

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

in

Stainless Steel Wire Rod from Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, and Taiwan
Inv. Nos. 731-TA-770-773 and 775 (Second Review)

On October 5, 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, in consultation with the Department of Commerce, grouped these reviews because they involve similar domestic like products.¹

With respect to the orders concerning stainless steel wire rod (“SSWR”), the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group and individual response was adequate. The Commission received a response from Carpenter Technology Corp. (“Carpenter”), a domestic producer that accounted for a significant percentage of domestic production of SSWR.

The Commission received an adequate individual response concerning the order on SSWR from Italy filed by Cogne Acciai Speciali S.P.A., (“CAS”), an Italian producer of SSWR. With respect to the review of the antidumping duty order on SSWR from Korea, the Commission received an adequate individual response filed by POSCO Specialty Steel Co., Ltd (“POSCOSS”), a Korean producer of SSWR.

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

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

The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested parties in the reviews concerning subject imports from Japan, Spain and Taiwan, and therefore determined that the respondent interested party group responses for these countries were not adequate. The Commission nevertheless voted to conduct a full review concerning subject imports from Japan, Spain and Taiwan to promote administrative efficiency in light of the Commission’s determination to conduct full reviews of two of the 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 See 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5)(D); 63 Fed. Reg. 29372, 29374 (May 29, 1998).