

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:
ACETONE FROM BELGIUM, KOREA, SAUDI ARBIA,
SINGAPORE, SOUTH AFRICA, AND SPAIN

) Investigation Nos.:
) 731-TA-1435-1440
) (PRELIMINARY)

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Main Hearing Room (Room 101)
U.S. International Trade
Commission
500 E Street, SW
Washington, DC
Thursday, April 4, 2019

The meeting commenced pursuant to notice at 9:30
a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States
International Trade Commission, the Honorable David S.
Johanson, Chairman, presiding.

1 APPEARANCES:

2 On behalf of the International Trade Commission:

3 Commissioners:

4 Chairman David S. Johanson (presiding)

5 Commissioner Irving A. Williamson

6 Commissioner Meredith M. Broadbent

7 Commissioner Rhonda K. Schmidlein (via telephone)

8 Commissioner Jason E. Kearns

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21 Michael Haldenstein, Attorney/Advisor

22 Craig Thomsen, Supervisory Investigator

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(9:30 a.m.)

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3 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Good morning. This meeting
4 of the U.S. International Trade Commission will now come to
5 order. I understand that there are no agendas for future
6 meetings, minutes, Ratification Lists, or Outstanding Action
7 Jackets to consider.

8 Next we turn to the vote on the Preliminary Phase
9 of Investigation Numbers 731-TA-1435 to 1440 concerning
10 Imports of Acetone from Belgium, Korea, Saudi Arabia,
11 Singapore, South Africa, and Spain.

12 Welcome to Mr. Thomsen and the staff who
13 participated in these investigations.

14 Are there any questions for the staff?

15 (No response.)

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

18 MR. THOMSEN: Craig Thomsen, Office of
19 Investigations. Thank you, Chairman Johanson, and good
20 morning.

21 Staff proposes that the Preliminary Staff Report
22 for these investigations be revised in accordance with
23 Memorandum INV-RR-23 dated April 3rd, 2019.

24 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Is there any objection to
25 approval of the Staff Report as revised?

1 (No response.)

2 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Hearing none, it is approved.

3 Mr. Secretary, will you please call the roll.

4 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Williamson.

5 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMSON: I vote to terminate the
6 investigation of subject imports of acetone from Saudi
7 Arabia. I vote in the affirmative as to all other
8 investigations.

9 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Schmidtlein.

10 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDTLEIN (Via Phone): I vote to
11 terminate the investigation with regard to Saudi Arabia, and
12 I vote in the affirmative with regard to all other
13 countries.

14 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Broadbent.

15 COMMISSIONER BROADBENT: I vote to terminate the
16 investigation on imports of acetone from Saudi Arabia. I
17 vote affirmative with respect to the investigations on
18 imports of acetone from Belgium, Korea, Singapore, South
19 Africa, and Spain.

20 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Johanson.

21 COMMISSIONER JOHANSON: I vote to terminate the
22 investigation with respect to Saudi Arabia. I vote in the
23 affirmative with respect to Belgium, Korea, Singapore, South
24 Africa, and Spain.

25 MR. BISHOP: Commissioner Kearns.

1 COMMISSIONER KEARNS: I concur with my
2 colleagues.

3 MR. BISHOP: Mr. Chairman, the Commission has
4 determined to terminate the investigation concerning Saudi
5 Arabia. The Commission has reached affirmative
6 determinations with respect to Belgium, Korea, Singapore,
7 South Africa, and Spain.

8 CHAIRMAN JOHANSON: Thank you, Mr. Secretary.
9 Further information concerning these determinations will be
10 in the press release. Views of the Commission are currently
11 scheduled to be completed and filed on April 12th, 2019.

12 Thank you to all staff who participated in these
13 investigations.

14 Seeing that there is no other business before the
15 Commission, this meeting is adjourned.

16 (Whereupon, at 9:35 a.m., Thursday, April 4,
17 2019, the meeting of the Commissioners of the United States
18 International Trade Commission was adjourned.)

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