

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Refined Brown Aluminum Oxide from China
Inv. No. 731-TA-1022 (Third Review)

On December 9, 2019, the Commission determined to conduct an expedited five-year review in the above-referenced proceeding pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(3)(B).

The Commission received a joint response to its notice of institution filed on behalf of Great Lakes Minerals, LLC; Imerys Fused Minerals Niagara Falls, Inc.; U.S. Electrofused Minerals, Inc.; and Washington Mills Group, Inc. (collectively, “the domestic interested parties”), domestic producers of refined brown aluminum oxide (“RBAO”). The Commission found that the individual responses from the domestic interested parties were adequate. Because the domestic interested parties accounted for a majority of domestic production of RBAO in 2018, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission did not receive a response to the notice of institution from any respondent interested party. The Commission therefore determined that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate.

The Commission did not find any circumstances that would warrant conducting a full review. The Commission therefore determined to conduct an expedited review of this order.¹

A record of the Commissioners’ votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and the Commission’s web site (www.usitc.gov).

¹ Chairman Johanson determined that, in light of the time that has transpired since the Commission last conducted a full investigation in this matter, conducting a full review of the order on RBAO from China is warranted.