

## EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

in

*Oil Country Tubular Goods from Argentina, Italy, Japan, Korea, and Mexico,*  
Inv. Nos. 701-TA-364, 731-TA-711, 731-TA-713-716 (Second Review)

On September 5, 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, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5).

The Commission received two sets of responses from domestic interested parties to the notice of institution. The first response was filed collectively by six U.S. producers of oil country tubular goods (OCTG) other than drill pipe (also known as “casing and tubing”). These six producers are IPSCO Tubulars, Inc., Lone Star Steel Co., Koppel Steel, Maverick Tube Corp., Newport Steel, and V&M Star LP. The second response was filed by United States Steel Corp. (“U.S. Steel”). U.S. Steel is a domestic producer of both casing and tubing and drill pipe. Both casing and tubing and drill pipe are within the scope of the order on OCTG from Japan. The scope of the other orders subject to review is limited to casing and tubing.

The Commission found each of the individual domestic interested party responses to be adequate. The Commission additionally found that domestic interested party group response was adequate for all reviews. The seven domestic casing and tubing producers that filed responses to the notice of institution accounted for the majority of U.S. production of that product. U.S. Steel accounts for a significant proportion of U.S. drill pipe production.

With respect to the review on OCTG from Argentina, the Commission received an individually adequate respondent interested party response from Siderca S.A.I.C., a producer and exporter of subject merchandise. Because Siderca accounts for a majority of total subject OCTG production, the Commission concluded that the respondent interested party group response for this review was adequate.

With respect to the reviews on OCTG from Italy, the Commission received an individually adequate respondent interested party response from Dalmine S.p.A., a producer and exporter of subject merchandise from Italy. Because Dalmine accounts for all known subject OCTG production in Italy, the Commission concluded that the respondent interested party group response for these reviews was adequate.

The Commission received two sets of responses from respondent interested parties addressing the antidumping duty order on OCTG from Japan. The first was filed collectively by Nippon Steel Corp., JFE Steel Corp., and Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd. JFE and Sumitomo are Japanese producers of subject casing and tubing. Nippon Steel produces both subject casing and tubing and drill pipe in Japan. The second response was filed by NKK Tubes, a Japanese producer of both casing and tubing and drill pipe. The Commission found each producer’s response to be individually adequate. Because the responding producers account for all known production of both subject casing and tubing and subject drill pipe, the Commission concluded that the respondent interested party response for the review on OCTG from Japan was adequate.

With respect to the review on OCTG from Korea, the Commission received a joint response from Husteel Co., Ltd. and SeAH Steel Corp., each of which is a producer and exporter of subject merchandise.

The Commission found the responses of Husteel and SeAH to be individually adequate. Because Husteel and SeAH collectively account for all known production of subject OCTG in Korea, the Commission concluded that the respondent interested party response for this review was adequate.

The Commission received two individually adequate responses from respondent interested parties addressing the antidumping duty order on OCTG from Mexico. The first was filed by Hylsa, S.A. de C.V., which is a producer, exporter, and importer of subject merchandise. The second was filed by Tubos de Acero de Mexico, S.A., a producer of subject merchandise. Because the responding producers account for a majority of both subject OCTG production and imports of the subject merchandise, the Commission concluded that the respondent interested party group response for this review was adequate.

Consequently, in each of the subject reviews both the domestic interested party group response and the respondent interested party group response were adequate. The Commission accordingly determined to conduct full reviews in each of the subject reviews.

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