

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

in

Stainless Steel Bar from Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain
Inv. Nos. 731-TA-678, 679, 681, and 682 (Fourth Review)

On October 6, 2017, the Commission unanimously 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 submitted on behalf of seven domestic producers of stainless steel bar: Carpenter Technology Corporation; Crucible Industries, LLC; Electralloy, a G. O. Carlson Inc. Co.; North American Stainless; Outokumpu Stainless Bar, Inc.; Universal Stainless & Alloy Products, Inc.; and Valbruna Slater Steels, Inc. The Commission found each domestic interested party's response to be individually adequate. The Commission further determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate because the responding domestic producers accounted for a substantial portion of domestic stainless steel bar production in 2016.

The Commission also received responses to its notice of institution from Aichi Steel Corp., Daido Steel Co. Ltd. and Sanyo Special Steel Co., Ltd. PT., producers of subject merchandise from Japan and Aceria de Alava S.A., Aceros Inoxidables Olarra S.A., and Sidenor Aceros Especiales S.L., producers and exporters of subject merchandise from Spain. The Commission determined that each of these responses was individually adequate. The Commission found the respondent interested party group response to be adequate for the reviews on stainless steel bar from Japan and Spain because the responding producers accounted for a substantial share of the production or exports of subject merchandise in Japan and Spain in 2016. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to full reviews of the orders on stainless steel bar from Japan and Spain.

The Commission did not receive a response from any producer, importer, or exporter of stainless steel bar from Brazil or India, and therefore determined that the respondent interested party group response with respect to the reviews of the orders on stainless steel bar from Brazil and India was inadequate. However, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews concerning the orders on stainless steel bar from Brazil and India to promote administrative efficiency in light of its decision to conduct full reviews of the orders on stainless steel bar from Japan and Spain.

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