

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

*Stainless Steel Bar from Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain,
Inv. Nos. 731-TA-678, 679, 681, and 682 (Second Review)*

On June 5, 2006, the Commission unanimously 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, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5).

With regard to each of the reviews, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response to the notice of institution was adequate. The Commission received an adequate joint response with company specific data on behalf of six domestic producers: Carpenter Technology Corp., Crucible Specialty Metals Division of Crucible Materials Corp., Electralloy Corp., North American Stainless, Universal Stainless & Alloy Products, Inc., and Valbruna Slater Stainless, Inc. 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.

In the review concerning subject imports from Brazil, the Commission received an adequate response from a producer and exporter of the subject merchandise in Brazil, Villares Metals S.A. Because the Commission received an adequate response representing a substantial percentage of the production of stainless steel wire rod in Brazil, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response for Brazil was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Stainless Steel Bar from Brazil*.

The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested parties in the reviews concerning subject imports from India, Japan, or Spain, and it therefore determined that the respondent interested party group response was not adequate in those reviews. However, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews to promote administrative efficiency in light of its decision to conduct a full review with respect to *Stainless Steel Bar from Brazil*. A record of the Commissioners' votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and the Commission's web site (www.usitc.gov).