

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from Brazil, Inv. No. 731-TA-278 (Review)
Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from Japan, Inv. No. 731-TA-347 (Review)
Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from Korea, Inv. No. 731-TA-279 (Review)
Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from Taiwan, Inv. No. 731-TA-280 (Review)
Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from Thailand, Inv. No. 731-TA-348 (Review)

On April 8, 1999, 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. The Commission, in consultation with the Department of Commerce, grouped these reviews because they involve the same domestic like product.¹

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With respect to the reviews concerning malleable cast iron pipe fittings from Brazil and Thailand, the Commission determined that both the domestic and respondent interested party group responses to its notice of institution were adequate and voted to conduct full reviews. Regarding domestic interested parties, the Commission received a response filed by an association whose two members account for virtually all U.S. domestic production of the domestic like product. The response also included specific data concerning each of those two members.

Regarding respondent interested parties, in the review concerning Brazil the Commission received a response from the sole Brazilian producer and exporter of subject merchandise. In the review concerning Thailand, the Commission received responses from the three known Thai producers of the subject merchandise.

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With respect to the reviews concerning malleable cast iron pipe fittings from Japan, Korea, and Taiwan, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate for the same reasons as in the Brazil and Thailand reviews. Because no respondent interested party responded to the notice of institution, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response for each of these reviews was inadequate. The Commission further determined to conduct full reviews to promote administrative efficiency in light of the Commission's decision to conduct full reviews concerning Brazil and Thailand.^{2 3}

¹ See 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5)(D); 63 Fed. Reg. 29372, 29374 (May 29, 1998).

² See 63 Fed. Reg. 30599, 30604 (June 5, 1998).

³ Commissioner Crawford dissenting.

A record of the Commissioners' votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's web site.