmative.

MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Kearns?

COMMISSIONER KEARNS: I vote in the affirmative.

MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Karpel.

COMMISSIONER KARPEL: I vote in the affirmative.

MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Stayin?

COMMISSIONER STAYIN: I vote in the affirmative.

MR. BISHOP: Mr. Chairman, the Commission has reached an affirmative determination.

CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Further information concerning this determination will be in the press release. Views of the Commission are currently scheduled to be completed and filed on February 10, 2020. Thank you to all staff who participated in this investigation. We will now pause for a moment while we change staff for the next vote.

(Pause.)

CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Next we turn to the vote on the Preliminary phase of Investigation Nos. 701-TA-632-635
and 731-TA-1466-1468 concerning imports of Fluid End Blocks from China, Germany, India, and Italy.

Welcome to Mr. Corkran and the staff who participated in these investigations.

Are there any questions for the staff?

(No response.)

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

MR. CORKRAN: Douglas Corkran, Office of Investigations. Thank you Mr. Chairman, staff proposes revising the staff report in accordance with memorandum INV-SS-008, dated January 30, 2020. Staff has no further additions or corrections. But it is my pleasure to introduce Mr. Edward Logsdail, who is completing his first investigation as a Statistician.

CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Welcome Mr. Logsdail to the Commission. Is there any objection to approval of the staff report, as revised?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Hearing none, it is approved.

Mr. Secretary, will you please call the roll?

MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Kearns?

COMMISSIONER KEARNS: I vote in the affirmative.

MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Schmidtlein?
COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN:  I vote in the affirmative.

MR. BISHOP:  Commissioner Stayin?

COMMISSIONER STAYIN:  I vote in the affirmative.

MR. BISHOP:  Commissioner Johanson?

COMMISSIONER JOHANSON:  I vote in the affirmative.

MR. BISHOP:  COMMISSIONER KARPEL?

COMMISSIONER KARPEL:  I vote in the affirmative.

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

CHAIRMAN JOHANSON:  Thank you, Mr. Secretary.  Further information concerning these determinations will be in the press release.  Views of the Commission are currently scheduled to be completed and filed on February 10, 2020.  Thank you to all staff who participated in these investigations.  Seeing no other business before the Commission, this meeting is adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 11:05 a.m., Friday, January 31, 2020, the meeting of the Commissioners of the United States International Trade Commission was adjourned.)
CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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