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**ASPA Statement on the 2017 Shrimp Sunset Review Vote by the
U.S. International Trade Commission**

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 2, 2017 - Today the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) voted unanimously to support the domestic shrimp industry's request to extend the antidumping orders on shrimp from China, India, Thailand and Vietnam for an additional five years. The USITC voted to remove the orders on Brazil.

"We at the American Shrimp Processors Association (ASPA) are grateful that the U.S. International Trade Commission affirmed evidence of the risk that dumped shrimp imports from these five nations poses to the domestic shrimp industry," said Dr. David Veal, Executive Director of ASPA. "We in the domestic shrimp industry look forward to five additional years of relief from unfair foreign trade practices," Dr. Veal added.

"We are pleased that the USITC validated the data and evidence we presented, which we believe clearly showed the harm that these imports would cause to the domestic industry if the orders were revoked," noted ASPA Gulf Counsel Edward T. Hayes. "We are grateful for the strong support of U.S. Senators, Representatives, and other public offices from North Carolina to Texas for their shrimp processors, harvesters and docks across the region," said Hayes.

"ASPA members really appreciate that seventeen senior public officials supported our efforts at the USITC. They clearly understood that a successful outcome in this case was vital to the survival of the businesses in the American shrimp industry and to the future viability of the communities in which they

live,” said Dr. Veal. “We are especially grateful for the strong support of those who testified in person at the USITC, Representatives Walter Jones (R-NC), Steven Palazzo (R-MS), Garret Graves (R-LA) and Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser (R-LA),” he added.

“ASPA also wants to thank Senators Thad Cochran (R-MS), Richard Shelby (R-AL), Roger Wicker (R-MS), and Bill Cassidy (R-LA) for all their strong support now and over the years on this and a myriad of other issues,” Hayes noted.

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The American Shrimp Processors Association (ASPA), based in Biloxi, Mississippi, was formed in 1964 to represent and promote the interests of the domestic, U.S. wild-caught, warm water shrimp processing industry along the Gulf Coast with members from Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. We are the collective voice of the industry, and our focus is to promote the interests of shrimp processors, other segments of the U.S. domestic wild-caught shrimp industry and the general public.