

## EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

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*Heavy Forged Hand Tools from China*  
Inv. Nos. 731-TA-457-A-D (Fourth Review)

On October 4, 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)).

The orders under review cover four products: axes and adzes, bars and wedges, hammers and sledges, and picks and mattocks. The Commission received responses to the notice of institution from two domestic interested parties, the AMES Companies, Inc. (“Ames”) and Council Tool Company, Inc. (“Council”), which are domestic producers of each of the four products. The Commission unanimously found Ames’s and Council’s individual responses to be adequate as to each of the four products. Because the Commission received data from producers accounting for a substantial proportion of domestic production of each of the four products, it 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 party. Consequently, the Commission unanimously 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. The Commission, therefore, decided to conduct expedited reviews of the orders.<sup>1</sup>

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

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<sup>1</sup> Vice Chairman Johanson determined that—in light of the time that has transpired since the Commission conducted full reviews in this matter and, in addition, substantial changes in the relative shares of apparent U.S. consumption for U.S. producers and nonsubject imports—conducting full reviews is warranted.