

## **EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY**

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*CASED PENCILS FROM CHINA*

Inv. No. 731-TA-699 (Review)

On March 3, 2000, the Commission determined that it should proceed to an expedited review in the subject five-year review pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(3)(B). The Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate. In this regard, the Commission received a joint response containing company-specific data from an association, a majority of whose members produce cased pencils, and six domestic pencil producers who collectively account for 91 percent of domestic production of cased pencils. The Commission also received one response from a U.S. importer of subject merchandise. Although this importer's response was individually adequate, it represents a very small portion of the total import volume, and there were no responses by any exporters or foreign producers of the subject merchandise. Accordingly, the Commission determined that the overall respondent interested party group response was inadequate. The Commission did not find any additional circumstances that would warrant conducting a full review. The Commission, therefore, determined to conduct an expedited review.