

**EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY**  
in  
*Polychloroprene Rubber from Japan*, Inv. No. AA1921-129 (Second Review)

On October 4, 2004, the Commission determined that it should conduct a full review in the subject five-year review pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5).<sup>1</sup>

The Commission received a response to the notice of institution from the only domestic producer of polychloroprene rubber: DuPont Dow Elastomers L.L.C. (“DDE”). The Commission determined that the response was individually adequate. The Commission also determined that the response was an adequate domestic interested party group response because DDE accounts for all domestic production of the like product.

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

The Commission received submissions from four U.S. purchasers of polychloroprene rubber. These purchasers, who urged the Commission to conduct a full review, noted that in the almost 30 years that the antidumping duty order on polychloroprene rubber has been in place, there have been many changes in the composition of the domestic industry; in the conditions of competition; in the uses for the product; and in the competitive positions of producers, importers and purchasers of the product. In light of these changes, the Commission found that circumstances warranted conducting a full review.

A record of the Commissioners’ votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and the Commission’s web site (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

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<sup>1</sup> Chairman Koplan dissented from this determination to conduct a full review.