

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Silicomanganese From India, Kazakhstan, and Venezuela

Inv. Nos. 731-TA-929-931 (Review)

On July 6, 2007, the Commission determined that it should proceed to expedited 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).¹

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 responses to the notice of institution filed by domestic producers Eramet Marietta, Inc. (“Eramet”) and Felman Production, Inc. (“Felman”). Because the Commission received individually adequate responses from Eramet and Felman, which represented the majority of domestic production in 2006, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response to the notice of institution in each review was inadequate. In the review concerning subject imports from India, the Commission received one response to the notice of institution from Nava Bharat Ventures, Ltd. (“Bharat”), an Indian producer of the subject merchandise. The Commission determined that Bharat’s response was incomplete and individually inadequate. Because Bharat’s individual response was inadequate, the Commission determined that the Indian respondent interested party group response was inadequate.

The Commission did not receive a response from any Kazakh or Venezuelan respondent interested party and therefore determined that the Kazakh and Venezuelan respondent interested party group responses to the notice of institution were inadequate. In the absence of adequate respondent interested party group responses and any other circumstances that warranted conducting full reviews, the Commission determined to conduct expedited reviews of all orders.

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

¹ Commissioner Deanna Tanner Okun voted to conduct full reviews of all orders due to changes in the conditions of competition in the U.S. market for silicomanganese.