

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Italy, Malaysia, and the Philippines
Inv. Nos. 731-TA-865-867 (Second Review)

On February 6, 2012, the Commission determined that it should proceed to expedited reviews in the subject five-year reviews 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 to its notice of institution from four domestic producers, including Core Pipe Products, Inc.; EzeFlow USA Inc. - Flowline Division; Shaw Alloy Piping Products, Inc.; and Taylor Forge Stainless, Inc. The Commission determined that the individual response of each producer was individually adequate. Because the four producers that filed adequate responses accounted for the majority of domestic production of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings, the Commission further determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission also received a response from Italian producer Filmag Italia, srl (“Filmag”). The Commission determined that this response was individually adequate. Because Filmag estimated that it only accounted for a small percentage of total stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings production in Italy, however, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response with respect to Italy was inadequate.

The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested parties in the reviews concerning subject imports from Malaysia and the Philippines and, therefore, determined that the respondent interested party group response with respect to each was inadequate.

Given the absence of an adequate respondent interested party group response, and any other circumstances that might warrant proceeding to full reviews, the Commission determined to conduct expedited reviews. A record of the Commissioners’ votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and the Commission’s website (<http://www.usitc.gov>).