

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Polyvinyl Alcohol from China and Japan
Inv. Nos. 731-TA-1014 and 1016 (Third Review)

On July 5, 2020, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews in the subject five-year reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5).

The Commission received a joint response to the notice of institution from Sekisui Specialty Chemicals America, Inc. (“SSCA”), and Kuraray America, Inc., domestic producers of polyvinyl alcohol (“PVA”). The Commission found each individual response to be adequate. The Commission further determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate because these domestic producers accounted for substantially all domestic production of PVA alcohol in 2019.

The Commission received a joint response to the notice of institution from joint response from Denka Company, Ltd., and Japan Vam & Poval Co., Ltd., producers and exporters of PVA in Japan, and Denka Corporation USA, an importer of PVA from Japan. The Commission found each individual response to be adequate. The Commission further determined that the respondent interested party group response was adequate because respondents accounted for a substantial share of production of subject merchandise in Japan. Accordingly, the Commission determined to conduct a full review of the antidumping duty order on PVA from Japan.

The Commission also received a response to its notice of institution from SSCA, which was an importer of PVA from China also. The Commission found this individual response to be adequate. The Commission, however, did not receive any timely responses to its notice of initiation from producers or exporters of PVA from China. Therefore, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response was adequate while the Commission found the respondent interested party group response was inadequate. The Commission nevertheless voted for a full review on the antidumping duty order on PVA from China in order to promote administrative efficiency in light of the Commission’s decision to conduct a full review of the antidumping duty order on PVA from Japan.

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