EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Fresh Tomatoes from Mexico Inv. No. 731-TA-747 (Fourth Review)

On May 7, 2018, the Commission unanimously determined to conduct a full review in the subject five-year review pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c).

The Commission received a response to the notice of institution from the Florida Tomato Exchange (FTE), an association of domestic producers of fresh tomatoes. The Commission unanimously found the domestic interested party's individual response to be adequate. Because FTE accounted for a substantial share of U.S. fresh tomato production in 2017, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission also received a joint response to the notice of institution from the Confederacion de Asociaciones Agricolas del Estado de Sinaloa, A.C., Consejo Agricola de Baja California, A.C., Asociacion Mexicana de Horticultura Protegida, A.C., Asociacion de Hortalizas del Yaqui y Mayo, and Sistema Producto Tomate, organizations that represent subject producers and/or exporters of fresh tomatoes. The Commission unanimously found each respondent interested party's response to be individually adequate. Because the respondent interested parties accounted for a substantial share of subject imports of fresh tomatoes in 2017, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response was adequate and determined to conduct a full review.

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