

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

in

Purified Carboxymethylcellulose from Finland, Mexico, Netherlands, and Sweden
Inv. Nos. 731-TA-1084-1087 (Review)

On September 7, 2010, 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 one response to the notice of institution from a domestic interested party, Aqualon Company (“Aqualon”). Aqualon, the petitioner and only domestic producer in the original investigations, currently is the only known producer of purified carboxymethylcellulose (“CMC”) in the United States. The Commission found Aqualon’s individual response to be adequate. With respect to the orders concerning purified CMC from Finland, Mexico, Netherlands, and Sweden, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission received an adequate response concerning the antidumping duty order on purified CMC from Mexico filed by Quimica Amtex, S.A. de C.V. (“Amtex”), a foreign producer and exporter of subject merchandise from Mexico. With respect to the review of the antidumping duty order on purified CMC from the Netherlands, the Commission received an adequate response filed by Azko Nobel Functional Chemicals B.V. (“ANFC”), a subject producer/exporter in the Netherlands.

The Commission found that the respondent interested party group responses were adequate with respect to the orders on purified CMC from Mexico and the Netherlands 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 purified CMC from Mexico and the Netherlands, 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 Finland and Sweden, and therefore determined that the respondent interested party group responses for these countries were not adequate. The Commission nevertheless voted to conduct full reviews concerning subject imports from Finland and Sweden 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>).