

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

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Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from China, Russia, and Ukraine Investigation Nos. 731-TA-753, 754, and 756 (Third Review)

On January 5, 2015, the Commission unanimously determined to conduct full reviews in the subject five-year reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(3) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. §1675(c)(3).

The Commission received adequate responses to the notice of institution from five domestic producers of cut-to-length carbon steel plate (“CTL plate”): ArcelorMittal USA, LLC, Nucor Corp., SSAB Enterprises, LLC, Evraz Oregon Steel, and Evraz Claymont Steel. Because the Commission received adequate responses from domestic producers accounting for a substantial proportion of U.S. CTL plate production in 2013, the Commission unanimously determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

With respect to the review pertaining to subject imports from Russia, the Commission received adequate responses to the notice of institution from Joint Stock Service Company Severstal and OJSC Magnitogorsk Iron and Steel Works, producers in Russia of subject merchandise. Because the Commission received adequate responses from these producers, which accounted for a substantial proportion of CTL plate production in Russia in 2013, the Commission unanimously determined that the respondent interested party group response was adequate for the review pertaining to subject imports from Russia.

With respect to the review pertaining to subject imports from Ukraine, the Commission received adequate responses to the notice of institution jointly filed by PJSC Azovstal Iron & Steel Works and PJSC Ilyich Iron & Steel Works, producers in Ukraine of subject merchandise. Because the Commission received adequate responses from these producers, which accounted for a substantial proportion of CTL plate production in Ukraine in 2013, the Commission unanimously determined that the respondent interested party group was adequate for the review pertaining to subject imports from Ukraine.

With respect to the review pertaining to subject imports from China, the Commission unanimously determined that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate, because no respondent interested party filed a response to the notice of institution. The Commission, however, determined to conduct a full review in order to promote administrative efficiency in light of its decision to conduct full reviews with respect to CTL plate from Russia and Ukraine.

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