

## EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

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### *Stainless Steel Pipe from Korea and Taiwan*, Invs. Nos. 731-TA-540-541 (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 adequate responses from four domestic producers of stainless steel pipe -- Avesta Sheffield Pipe Co.; Damascus Tubular Division of Damascus-Bishop Tube Co.; Davis Pipe, Inc.; and Bristol Metals, L.P. -- as well as from the United Steelworkers of America (AFL/CIO/CLC), a union representing workers engaged in the production of stainless steel pipe.<sup>2</sup> The Commission determined that these companies and workers represent a significant share of production of stainless steel pipe in the United States. Regarding respondent interested parties, the Commission received a response from five Korean producers/exporters of the subject merchandise: Dongshin Metal Co., Ltd. (a producer); Hyundai Pipe Co., Ltd. (a producer and exporter); LG Industrial Systems Co., Ltd. (a producer); SeAH, Ltd. (a producer and exporter); and Sung Won Pipe Co., Ltd. (a producer). The Commission determined that these companies account for a significant share of production and exports from Korea. The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested party in the review concerning subject merchandise from Taiwan.

The Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response and respondent interested party group response for the review concerning Korea were adequate and that it should proceed to a full review.<sup>3</sup> Because no respondent interested party responded to the notice of institution, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response for the review concerning Taiwan was inadequate. However, the Commission determined to conduct a full review to promote administrative efficiency in light of the Commission's decision to conduct a full review with respect to *Stainless Steel Pipe from Korea*.<sup>4</sup>

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

<sup>2</sup>Felker Brothers Corp. also responded to the notice of institution. The Commission found that this response was inadequate because it did not provide much of the information requested in the Commission's notice of institution.

<sup>3</sup>Commissioner Crawford dissented. She determined that the domestic interested party group response was inadequate, and therefore voted to conduct an expedited review of this order.

<sup>4</sup>Commissioner Crawford dissented. She voted to conduct an expedited review of this order.