

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Italy, Malaysia, and the Philippines, Inv. Nos. 731-TA-865-867 (Review)

On April 10, 2006, the Commission determined that it should proceed to full 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 four domestic producer responses, filed by Flowline Division of Markovitz Enterprises, Inc., Gerlin, Inc., Shaw Alloy Piping Products, Inc., and Taylor Forge Stainless, Inc., were individually adequate. Because the four producers that filed adequate responses account for the majority of domestic production of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings, the Commission further determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission also received a response to its notice of institution by Malaysian producer Kanzen Tetsu Sdn., Bhd (“Kanzen”). The Commission determined that this response was individually adequate, and further that it constituted an adequate Malaysian respondent interested party group response because Kanzen accounts for a majority of the production of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in Malaysia, and a majority of the exports of subject merchandise from Malaysia to the United States. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Malaysia*.

The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested parties in the reviews concerning subject imports from Italy and the Philippines and, therefore, determined that the respondent interested party group response with respect to each of these countries was inadequate. However, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews concerning subject imports from Italy and the Philippines to promote administrative efficiency in light of its decision to conduct a full review in *Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Malaysia*.

A record of the Commissioners’ votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and the Commission’s web site (<http://www.usitc.gov>).