

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY
in
Stainless Steel Bar from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, and the United Kingdom
Investigation Nos. 701-TA-413 and 731-TA-913-916 and 918 (Review)

On May 7, 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 unanimously determined that the domestic interested party group response to the notice of institution was adequate for all reviews. The Commission received individually adequate responses from Carpenter Technology Corp.; Crucible Specialty Metals Division of Crucible Materials Corp.; Electralloy; North American Stainless; Outokumpu Stainless Bar, Inc.; Universal Stainless & Alloy Products, Inc.; and Valbruna Slater Stainless, Inc. These companies account for the vast majority of U.S. production of stainless steel bar. The Commission therefore determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

With respect to the review concerning imports of stainless steel bar from France, the Commission unanimously determined that the respondent interested party group response to the notice of institution was adequate. The Commission received individually adequate responses from UGITECH S.A., a French producer, and UGITECH USA, Inc., an importer of the subject merchandise from France. Because the Commission received an adequate response from foreign producers accounting for a substantial share of the total volume of production of subject merchandise in France, the Commission determined that the French respondent interested party group response was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review.

With respect to the review concerning imports of stainless steel bar from Germany, the Commission unanimously determined that the respondent interested party group response to the notice of institution was adequate. The Commission received individually adequate responses from German producers Bessey Präzisionsstahl GmbH, BGH Edelstahlwerke GmbH, Deutsche Edelstahlwerke GmbH, Walzwerke Einsal GmbH, and Schmiedewerke Groditz GmbH. Because the Commission received an adequate response from foreign producers accounting for the majority of the total volume of production of subject merchandise in Germany, the Commission determined that the German respondent interested party group response was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review.

With respect to the review concerning imports of stainless steel bar from the United Kingdom, the Commission unanimously determined that the respondent interested party group response to the notice of institution was adequate. The Commission received individually adequate responses from British producers Corus Engineering Steels, Enpar Special Alloys Ltd., and Sandvik Ltd. Because the Commission received an adequate response from foreign producers accounting for most of the total volume of production of subject merchandise in the United Kingdom, the Commission determined that the British respondent interested party group response was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review.

With respect to the reviews concerning imports of stainless steel bar from Italy, the Commission received individually adequate responses from Italian producers Cogne Acciai Speciali S.p.A., UGITECH, and Foroni S.p.A. Importers of the subject merchandise from Italy, Cogne Specialty Steel USA Inc., UGITECH USA, and Foroni Metals of Texas also responded. The Commission determined that the Italian interested party group response was inadequate because it accounted for only a relatively small share of Italian production of stainless steel bar.¹ However, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews of the orders on Italy in order to promote administrative efficiency in light of its decision to conduct a full reviews with respect to the other orders.

With respect to the review concerning imports of stainless steel bar from Korea, the Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested party. Consequently, the Commission unanimously determined that the respondent interested party group response to the notice of institution was inadequate. However, the Commission determined to conduct a full review in order to promote administrative efficiency in light of its decision to conduct full reviews with respect to the other orders.

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

¹ Commissioner Charlotte Lane and Commissioner Irving Williamson determined that the Italian interested party group response to the notice of institution was adequate. They viewed the Italian industry response in light of the relationship between a nonresponding large Italian producer, Acciaiera Valbruna S.p.A., and a domestic producer, Valbruna Slater Stainless, Inc., the latter of which responded to the notice of institution, and, with respect to the antidumping duty order, the pending revocation with respect to two Italian producers. On balance, in light of these circumstances, they found the group response adequate.