

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

in

Stainless Steel Plate from Belgium, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and Taiwan
Inv. Nos. 701-TA-376 and 379 and 731-TA-788, 790-793 (Second Review)

On September 7, 2010, 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 (19 U.S.C. §1675(c)(5)).

The Commission received a consolidated response to its notice of institution from domestic interested parties Allegheny Ludlum Corporation and North American Stainless, U.S. producers of stainless steel plate (“SSP”), and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, a union whose workers are engaged in the production of SSP. These parties account for the majority of domestic production of SSP. The Commission found the individual response of each of these parties, which contained party-specific data, to be adequate. With respect to the orders on SSP from Belgium, Italy, Korea, South Africa, and Taiwan, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission also received adequate individual responses concerning the order on SSP from Italy, filed jointly by ThyssenKrupp Acciai Speciali Terni S.p.A. (“TKAST”), an Italian producer of SSP, and ThyssenKrupp Acciai Speciali Terni USA, Inc., a U.S. importer of SSP from Italy. The Commission found that the respondent interested party group response was adequate with respect to the order on SSP from Italy because the responding producer, TKAST, is the sole producer of SSP in Italy.

Because the group and individual responses from both domestic interested parties and respondent interested parties were adequate in the review of the order concerning SSP from Italy, the Commission determined to conduct a full review in this proceeding.

The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested parties in the reviews concerning subject imports from Belgium, Korea, South Africa, or Taiwan and therefore determined that the respondent interested party group response from each of these countries was not adequate. The Commission nevertheless voted to conduct full reviews concerning subject imports from Belgium, Korea, South Africa, and Taiwan to promote administrative efficiency in light of the Commission’s determination to conduct a full review of the other order in these grouped reviews.

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