

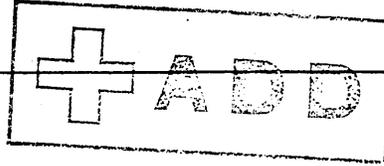
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UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE  
COMMISSION INVESTIGATIONS

Slide Fasteners

The following communication has been received from the United States mission.

My authorities have asked me to inform you that the United States International Trade Commission on 18 February concluded its investigation of charges by the United States slide fastener (zippers) industry of serious injury from imports by a 3 to 3 vote.

Commissioners George M. Moore, Joseph O. Parker, and Italo H. Ablondi voted in the affirmative and recommended that adjustment assistance be provided as the remedy for serious injury being sustained by the slide fastener industry. Commissioners Will E. Leonard, Daniel Minchew, and Catherine Bedell found that the industry is not suffering serious injury as a result of increased imports. Under the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, when the Commission's vote is split as in this decision, the President may consider either position as the official finding of the Commission.

The slide fastener industry was responsible for an average of slightly more than 7,000 jobs in the United States during the first nine months of 1975. Employment within the industry has been on the decline since 1972, when more than 9,000 workers were employed. Slide fasteners are manufactured primarily in the New York City area and in the southeastern United States in North and South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia.

Japan accounts for 85 to 90 per cent of imports of slide fasteners into the United States, with varying amounts also entering from West Germany, Switzerland, France and Italy. Imports into the United States in 1974 totalled 146.6 million units, valued at about \$23.8 million.

Executive agencies will analyze, report and formulate a recommendation to the President. The President may accept, modify or reject the proposal for the provision of adjustment assistance.

The President has sixty days from 18 February in which to accept the findings of either group of Commissioners as the findings of the International Trade Commission.

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