

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Silicon Metal from China
Inv. No. 731-TA-472 (Fourth Review)

On June 5, 2017, the Commission 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).¹

The Commission received an adequate individual response to the notice of institution from Globe Metallurgical, Inc. (“Globe”), a domestic producer of silicon metal. Because the Commission received an adequate response from an interested party accounting for a substantial share of U.S. production of silicon metal, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission received a joint response from five producers of silicon metal in China: Changning Zhenyuan Smelting Silicon Co., Ltd.; Hoshine Silicon Industry Co., Ltd.; Mang City Yuesheng Silicon Co., Ltd.; Mao County Panda Silicon Co., Ltd.; and Sichuan Linhe Silicon Industrial Co., Ltd. The Commission unanimously found their individual responses to be adequate.

Because the Commission received an adequate response from foreign producers accounting for a substantial share of the total volume of production of subject merchandise in China, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response was adequate.² Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review.

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

¹ Commissioner Kieff did not participate in these determinations.

² Chairman Schmidlein found the respondent interested party response to be inadequate and voted to expedite the review.