

## EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

*Stainless Steel Wire Rod from Brazil, France, India and Spain,*  
Inv. Nos. 701-TA-178 (Review) and Inv. Nos. 731-TA-636-638 (Review).

On October 1, 1999, 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).<sup>1</sup>

Regarding domestic interested parties, the Commission received an adequate joint response containing company specific information from each of the domestic producers of stainless steel wire rod (Al Tech Specialty Steel Corp., Carpenter Technology Corp., Republic International Technologies, and Talley Metals Technology, Inc.) and the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC, a union representing workers engaged in the production of stainless steel wire rod. With regard to respondent interested parties, the Commission received an adequate joint response containing company specific information from Ugine-Savoie Imphy, a French producer of the subject merchandise, and its subsidiaries Ugine Stainless & Alloys, Inc., and Techalloy Company, Inc., U.S. importers of subject merchandise from France. These companies account for all of the French production and French exports to the United States of stainless steel wire rod. The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested parties in the reviews concerning Brazil, India and Spain.

The Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response and respondent interested party group response in *Stainless Steel Wire Rod from France* were adequate and therefore determined to conduct a full review. Because no respondent interested parties responded to the notices of institution, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group responses for the reviews concerning Brazil, India and Spain were inadequate. However, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews to promote administrative efficiency in light of the Commission's decision to conduct a full review with respect to *Stainless Steel Wire Rod from France*. Commissioner Crawford dissented from the Commission's decision to conduct full reviews with respect to subject merchandise from Brazil, India and Spain and determined that the Commission should conduct expedited reviews of the orders covering those countries.

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<sup>1</sup> Commissioner Crawford dissented.