

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Clad Steel Plate from Japan
Inv. No. 731-TA-739 (Fourth Review)

On April 9, 2018, 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 a response to its notice of institution from DMC Global Inc. d/b/a NobelClad (“DMC”), a domestic producer of clad steel plate. The Commission determined that this individual response was adequate. The Commission further determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate because DMC accounted for a substantial portion of domestic production of clad steel plate in 2017.

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

However, the Commission concluded that conducting a full review was warranted in light of changes in conditions of competition that have occurred in the U.S. market, such as the imposition of Section 232 tariffs that cover clad steel plate from Japan.¹

A record of the Commissioners’ votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and the Commission’s website (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

¹ Commissioner Williamson voted to conduct an expedited review. Commissioner Kearns did not participate.