

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

*Brass Sheet and Strip from Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, and Japan,
Inv. Nos. 701-TA-269 and 270, and 731-TA-311-314, 317, and 379 (Second Review)*

On July 5, 2005, the Commission unanimously 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).

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 an adequate joint response with company specific data on behalf of six domestic producers and four domestic trade unions: Heyco Metals, Inc.; Olin Corporation - Brass Group; Outokumpu American Brass; PMX Industries, Inc.; Revere Copper Products, Inc.; Scott Brass; International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers; United Auto Workers Local 2367; United Auto Workers Local 1024; and the United Steelworkers. The Commission also received a response from Wieland Metals, Inc., a domestic producer, as well as an importer of subject merchandise. Because the Commission received an adequate response from domestic producers and unions accounting for a substantial percentage of U.S. production, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

In the review concerning subject imports from Germany, the Commission received adequate responses from three producers of the subject merchandise in Germany – Wieland-Werke AG, Prymetall GmbH & Co. KG, and Schwermetal Halbzeugwerk GmbH & Co. KG – and a U.S. importer of the subject merchandise from Germany – Wieland Metals, Inc. Because the Commission received adequate responses representing a substantial percentage of the production of subject brass sheet and strip in Germany, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response for Germany was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Brass Sheet and Strip from Germany*.

The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested parties in the reviews concerning subject imports from Brazil, Canada, France, Italy, or Japan. However, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews to promote administrative efficiency in light of its decision to conduct a full review with respect to *Brass Sheet and Strip from Germany*. A record of the Commissioners' votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and the Commission's web site (<http://www.usitc.gov>).