

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

in

Certain Carbon Steel Products from Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom, Inv. Nos. AA1921-197 (Second Review), 701-TA-319, 320, 325-328, 348 and 350 (Second Review), 731-TA-573, 574, 576, 578, 582-587, 612, and 614-618 (Second Review)

On February 6, 2006, the Commission 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 (19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5)). The Commission, in consultation with the Department of Commerce, grouped these reviews because they involve similar domestic like products.¹

Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products from Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, and Korea, Inv. Nos. 701-TA-348, 350, 731-TA-612, 614-618 (Second Review)

With respect to the reviews on corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products (“corrosion-resistant steel”), the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response to its notice of institution was adequate. The Commission received a consolidated response from four domestic producers of corrosion-resistant steel.² The Commission found the individual response of each of the four domestic corrosion-resistant steel producers, which contained company-specific data, adequate.

The Commission found that the respondent interested party group responses were adequate with respect to the orders on corrosion-resistant steel from Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, and Korea because respondents from each of these countries accounted for a significant share of the production of subject merchandise in their respective countries.

The Commission received an adequate individual response from BlueScope Steel, an Australian producer and exporter of subject merchandise. It also received separate adequate individual responses from Dofasco Inc. and Sorevco Inc., and Stelco Inc., Canadian producers and exporters of subject merchandise. With respect to the reviews of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on corrosion-resistant steel from France, the Commission received an adequate joint response from Duferco Coating SA and Sorral SA, French producers and exporters of subject merchandise, and Duferco Steel, Inc., a U.S. importer of subject merchandise, and adequate responses from French producers Sollac Atlantique and Sollac Lorraine, and exporter Arcelor FCS Commercial, as well as from Arcelor International America, LLC, an importer of French subject merchandise. The Commission also received an adequate joint response regarding the order on corrosion-resistant steel from Germany from Salzgitter Flachstahl and ThyssenKrupp Steel AG, producers of the subject merchandise in Germany, and ThyssenKrupp Steel N.A. Inc., and ThyssenKrupp Materials N.A. Inc., U.S. importers of subject merchandise, as well as an adequate joint response from German producers Stahlwerke Bremen and Eko Stahl GmbH and exporter Arcelor FCS Commercial, and an adequate individual response from importer Arcelor International America, LLC. The Commission found adequate a joint response concerning the order on corrosion-resistant steel from Japan, filed by JFE Steel Corporation, Kobe Steel, Ltd., Nippon Steel Corporation, Nisshin Steel Co., Ltd., and Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd., Japanese producers of corrosion-resistant steel. Finally, with respect to the reviews of the antidumping and countervailing duty

¹ See 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5)(D); 63 Fed. Reg. 29372, 29374 (May 29, 1998).

² These producers are Mittal Steel USA ISG, Inc., Nucor Corp., ISPAT Inland, Inc., and United States Steel Corp.

orders on corrosion-resistant steel from Korea, the Commission received an adequate joint response from Dongbu Steel Co., Ltd., HYSCO, Pohang Coated Steel Co., and Union Steel Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Korean producers and exporters of corrosion-resistant steel.

Because the group and individual responses from both domestic interested parties and respondent interested parties were adequate in the reviews of the orders concerning corrosion-resistant steel from all subject countries (Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, and Korea), the Commission determined to conduct full reviews in these proceedings.

Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Belgium, Brazil, Finland, Germany, Mexico, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom, Inv. Nos., AA1921-197 (Second Review), 701-TA-319, 320, 325-328, 731-TA-573, 574, 576, 578, 582-587 (Second Review)

With respect to the orders concerning cut-to-length carbon steel plate (“CTL plate”) from Taiwan, Belgium, Brazil, Finland, Germany, Mexico, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate. The Commission received a consolidated response from four domestic producers that account for a significant percentage of domestic production of CTL plate.³ The Commission found the individual response of each of the four domestic CTL plate producers, which contained company-specific data, adequate.

The Commission found that the respondent interested party group responses were adequate with respect to the orders on CTL plate from Belgium, Brazil, Finland, Germany, Mexico, Poland, and the United Kingdom because respondents from each of these countries accounted for a significant share of the production of subject merchandise in their respective countries.

The Commission received an adequate joint response concerning the orders on CTL plate from Belgium filed by Duferco Clabecq S.A., a Belgian producer and exporter of CTL plate, and Duferco Steel, Inc., a U.S. importer. With respect to the reviews of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on CTL plate from Brazil, the Commission received an adequate joint response filed by Usinas Siderurgicas de Minas Gerais SA and Companhia Siderurgica Paulista, each of which is a Brazilian producer and exporter of subject merchandise. An adequate individual response concerning the order on CTL plate from Finland was filed by RAUTARUUKKI OYJ, a Finnish producer and exporter of subject merchandise. An adequate joint response concerning the order on CTL plate from Germany was filed by AG der Dillinger Huttenwerke, Salzgitter AG Stahl und Technologie, and ThyssenKrupp Steel AG, each of which is a German producer and exporter of subject merchandise. With respect to the reviews of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on CTL plate from Mexico, the Commission received an adequate individual response filed by Altos Hornos de Mexico S.A. de C.V., a Mexican producer and exporter of subject merchandise. An adequate joint response concerning the order on CTL plate from Poland was filed by Huta Stali Czestochowa Sp. z.o.o., a Polish producer and exporter of subject merchandise, and Duferco Steel Inc., a U.S. importer. Finally, with respect to the reviews of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on CTL plate from the United Kingdom, the Commission received three individual adequate responses, the first filed by Corus Group plc., a British producer and exporter of subject merchandise, the second filed by Niagara LaSalle (UK) Limited, a British producer

³ These producers are Mittal Steel USA ISG Inc., Nucor Corp., Oregon Steel Mills, Inc., and IPSCO Inc.

and exporter of subject merchandise, and the third filed by UK Steel⁴ on behalf of Spartan UK Ltd., and Celsa Steel UK Ltd., both British producers and exporters of the subject merchandise.

Because the group and individual responses from both domestic interested parties and respondent interested parties were adequate in the reviews of the orders concerning CTL plate from Belgium, Brazil, Finland, Germany, Mexico, Poland, and the United Kingdom, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews in these proceedings.

The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested parties in the reviews concerning subject imports from Taiwan, Romania, Spain, and Sweden, and therefore determined that the respondent interested party group responses for these countries were not adequate. The Commission nevertheless voted to conduct full reviews concerning subject imports from Taiwan, Romania, Spain, and Sweden to promote administrative efficiency in light of the Commission's determination to conduct full reviews of the majority of orders in these grouped reviews. Moreover, changes in conditions of competition – such as 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 on the Commission's website (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

⁴ UK Steel is a foreign trade association whose member companies include Spartan UK Ltd., Celsa Steel UK Ltd, Niagara LaSalle (UK) Limited, and Corus Group plc.