

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand, Inv. Nos. 731-TA-308-310 and 520-521 (Third Review)

On January 4, 2011, the Commission determined that it should proceed to expedited reviews in the subject five-year reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(3)(B).

The Commission determined that the domestic producer response filed jointly by Tube Forgings of America, Inc., Mills Iron Works, Inc., and Hackney-Ladish, Inc., and the domestic producer response filed by Weldbend Corporation, were individually adequate. Because these four domestic producers together accounted for the vast majority of U.S. production of carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings in 2009, the Commission further determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested party in the reviews and, therefore, determined that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate.

Given the absence of an adequate respondent interested party group response, and any other circumstances that might warrant proceeding to full reviews, the Commission determined to conduct expedited reviews. A record of the Commissioners' votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and the Commission's website (<http://www.usitc.gov>).