

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Certain Welded Large Diameter Line Pipe from Japan Inv. No. 731-TA-919 (Second Review)

On January 4, 2013, the Commission determined to conduct a full review in the subject five-year review pursuant to section 751(c)(3) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(3).

In response to its notice of institution, the Commission received a joint response from six U.S. producers of the domestic like product: American Cast Iron Pipe Company, Berg Steel Pipe Corporation, Dura-Bond Pipe LLC, Stupp Corporation, United States Steel Corporation, and Welspun Tubular USA LLC. The Commission found the responses of each of these domestic producers to be individually adequate. Since these six firms accounted for a substantial percentage of domestic production of the domestic like product in 2011, the Commission also found that the domestic interested party group response to the notice of institution was adequate.

The Commission received a joint response to the notice of institution from JFE Steel Corporation and Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation, producers and exporters of the subject merchandise. It found that each of these firm's individual responses was individually adequate. Because the two responding producers account for all or substantially all production of subject merchandise in Japan, it further found that the respondent interested party group response was adequate. Because the group responses from both domestic interested parties and respondent interested parties were adequate, the Commission determined to conduct a full review of the order on certain welded large diameter line pipe from Japan.

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