

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Helical Spring Lock Washers from China and Taiwan,

Inv. Nos. 731-TA-624-625 (Second Review)

On April 10, 2006, 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).

The Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response to the notice of institution was adequate. The Commission received a response to the notice of institution from one domestic producer, Shakeproof Assembly Components Division of Illinois Tool Works, Inc. Because the Commission received an adequate response from the producer representing the great majority of domestic 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, and therefore determined that the respondent interested party group response to the notice of institution was inadequate in both reviews. In the absence of an adequate respondent interested party group response, 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>).