

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Forged Stainless Steel Flanges from India and Taiwan,
Inv. Nos. 731-TA-639 and 640 (Second Review)

On October 4, 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 these 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 domestic producers of forged stainless steel flanges, Gerlin Inc., and Maass Flange Corp. 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 the reviews concerning imports from India and Taiwan. It therefore determined that the respondent interested party group response in each of these reviews was inadequate.

In the absence of adequate respondent interested party group response, and any other circumstances that it deemed warranted proceeding to a full review, the Commission determined to conduct an expedited review. A record of the Commissioners' votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and the Commission's web site (<http://www.usitc.gov>).