

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip from Japan, Korea, and Taiwan
Inv. Nos. 701-TA-382 and 731-TA-800, 801, and 803 (Third Review)

On October 4, 2016, the Commission unanimously determined to conduct full 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).

The Commission received a joint response to the notice of institution submitted on behalf of four domestic producers of stainless steel sheet and strip (“SSSS”): (1) AK Steel Corporation, (2) Allegheny Ludlum, LLC (d/b/a ATI Flat Rolled Products), (3) North American Stainless, and (4) Outokumpu Stainless Steel USA. The Commission found each domestic interested party’s response to be individually adequate. The Commission further determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate because the responding domestic producers accounted for a substantial portion of domestic SSSS production in 2015.

The Commission also received a response to its notice of institution from Hyundai BNG Steel Co., Ltd. (“Hyundai BNG”), which is a Korean producer of the subject merchandise. The Commission determined that Hyundai BNG’s response was individually adequate. The Commission found the respondent interested party group response to be adequate for the reviews on SSSS from Korea because Hyundai BNG accounted for a substantial share of the production of subject merchandise in Korea in 2015. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to full reviews of the orders on SSSS from Korea.

The Commission also received a joint response submitted on behalf of Hitachi Metals, Ltd. (“Hitachi Metals”), a Japanese producer of the subject merchandise, and Hitachi Metals America, LLC (“Hitachi Metals America”), an importer of the subject merchandise from Japan. The Commission determined that the responses by Hitachi Metals and Hitachi Metals America were individually adequate. The Commission found the respondent interested party group response to be inadequate for the review on SSSS from Japan because Hitachi Metals and Hitachi Metals America accounted for a relatively small share of imports of subject merchandise from Japan in 2015.¹ However, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews concerning the order on SSSS from Japan to promote administrative efficiency in light of its decision to conduct full reviews of the orders on SSSS from Korea.

The Commission did not receive a response from any producer, importer or exporter of SSSS from Taiwan and therefore determined that the respondent interested party group response with respect to the reviews of the order on SSSS from Taiwan was inadequate. However, the Commission determined to conduct a full review concerning SSSS from Taiwan to promote administrative efficiency in light of its decision to conduct full reviews of the orders on SSSS from Korea.

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

¹ Commissioner Kieff found the Japanese respondent group response to be adequate.