

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

In

Small Diameter Graphite Electrodes from China
Inv. No. 731-TA-1143 (Second Review)

On August 5, 2019, the Commission determined to conduct a full review in the subject five-year review pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5).

The Commission received one response to its notice of institution on behalf of Tokai Carbon GE LLC (“Tokai Carbon”), a domestic producer of small diameter graphite electrodes (“SDGE”) from China. The Commission determined that this individual response was adequate. The Commission further determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate because Tokai Carbon accounted for a substantial portion of domestic production of SDGE in 2018.

The Commission did not receive a response to the notice of institution from any respondent interested party in this review. Consequently, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate.

The Commission concluded that conducting a full review was warranted in light of changes in the conditions of competition that have occurred in the U.S. market.¹

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 Rhonda K. Schmidlein voted to conduct an expedited review.