

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

*Certain Bearings from China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan,
Singapore, and the United Kingdom*

Inv. Nos. 731-TA-344, 391A, 392A, 392C,
393A, 394A, 396, and 399A (Second Review)

On September 7, 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).¹

Tapered Roller Bearings from China, Inv. No. 731-TA-344 (Second Review)

The Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response to the notice of institution was adequate with respect to this review. The Commission received adequate responses from four domestic producers of tapered roller bearings (“TRBs”), and from two labor unions whose members are employed in the domestic production of TRBs. Because the Commission received adequate responses from domestic producers accounting for a majority of U.S. production of TRBs, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.²

The Commission received an adequate joint response with company-specific data from an association representing foreign producers and exporters of TRBs from China, and 15 foreign producers and exporters of TRBs from China. The Commission also received an adequate response from a Chinese producer of TRBs and an importer of TRBs from China (The Timken Co.). Because the Commission received an adequate response representing a substantial

¹ Vice Chairman Deanna Tanner Okun and Commissioner Shara L. Aranoff did not participate in these adequacy determinations.

² The labor unions that responded to the notice of institution were unable to estimate the percentage of domestic production accounted for by domestic producers at which its members were employed.

proportion of production and exports of TRBs from China, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response from China was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Tapered Roller Bearings from China*.

Spherical Plain Bearings from France, Inv. No. 731-TA-392C (Second Review)

The Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response to the notice of institution was adequate with respect to this review. The Commission received adequate responses from four domestic producers of spherical plain bearings (“SPBs”), and from two labor unions whose members are employed in the domestic production of SPBs. Because the Commission received adequate responses from domestic producers accounting for a substantial proportion of U.S. production of SPBs, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.³

The Commission received an adequate response from SKF Aerospace France, a producer and exporter of SPBs from France. Because the Commission received an adequate response representing a substantial proportion of production and exports of SPBs from France, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response from France was adequate.⁴ Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Spherical Plain Bearings from France*.

³ The labor unions that responded to the notice of institution were unable to estimate the percentage of domestic production accounted for by domestic producers at which its members were employed.

⁴ Commissioners Hillman and Pearson determined that the respondent interested party group response with respect to SPBs from France was inadequate. They joined their colleagues in voting for a full review.

Ball Bearings from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and the United Kingdom,
Inv. Nos. 731-TA-391A, 392A, 393A, 394A, 396, and 399A (Second Review)

The Commission received adequate responses, in individual and joint filings, from 15 domestic producers of ball bearings, and two labor unions whose members are employed in the domestic production of ball bearings. Because the Commission received adequate responses from domestic producers accounting for a majority of domestic production of ball bearings, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.⁵

In the review concerning subject ball bearings from France, the Commission received an adequate joint response with company-specific information from two producers and exporters of subject ball bearings from France, SKF France S.A. and SKF Aerospace France, as well as from an importer of the subject bearings, SKF USA Inc. The Commission also received an adequate response from the The Timken Co., a producer of subject ball bearings from France. Because the Commission received an adequate response representing a substantial percentage of production, exports, and imports of ball bearings from France, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response from France was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Ball Bearings from France*.

In the review concerning subject ball bearings from Germany, the Commission received an adequate joint response with company-specific information from SKF GmbH, a producer and exporter of subject ball bearings from Germany, and from SKF USA Inc., an importer of the subject bearings. The Commission also received an adequate joint response with company-

⁵ The labor unions that responded to the notice of institution were unable to estimate the percentage of domestic production accounted for by domestic producers at which its members were employed.

specific information from the INA Companies, which include a producer and exporter, as well as an importer, of the subject ball bearings from Germany. The Commission received an adequate response from the The Timken Co., a producer of subject ball bearings from Germany. Because the Commission received an adequate response representing a substantial percentage of production, exports, and imports of ball bearings from Germany, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response from Germany was adequate.⁶ Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Ball Bearings from Germany*.

In the review concerning subject ball bearings from Italy, the Commission received an adequate joint response with company-specific information from SKF Industrie S.p.A., a producer and exporter of subject ball bearings from Italy, and from SKF USA Inc., an importer of the subject bearings. The Commission also received an adequate joint response with company-specific information from the INA Companies, which include an exporter and an importer of the subject ball bearings from Italy. Because the Commission received an adequate response representing all or nearly all production, exports, and imports of ball bearings from Italy, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response from Italy was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Ball Bearings from Italy*.

In the review concerning subject ball bearings from Japan, the Commission received adequate responses, in individual and joint filings, from four producers and exporters of subject ball bearing from Japan, and from eight importers of the subject bearings. Because the

⁶ Commissioner Hillman determined that the respondent interested party group response with respect to ball bearings from Germany was inadequate. She joined her colleagues in voting for a full review.

Commission received an adequate response representing a substantial percentage of production and exports of subject ball bearings from Japan, and a majority of imports of the subject bearings, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response from Japan was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Ball Bearings from Japan*.

In the review concerning subject ball bearings from Singapore, the Commission received an adequate joint response with company-specific information from NMB Singapore Ltd. and Pelmec Industries (Pte.) Ltd., two producers and exporters of the subject bearings, as well as from NMB Technologies Corp., an importer of the subject bearings. Because the Commission received an adequate response representing all or nearly all production, exports, and imports of subject ball bearings from Singapore, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response from Singapore was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Ball Bearings from Singapore*.

In the review concerning subject ball bearings from the United Kingdom, the Commission received an adequate joint response with company-specific information from the INA Companies, which include a producer and exporter of the subject bearings, and an importer of the subject bearings. The Commission also received an adequate joint response with company-specific information from NSK Europe Ltd., a producer and exporter of the subject bearings, and NSK Corp., an importer of the subject bearings. The Commission received adequate responses from SKF Aeroengine Bearings UK and The Timken Co., both producers and exporters of the subject ball bearings. Because the Commission received an adequate response representing a substantial proportion of production, exports, and imports of subject ball

bearings from the United Kingdom, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response from the United Kingdom was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Ball Bearings from the United Kingdom*.

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