EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Small Diameter Graphite Electrodes from China Inv. No. 731-TA-1143 (Review)

On April 7, 2014, the Commission unanimously determined to conduct 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 received a response to the notice of institution that was jointly filed by three U.S. producers of small diameter graphite electrodes ("SDGE"): GrafTech International Ltd. ("GrafTech"), SGL Carbon LLC ("SGL Carbon"), and Superior Graphite Company ("Superior"). The Commission found the responses of GrafTech, SGL Carbon, and Superior to be individually adequate. Because the Commission received an adequate response from interested parties accounting for a substantial share of U.S. production of SDGE in 2013, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

No respondent interested party responded to the notice of institution. Accordingly, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate.

The Commission did not find any circumstances that would warrant conducting a full review. The Commission, therefore, decided to conduct an expedited review of this order.

A record of the Commissioners' votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's web site (www.usitc.gov).