

## EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

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### *Gray Portland Cement and Cement Clinker from Japan* Inv. No. 731-TA-461 (Fourth Review)

On February 6, 2017, the Commission determined to conduct an expedited review in the subject five-year review pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(3)(B).<sup>1</sup>

The Commission received a response filed jointly by the Committee for Fairly Traded Japanese Cement, which is an ad hoc association of three domestic producers of gray portland cement and cement clinker, and three labor unions (the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers; the United Steel, Paper & Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union; and the International Union of Operating Engineers). The Commission found each individual response to be adequate. Because the Commission received a response from interested parties accounting for a substantial share of U.S. production of gray portland cement and cement clinker, the Commission unanimously determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

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

The Commission did not find any circumstances that would warrant conducting a full review and determined to conduct an expedited review of the antidumping duty order.<sup>2</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> Commissioner Pinkert did not participate in this proceeding.

<sup>2</sup> Vice Chairman Johanson and Commissioner Broadbent determined that—in light of the time that has transpired since the Commission last conducted a full investigation in this matter as well as complexities presented by the regional industry definition—conducting a full review is warranted.