

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Stainless Steel Wire Rod from India
Inv. No. 731-TA-638 (Third Review)

On October 4, 2011, the Commission determined that it should proceed to an expedited 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 joint response from two U.S. producers of stainless steel wire rod, Carpenter Technology Corporation and North American Stainless. The Commission found that the individual response of each domestic stainless steel wire rod producer to be individually adequate. The Commission further determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate because these producers account for all of the domestic production of stainless steel wire rod.

The Commission also received a response from Mukand Ltd. (“Mukand”), an Indian producer of stainless steel wire rod. The Commission found Mukand’s producer response to be individually adequate. The Commission, nevertheless, determined that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate because Mukand’s estimated production of stainless steel wire rod in 2010 only accounted for a small percentage of total stainless steel wire rod production in India for that year.

Given the Commission’s determination that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate and the absence of other information to warrant a full review, the Commission determined to conduct an expedited review.¹

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

¹Commissioner Pearson voted to conduct a full five-year review.