

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Certain Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe from Germany
Inv. No. 731-TA-709 (Fourth Review)

On November 6, 2017, the Commission 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 its notice of institution from United States Steel Corp., a domestic producer of certain seamless carbon and alloy steel standard, line, and pressure pipe (“seamless SLP pipe”). The Commission determined this individual response to be adequate.

The Commission also received a joint response to its notice of institution from Benteler Steel/Tube GmbH, Benteler Steel/Tube Manufacturing Corp., and Benteler Steel and Tube Corp. (collectively “Benteler”), respectively a German producer/exporter, a domestic producer, and a U.S. importer of seamless SLP pipe. The Commission determined that this response was individually adequate.

The Commission unanimously determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate because it reflected data from seamless SLP pipe producers accounting for a substantial share of domestic production in 2016.

Because Benteler did not itself represent a substantial share of production, exports, or imports of subject merchandise from Germany, the Commission found that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate.

The Commission did not find any circumstances that would warrant conducting a full review.¹ Therefore, the Commission determined to conduct an expedited review of this order.

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

¹ Benteler subsequently stated that it no longer intended to participate in the review of this order.