

**EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION OF ADEQUACY**

in

*Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand,*  
Inv. Nos. 731-TA-308-310, 520-521 (Review)

On August 5, 1999, the Commission determined that it should proceed to expedited reviews in each of the subject five-year reviews 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 determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate. In this regard, the Commission received responses to the notice of institution from Weldbend Corp., Mills Iron Works, Inc., Trinity Fitting and Flange Group, Inc., and Tube Forging of America, Inc., each of which is a domestic manufacturer of carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings. These four firms accounted for the vast majority of 1998 production of the domestic like product.

The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested party. Consequently the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate in each review.

The Commission did not find any circumstances that would warrant conducting full reviews. The Commission, therefore, determined to conduct expedited reviews.