

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION OF ADEQUACY

in

Extruded Rubber Thread from Malaysia, Inv. No. 731-TA-527 (Review)

On November 4, 1999, the Commission determined that it should proceed to a full review in the subject five-year review 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 received a response to the notice of institution from North American Rubber Thread Company (“North American”), a domestic producer of extruded rubber thread. Based on the information available, the Commission determined that the North American response constituted an adequate domestic interested party group response since North American accounts for the majority of production of the domestic like product.

Regarding respondent interested parties, the Commission received a joint response to the notice of institution, containing company-specific information, from Filati Lastex Sdn. Bhd. (“Filati”), a foreign producer and exporter, and FLE-U.S.A. Inc., a U.S. importer of the subject merchandise and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Filati. The Commission also received a joint response containing company-specific information from Heveafil Sdn. Bhd. (“Heveafil”) and Filmax Sdn. Bhd., foreign producers and exporters, and Heveafil U.S.A. Inc., a U.S. importer of the subject merchandise and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Heveafil. The Commission determined that the respondent interested party group accounted for a significant share of total production and exports of the subject merchandise from Malaysia. The Commission also determined that the respondent interested party group accounted for a significant share of total imports of subject merchandise into the United States. Consequently, the Commission determined the respondent interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission therefore determined to conduct a full review.