

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Welded Large Diameter Line Pipe from Japan and Mexico
Inv. Nos. 731-TA-919 and 920 (Review)

On February 5, 2007, 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 the five domestic producer responses to its notice of institution, filed jointly by American Steel Pipe Division of ACIPCO, Berg Steel Pipe Corp., Dura-Bond Pipe LLC, Oregon Steel Mills, and Stupp Corp., were individually adequate. Because the five producers that filed adequate responses accounted for a majority of domestic welded large diameter line pipe production in 2005, the Commission further determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission determined that the responses to its notice of institution received from three Japanese producers and exporters, filed jointly by JFE Steel Corp., Nippon Steel Corp., and Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd., were individually adequate. Because these Japanese producers and exporters accounted for a majority of Japanese welded large diameter line pipe production and exports in 2005, the Commission further determined that the Japanese interested party group response was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Welded Large Diameter Line Pipe from Japan*.

The Commission determined that the responses to its notice of institution received from Mexican producer Tubacero, S.A. de C.V. and from Mexican producers and exporters Tuberia Laguna, S.A. de C.V. and Tuberias Procarsa S.A. de C.V. were individually adequate. Because these Mexican producers and exporters accounted for a majority of Mexican welded large diameter line pipe production and exports in 2005, the Commission further determined that the Mexican interested party group response was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Welded Large Diameter Line Pipe from Mexico*.

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