EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

in

Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells and Modules from China Inv. Nos. 701-TA-481 and 731-TA-1190 (Review)

On February 5, 2018, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews in the subject five-year reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(3) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(3).

The Commission received a response to the notice of institution from one domestic interested party, SolarWorld Americas, Inc. ("SolarWorld"), a U.S. producer of crystalline silicon photovoltaic ("CSPV") cells and modules. The Commission found the individual response to be adequate. Because the Commission received data from a producer accounting for a substantial proportion of U.S. production of CSPV cells and modules, the Commission unanimously determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission also received a joint response to the notice of institution from nine respondent interested parties, Canadian Solar (USA) Inc., a U.S. importer of CSPV cells and modules, and Canadian Solar Inc.; Canadian Solar Manufacturing (Changshu) Inc.; Canadian Solar Manufacturing (Luoyang) Inc.; CSI Cells Co., Ltd.; CSI-GCL Solar Manufacturing (Yancheng), Ltd.; Canadian Solar Sunenergy (Baotou) Co., Ltd.; Canadian Solar Sunenergy (Suzhou) Co., Ltd.; and Canadian Solar International, Ltd., producers and exporters of subject merchandise in China. The Commission found the response of each of these firms to be individually adequate. The Commission also found the respondent interested party group response to be adequate.

In addition to adequate responses by both the domestic interested party group and the respondent interested party group, the Commission further found that circumstances warranted full reviews, including changes in the conditions of competition in light of recent U.S. safeguard measures imposed on CSPV cells and modules.

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

¹ Chairman Rhonda K. Schmidtlein and Commissioner Irving A. Williamson determined that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate and voted to conduct expedited reviews.