

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Monosodium Glutamate from China and Indonesia
Inv. Nos. 731-TA-1229-1230 (Review)

On January 6, 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 response to the notice of institution from Ajinomoto Health & Nutrition North America, Inc. (“Ajinomoto”), a domestic producer of monosodium glutamate. The Commission found Ajinomoto’s individual response to be adequate. Because Ajinomoto accounted for a substantial proportion of domestic production of monosodium glutamate, the Commission further determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

With respect to the antidumping duty order on monosodium glutamate from Indonesia, the Commission received a joint response to the notice of institution from CJ America, Inc., a U.S. importer, and PT. Cheil Jedang Indonesia, an Indonesian producer of monosodium glutamate. The Commission found the response of both of these firms to be individually adequate. Because they accounted for a substantial share of subject imports from Indonesia, the Commission found that the respondent interested party group response was adequate with respect to the antidumping duty order on monosodium glutamate from Indonesia. The Commission thus determined to conduct a full review of the order.

The Commission did not receive a response to the notice of institution from any respondent interested party with respect to the antidumping duty order on monosodium glutamate from China. The Commission therefore determined that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate with respect to that order. The Commission determined, however, to conduct a full review of the order on monosodium glutamate from China to promote administrative efficiency, in light of the Commission’s determination to conduct a full review of the order on monosodium glutamate from Indonesia.

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