

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

in

Non-Oriented Electrical Steel from China, Germany, Japan, Korea, Sweden, and Taiwan
Inv. Nos. 701-TA-506 and 508 and 731-TA-1238-1243 (Review)

On February 4, 2020, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews in the subject five-year reviews 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 the notice of institution from AK Steel Corporation (“AK Steel”), a U.S. producer of non-oriented electrical steel (“NOES”). The Commission found the individual response adequate. Because AK Steel accounted for a substantial share of U.S. production of NOES in 2018, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission also received, with respect to the order on subject imports from Germany, a joint response to the notice of institution from thyssenkrupp Steel Europe AG, a German NOES producer, and thyssenkrupp Steel North America, a U.S. importer of NOES. The Commission found the response of each of these firms to be individually adequate. Because thyssenkrupp Steel Europe AG accounted for a substantial share of German production of NOES in 2018, the Commission found that the respondent interested party group response was adequate with respect to the order on NOES from Germany. The Commission thus determined to conduct a full review of the order.

The Commission did not receive a response to the notice of institution from any respondent interested parties concerning the orders on subject imports from China, Japan, Korea, Sweden, or Taiwan. Consequently, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group responses from each of these subject countries were inadequate. The Commission, however, determined to conduct full reviews of the orders on NOES from China, Japan, Korea, Sweden, and Taiwan in order to promote administrative efficiency, in light of the Commission’s determination to conduct a full review of the order on NOES from Germany.

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