

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

in

Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from Brazil, India, Japan, Korea, Mexico, and Thailand
Inv. Nos. 701-TA-432 and 731-TA-1024-1028 (Review) and AA1921-188 (Third Review)

On March 6, 2009, 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 (19 U.S.C. §1675(c)(5)).

The Commission received a consolidated response to its notice of institution from three domestic producers that account for a significant percentage of domestic production of prestressed concrete steel wire strand (“PC strand”).¹ The Commission found the individual response of each of these domestic PC strand producers, which contained company-specific data, to be adequate. With respect to the orders concerning PC strand from Brazil, India, Japan, Korea, Mexico, and Thailand, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission also received adequate individual responses concerning the order on PC strand from Mexico, filed jointly by Aceros Camesa S.A. de C.V. and Deacero S.A. de C.V., producers and exporters of subject merchandise in Mexico. With respect to the order on PC strand from Korea, the Commission received an adequate individual response from Dong-Il Steel Mfg., Ltd., a producer of subject merchandise in Korea.

The Commission found that the respondent interested party group responses were adequate with respect to the orders on PC strand from Mexico and Korea because respondents from each of these countries accounted for a significant share of the production of subject merchandise in their respective countries.²

Because the group and individual responses from both domestic interested parties and respondent interested parties were adequate in the reviews of the orders concerning PC strand from Mexico and Korea, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews in these proceedings.

The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested parties in the reviews concerning subject imports from Brazil, India, Japan, or Thailand, and therefore determined that the respondent interested party group response from each of these countries was not adequate. The Commission nevertheless voted to conduct full reviews concerning subject imports from Brazil, India, Japan, and Thailand to promote administrative efficiency in light of the Commission’s determination to conduct full reviews of the other orders in these grouped reviews.

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

¹ These producers are American Spring Wire Corp., Insteel Wire Products Co., and Sumiden Wire Products Corp.

² Commissioners Charlotte R. Lane and Dean A. Pinkert found that the respondent interested party group response with respect to Korea was inadequate.