

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Japan, Korea, and Taiwan,
Inv. Nos. 731-TA-376, 563, and 564 (Second Review)

On May 9 2005, the Commission unanimously determined that it should proceed to expedited 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 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 four producers of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings, Flowline Division of Markovitz Enterprises, Inc., Gerlin Inc., Shaw Alloy Piping Products, Inc., and Taylor Forge Stainless, Inc. 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.

The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested parties in any of the three reviews concerning imports from Japan, Korea, or Taiwan. It therefore determined that the respondent interested party group responses were inadequate.

In the absence of adequate respondent interested party group responses, and any other circumstances that it deemed warranted proceeding to full reviews, the Commission determined to conduct expedited 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>).