



UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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Quartz Surface Products Investigation No. TA-201-79 (Remedy Phase)

Chair Amy A. Karpel recommends to the President the following actions:

Pursuant to Section 202(e) of the Trade Act of 1974, Chair Karpel recommends that the President take the following actions to address the serious injury that she has found to the domestic industry and to be most effective in facilitating the efforts of the domestic industry to make a positive adjustment to import competition.

Pursuant to Section 202(e)(2)(B) of the Trade Act of 1974, Chair Karpel recommends a tariff-rate quota (TRQ) on all imports of quartz surface products (“QSP”), exclusive of imports from countries with which the United States has entered into a free trade agreement, as detailed below. Specifically, she recommends a tariff-rate quota with an in-quota tariff rate of 25 percent *ad valorem* and an above-quota rate of 40 percent *ad valorem*. Chair Karpel recommends that this tariff-rate quota be implemented for four years. The in-quota volume level for Year 1 of the relief period would be 140,000,000 square feet. The in-quota volume level would be 159,000,000 square feet in Year 2, 164,000,000 square feet in Year 3, and 169,000,000 square feet in Year 4. She also recommends that the in-quota tariff rate decrease by 1 percentage point in each subsequent year of the four-year relief period, *i.e.*, to 24 percent in Year 2, to 23 percent in Year 3, and to 22 percent in Year 4. Chair Karpel further recommends that the above-quota tariff rate decrease by 1 percentage point in each subsequent year during the four-year relief period, *i.e.*, to 39 percent in Year 2, to 38 percent in Year 3, and to 37 percent in Year 4.

Chair Karpel further recommends that the annual tariff-rate quota level be allocated on a quarterly basis, with each quarter allowing for 25 percent of the in-quota volume.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
In-Quota Volume (millions of square feet)	140	159	164	169
In-Quota Tariff Rate (<i>ad valorem</i>)	25	24	23	22
Out-of-Quota Tariff Rate (<i>ad valorem</i>)	40	39	38	37

Having made findings that U.S. imports from Australia, the CAFTA-DR countries, Colombia, Honduras, Israel, Jordan, Panama, Peru, Singapore, South Korea and the beneficiary countries under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act were not a substantial cause of the serious injury experienced by the domestic industry, Chair Karpel recommends to the President that U.S. imports from these countries be excluded from the tariff-rate quota. Having also made negative findings with respect to imports from Canada and Mexico under section 302 of the United States-Mexico-Canada Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, she recommends that the President exclude such imports from the tariff-rate quota.

Chair Karpel further recommends that the President consider policy proposals suggested by the Petitioners to mitigate potential circumvention via non-covered countries.



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Statement of Commissioner Jason E. Kearns on remedy recommendations in the global safeguard investigation *Quartz Surface Products, Inv. No. TA-201-79*

I recommend that for a four-year period the President impose a tariff-rate quota (TRQ) on imports of quartz surface products (QSP) with:

- a) A quota volume built on a base level of 154 million square feet (SF), allocated quarterly, reduced in the first year to address the estimated excess import inventories built up in 2025 and increasing 3 percent each year to account for projected growth in apparent consumption;
- b) An in-quota tariff rate of 25%, reduced by one percentage point each year; and
- c) An out-of-quota tariff rate of 40%, reduced by one percentage point each year.

De-stacking: I recommend “de-stacking” these and any other additional tariffs to prevent multiple additional duties on QSP, in consideration of the downstream impact. This does not apply to AD/CVD tariffs since they serve a different purpose of remedying unfair trade.

Compensation for Downstream QSP Users Based on TRQ Revenue: I recommend that the President submit to Congress a legislative proposal to distribute TRQ revenue generated by this action to downstream users of the article, to the extent necessary to reduce injury to downstream users.

Circumvention: I recommend a robust mechanism to reduce the potential for circumvention of this remedy, building off the strengthened enforcement of anti-dumping/countervailing duty (AD/CVD) orders on imports from certain countries.

International Negotiations: I recommend that President continue broad-based negotiations with trading partners to reduce overcapacity and global imbalances that drive U.S. imports of QSP and other products to levels that injure domestic producers.

Product Exclusion Process: I recommend that the President authorize the establishment of an exclusion process to allow for importation of covered imports without application of the tariff-

rate quota in the case of a demonstrated lack of production in the United States for a particularized QSP product or in the case of a critical short supply of a particularized QSP product from domestic sources.

FTA and Trade Preference Countries: Having made findings that U.S. imports from Australia, the CAFTA-DR countries, Colombia, Honduras, Israel, Jordan, Panama, Peru, Singapore, South Korea and the beneficiary countries under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act were not a substantial cause of the serious injury experienced by the domestic industry, I recommend to the President that U.S. imports from these countries be excluded from the tariff-rate quota. Having also made negative findings with respect to imports from Canada and Mexico under section 302 of the United States-Mexico-Canada Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, I recommend that the President exclude such imports from the tariff-rate quota.

For ease of reference, I provide the following table concerning the TRQ on QSP, which includes both unfabricated and fabricated slabs within the scope:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
In-Quota Tariff Rate	25%	24%	23%	22%
In-Quota Volume Level (SF)	140 million	159 million	164 million	169 million
Out-of-Quota Tariff Rate	40%	39%	38%	37%