

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

in

Certain Pasta from Italy and Turkey

Inv. Nos. 701-TA-365-366 and 731-TA-734-735 (Second Review)

On January 5, 2007, 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 a joint response from five U.S. producers of dry pasta products (“pasta”). These five U.S. producers are: A. Zerega’s Sons, Inc.; American Italian Pasta Company; Dakota Growers Pasta Company, Inc.; New World Pasta Company; and Philadelphia Macaroni Company (collectively referred to as “domestic interested parties”). The Commission found each of the individual domestic interested party responses to be adequate, and that these producers collectively account for a majority of U.S. production of the domestic like product. The Commission therefore determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate for all reviews.

With respect to the reviews of pasta from Turkey, the Commission received an individually adequate respondent interested party response from the Government of Turkey on behalf of the pasta industry in Turkey. Because the Government of Turkey provided all requested data regarding all known subject pasta production in Turkey and indicated its willingness to participate in the five-year reviews by providing information requested by the Commission, the Commission concluded that the respondent interested party group response for these reviews was adequate.

The Commission received no response from any foreign producer, exporter, importer, or other respondent interested party of subject merchandise from Italy. Thus, it determined that the respondent interested party group response to the notice of institution for the reviews with respect to Italy was inadequate.

Notwithstanding its determination that the respondent interested party group response with respect to Italy was inadequate, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews in order to promote administrative efficiency in light of its decision to conduct full reviews with respect to the orders on pasta from Turkey.

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