

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand
Inv. Nos. 731-TA- 308-310 and 520-521 (Fourth Review)

On June 6, 2016, the Commission determined to conduct expedited reviews in the subject five-year reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(3)(B).¹

The Commission received a response to the notice of institution from Weldbend Corporation and a joint response to the notice from Tube Forgings of America, Inc., Mills Iron Works, Inc., and Hackney Ladish, Inc., all of which are U.S. producers of carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings. The Commission unanimously found their individual responses to be adequate. Because the Commission received adequate responses from domestic producers accounting for a substantial share of U.S. production of carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings, the Commission unanimously determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate in each review.

The Commission did not receive a response to the notice of institution from any respondent interested party in any of the reviews. Consequently, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate in each review.

The Commission did not find any circumstances that warranted conducting full reviews. Therefore, the Commission determined to conduct expedited reviews of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders.

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

¹ Chairman Broadbent and Commissioner Johanson found that additional circumstances existed to warrant full reviews, and voted to conduct full reviews of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders.