

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Malleable Iron Pipe Fittings from China

Inv. No. 731-TA-1021 (Third Review)

On October 4, 2019, the Commission determined to conduct an expedited five-year review in the above-referenced proceeding 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 filed on behalf of Anvil International, LLC (“Anvil”) and Ward Manufacturing (collectively “the domestic interested parties”), domestic producers of malleable iron pipe fittings (“pipe fittings”). The Commission found that the individual responses from the domestic interested parties were adequate. Because the domestic interested parties accounted for all known domestic production of pipe fittings in 2018, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission received a response to the notice of institution from Anvil, a U.S. importer of subject merchandise, which it found was individually adequate. The Commission did not receive a response from any other respondent interested party. The Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate, because the Commission did not receive responses from respondent interested parties accounting for a substantial share of imports of pipe fittings from China.

The Commission did not find any circumstances that would warrant conducting a full review. The Commission therefore determined to conduct an expedited review of this order.¹

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

¹ Chairman Johanson determined that, in light of the time that has transpired since the Commission last conducted a full investigation in this matter, conducting a full review is warranted.