

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

in

Certain Cut-to-Length Steel Plate from France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, and Korea,
Inv. Nos. 701-TA-387-391 and 731-TA-816-821 (Review)

On April 8, 2005, the Commission determined that it should proceed to full reviews in the subject five-year reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(3)(B).

With regard to each review, the Commission determined that the domestic producer responses, filed jointly by Nucor Corporation, International Steel Group, Inc., IPSCO Inc., and Oregon Steel Mills, Inc., were individually adequate. Because these four producers account for a significant share of domestic production of cut-to-length steel plate (CTL plate), the Commission further determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate for each review.

In the review concerning subject imports from France, the Commission also received a response to its notice of initiation from the French producer GTS Industries S.A. (GTS). The Commission determined that this response was individually adequate, and that it constituted an adequate respondent interested party group response because GTS accounts for a significant share of the production of CTL plate in France. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Certain Cut-to-Length Steel Plate from France*.

The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested parties in the reviews concerning subject imports from India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, or Korea and, therefore, determined that the respondent interested party group responses for these countries were not adequate. However, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews concerning subject imports from India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, and Korea to promote administrative efficiency in light of its decision to conduct a full review in *Certain Cut-to-Length Steel Plate from France*. Moreover, changes in conditions of competition – such as apparently significant modifications to the composition of the domestic industry – also supported conducting full reviews.

A record of the Commissioners' votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and the Commission's web site (<http://www.usitc.gov>).