

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Certain Frozen Fish Fillets from Vietnam

Inv. No. 731-TA-1012 (Second Review)

On September 5, 2014, the Commission unanimously determined to conduct an expedited review in the subject five-year review 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 response to the notice of institution that was jointly filed by the Catfish Farmers of America, an association of U.S. catfish farmers and processors, and six individual catfish processors: America's Catch Inc., Alabama Catfish Inc. dba Harvest Select Catfish, Inc., Heartland Catfish Co., Magnolia Processing, Inc. dba Pride of the Pond, Simmons Farm Raised Catfish, Inc., and Guidry's Catfish, Inc. (collectively, "domestic interested parties"). The Commission found each of the processors' responses individually adequate. Because the Commission received adequate responses from interested parties accounting for a substantial share of U.S. production of frozen catfish fillets, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission also received a response from the Vietnam Association of Seafood Exporters and Producers ("VASEP"), an association of 23 producers and exporters of frozen fish fillets from Vietnam. That response did not contain substantial portions of the information requested in the Commission's notice of institution, and VASEP declined the opportunity to provide the missing information in a supplemental response. Accordingly, the Commission

determined that VASEP's response was inadequate and 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, decided to conduct an expedited review of this order.

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