

## EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

in

### *Seamless Pipe from Argentina, Brazil, Germany, and Italy* Inv. Nos. 701-TA-362 and 731-TA-707-710 (Review)

On October 5, 2000, 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, as amended (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. *See* 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5)(D); 63 *Fed. Reg.* 29372, 29374 (May 29, 1998).

With respect to *Seamless Pipe from Argentina, Brazil, and Italy*, Inv. Nos. 701-TA-362 (Review) and 731-TA-707-708, 710 (Review), the Commission determined that both domestic and respondent interested party group responses to the notice of institution were adequate and voted to conduct full reviews. As pertains to domestic interested parties, the Commission received a joint response from two domestic producers accounting for a substantial majority of U.S. production of seamless pipe. As pertains to respondent interested parties, the Commission received responses from one Argentine producer of seamless pipe, from one Brazilian producer of seamless pipe, and from one Italian producer of seamless pipe, representing significant shares of Argentine, Brazilian, and Italian production of seamless pipe, respectively. The Commission also received responses from an importer of seamless pipe from Argentina and an importer of seamless pipe from Brazil.

With respect to *Seamless Pipe from Germany*, Inv. No. 731-TA-709 (Review), the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate. The Commission received a joint response from two domestic producers accounting for a substantial majority of U.S. production of seamless pipe. Because the Commission received no response to the notice of institution from any respondent interested party with respect to seamless pipe from Germany, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate. The Commission further determined to conduct a full review, however, because conducting a full review would promote administrative efficiency in light of the Commission's decision to conduct full reviews with respect to *Seamless Pipe from Argentina, Brazil, and Italy*.