

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand
Inv. Nos. 731-TA-308-310 and 520-21 (Second Review).

On March 7, 2005, 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, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5).¹

With regard to each of the reviews, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response to the notice of institution was adequate. The Commission received adequate responses to its notice of initiation from four domestic producers, Trinity Industries, Inc., Weldbend Corporation, Tube Forgings of America, Inc. and Mills Iron Works, Inc. Because the Commission received an adequate response from domestic producers accounting for a substantial percentage of U.S. production, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested parties in the reviews. It therefore determined that the respondent interested party group response to the notice was inadequate with regard to each of the reviews. However, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews in this proceeding because of the age of the orders in question and in order to examine in detail changes in the conditions of competition in the market.

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

¹Chairman Koplan and Commissioner Hillman dissented.