

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

in

Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, and Taiwan
Inv. Nos. 701-TA-382 and 731-TA-798-803 (Second 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 a consolidated response from three domestic producers that account for a significant percentage of domestic production of stainless steel sheet and strip in coils (“SSSS”), and from three domestic labor unions whose workers are engaged in SSSS production in the United States.¹ The Commission found the individual response of each of the three domestic SSSS producers, and for each of the three labor unions, which contained company-specific data, adequate. With respect to the orders concerning SSSS from Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, and Taiwan, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission received an adequate joint response concerning the antidumping duty order on SSSS from Germany filed by ThyssenKrupp Nirosta GmbH (“TKN”) and ThyssenKrupp VDM GmbH (“TKVDM”), producers of subject SSSS in Germany, and ThyssenKrupp Nirosta North America, Inc. (“TKNNA”) and ThyssenKrupp VDM USA, Inc. (“TKVDM USA”), U.S. importers of the subject merchandise from Germany. With respect to the review of the antidumping duty order on SSSS from Italy, the Commission received an adequate joint response filed by ThyssenKrupp Acciai Speciali Terni S.p.A. (“TKAST”), a producer and exporter of subject SSSS in Italy, and ThyssenKrupp Acciai Speciali Terni USA, Inc. (“TKAST USA”), a U.S. importer of the subject merchandise from Italy. With respect to the review of the antidumping duty order on SSSS from Mexico, the Commission received an adequate joint response filed by ThyssenKrupp Mexinox S.A. de C.V. (“Mexinox”), a producer and exporter of subject SSSS in Mexico, and Mexinox USA, Inc. (“Mexinox USA”), a U.S. importer of the subject merchandise. With respect to the review of the antidumping duty order and countervailing duty order on SSSS from Korea, the Commission received an adequate individual response filed by POSCO Specialty Steel Co., Ltd (“POSCO”), a Korean producer of SSSS.

The Commission found that the respondent interested party group responses were adequate with respect to the orders on SSSS from Germany, Italy, 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.

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

¹ The domestic producers are AK Steel Corp. (“AK Steel”), Allegheny Ludlum Corp. (“Allegheny Ludlum”), and North American Stainless (“NAS”), and the domestic labor unions are the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union (“USW”), United Auto Workers, Local 3303 (“UAW Local 3303”).

The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested parties in the reviews concerning subject imports from Japan 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 and Taiwan 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>).