

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSON DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

in

Certain Stilbenic Optical Brightening Agents from China and Taiwan Inv. Nos. 731-TA-1186-1187 (Review)

On July 7, 2017, the Commission determined to conduct expedited reviews in the above-referenced proceedings 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 from Archroma U.S. Inc. (“Archroma”), a domestic producer of certain stilbenic optical brightening agents (“CSOBAs”). The Commission found that the response of Archroma was individually adequate. Because Archroma accounted for a substantial proportion of domestic production of CSOBAs in 2016, 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 full reviews. The Commission, therefore, determined to conduct expedited reviews of these orders.

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