

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY
in
Cased Pencils from China, Inv. No. 731-TA-669 (Second Review)

On October 4, 2005, the Commission determined that it should proceed to an expedited review in the subject five-year reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(3) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(3).

The Commission received an adequate joint response to the notice of institution on behalf of five domestic producers: General Pencil Co., Inc.; Musgrave Pencil Co.; Rose Moon, Inc.; Sanford, L.P.; and Tennessee Pencil Co. 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 party concerning subject imports from China and therefore determined that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate. In the absence of an adequate respondent interested party group response, or other circumstances warranting 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>).