

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

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Investigation No. 731-TA-1070B (Second Review)

On September 4, 2015, 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).

The Commission received a joint response from four domestic producers of tissue paper: Garlock Printing and Converting, Inc., Flower City Tissue Mills Co., Seaman Paper Co. of Massachusetts, Inc., and Eagle Tissue LLC. It found each producer's response to be individually adequate. Because the Commission received a response from domestic producers accounting for a substantial proportion of U.S. tissue paper production in 2014, the Commission unanimously determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

No respondent interested party submitted a response to the notice of institution. Consequently, the Commission unanimously determined that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate.

Notwithstanding the inadequate respondent interested party group response, the Commission determined to conduct a full review to engage in further examination of the appropriate definition of the domestic like product.¹

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

¹ Vice Chairman Pinkert and Commissioners Williamson and Schmidlein voted to conduct an expedited review, as they did not find any circumstances that would warrant conducting a full review.