

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from China

Inv. No. 731-TA-990 (Review)

On June 6, 2008, the Commission determined that it should proceed to an expedited review in the subject five-year review pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(3)(B).¹

The Commission received a joint response to its notice of institution from Anvil International, LP (“Anvil”) and Ward Manufacturing, LLC (“Ward”), domestic producers of non-malleable cast iron pipe fittings. The Commission determined that the individual responses from Anvil and Ward, which together represented an estimated 90-95 percent of domestic production over the period of review, were adequate. The Commission also determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission received no response from any respondent interested party, and therefore determined that the respondent interested party group response to the notice of institution was inadequate. In the absence of an adequate respondent interested party group response, and any other circumstances warranting a full review, the Commission determined to conduct an expedited review.

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 Chairman Daniel R. Pearson and Vice Chairman Shara L. Aranoff, noting that during the period of review Anvil purchased the single-largest importer of the subject product, determined that the resulting changes in the conditions of competition warranted conducting a full review, notwithstanding their finding that the respondent interested party group response to the Commission’s notice of institution was inadequate.