

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Silicon Metal from China
Inv. No. 731-TA-472 (Third Review)

On February 6, 2012, the Commission¹ 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 one response to the notice of institution, on behalf of Globe Metallurgical Inc., a domestic producer of silicon metal. The Commission found the individual response to be adequate, and determined that because the responding producer accounted for a substantial percentage of U.S. production, the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission received no response from any respondent interested party, and therefore determined that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate. In the absence of an adequate respondent interested party group response or any other circumstances warranting a full review, the Commission determined to conduct an expedited review.

A record of the Commissioners' votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and the Commission's web site (www.usitc.gov).

¹ Chairman Deanna Tanner Okun did not participate in this determination.