

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

in

Porcelain-on-Steel Cooking Ware From China, Mexico, and Taiwan
Invs. Nos. 731-TA-297-299 (Review) and 701-TA-265 (Review)

and

Top-of-the-Stove Stainless Steel Cooking Ware From Korea and Taiwan
Invs. Nos. 731-TA-304-305 (Review) and 701-TA-267-268 (Review)

On May 7, 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 Act.

Porcelain-on-Steel Cooking Ware From China, Mexico, and Taiwan

Regarding domestic interested parties, the Commission received a response from the sole domestic producer of porcelain-on-steel cooking ware. Regarding respondent interested parties, the Commission received a response from two producers that account for most Mexican production of porcelain-on-steel cooking ware and nearly all of the imports of subject merchandise from Mexico. In the reviews concerning China and Taiwan, the Commission received no response from respondent interested parties.

The Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response and respondent interested party group response were adequate and that it should proceed to full reviews for *Porcelain-on-Steel Cooking Ware From Mexico*. Because no respondent interested party responded to the notice of institution in the reviews concerning China and Taiwan, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group responses for those reviews were inadequate. The Commission further determined to conduct full reviews, however, because conducting full reviews would promote administrative efficiency in light of the Commission's decision to conduct full reviews with respect to *Porcelain-on-Steel Cooking Ware From Mexico*. Commissioner Crawford dissented from the Commission's decision to conduct full reviews with respect to China and Taiwan, and determined that expedited reviews of the orders covering those countries should be conducted.

Top-of-the-Stove Stainless Steel Cooking Ware From Korea and Taiwan

Regarding domestic interested parties, the Commission received a response containing company-specific data from an association whose members represent a substantial portion of domestic production of top-of-the-stove stainless steel cooking ware. A large producer that had announced its intent to close its U.S. production facility did not respond. Regarding respondent interested parties, the Commission received a response containing company-specific data from a trade association and eight Korean producers that account for a majority of U.S. imports of top-

of-the-stove stainless steel cooking ware from Korea.¹ In the reviews concerning Taiwan, the Commission received no response from respondent interested parties.

The Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate whether or not the announced production facility closure is considered. The Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response was adequate, and that it should proceed to full reviews for *Top-of-the-Stove Stainless Steel Cooking Ware From Korea*. Because no respondent interested party responded to the notice of institution in the reviews concerning Taiwan, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response for those reviews was inadequate. The Commission further determined to conduct full reviews, however, because conducting full reviews would promote administrative efficiency in light of the Commission's decision to conduct full reviews with respect to *Top-of-the-Stove Stainless Steel Cooking Ware From Korea*. Commissioner Crawford dissented from the Commission's decision to conduct full reviews with respect to Taiwan, and determined that expedited reviews of the orders covering that country should be conducted.

¹ The Commission determined that the Korean Metal Ware Industry Association is not an interested party because a majority of its members are not producers or exporters of the subject merchandise. 19 U.S.C. § 1677(9)(A).