

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from Italy and Japan,
Inv. Nos. 731-TA-385 and 386 (Second Review)

On March 7, 2005, the Commission unanimously determined that it should proceed to full reviews in the subject five-year reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5).

With regard to each of the reviews, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response to the notice of institution was adequate. The Commission received adequate responses from two producers of granular polytetrafluoroethylene resin, E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co. and AGC Chemicals America, Inc (“AGCCA”). Because the Commission received an adequate response from domestic producers accounting for a substantial percentage of U.S. production, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

In the review concerning subject imports from Japan, the Commission received a joint response from AGCCA, which is also an importer of the subject merchandise, and Asahi Glass Fluoropolymers, Ltd., a Japanese producer and exporter of the subject merchandise. Because the Commission received an adequate response representing a substantial percentage of the production of granular polytetrafluoroethylene resin in Japan, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response for Japan was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from Japan*.

The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested parties in the review concerning subject imports from Italy and therefore determined that the respondent interested party group response was not adequate. However, the Commission determined to conduct a full review concerning subject imports from Italy to promote administrative efficiency in light of its decision to conduct a full review with respect to *Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from Japan*. A record of the Commissioners’ votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and the Commission’s web site (<http://www.usitc.gov>).