

## EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

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### *Stainless Steel Bar from Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain* Inv. Nos. 731-TA-678-679, 681-682 (Reviews)

On April 6, 2000, the Commission determined that it should proceed to full reviews of the outstanding antidumping duty orders on stainless steel bar from Brazil, India, Japan, and Spain pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5). The Commission, in consultation with the Department of Commerce, grouped these reviews because they involve similar domestic like products.<sup>1</sup>

The Commission received an adequate, joint response, with company-specific data, from six domestic producers and a labor union. The domestic producers are: Carpenter Technology Corp.; Crucible Specialty Metals Division of Crucible Materials Corp.; Electralloy Corp.; Empire Specialty Steel Inc.; Republic Technologies International; and Slater Steels Corp. The labor union, the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC, represents workers engaged in the production of stainless steel bar at each of the domestic producers except Carpenter. The labor union and all the producers were petitioners, or are successors to petitioners, in the original investigations. Because the Commission received an adequate response from domestic producers accounting for a substantial percentage of U.S. production, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission also received an adequate, joint response, with company-specific data, from Roldan S.A., a Spanish producer and exporter of the subject merchandise, and from Acerinox USA, Inc., a U.S. importer of subject merchandise from Spain.<sup>2</sup> Because the Commission received an adequate response representing a substantial percentage of the production of stainless steel bar in Spain and a substantial percentage of exports of subject merchandise to the United States from Spain, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response for Spain was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Stainless Steel Bar from Spain*.

No responses were received on behalf of respondent interested parties with respect to the reviews concerning subject imports from Brazil, India, and Japan. Nonetheless, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews in *Stainless Steel Bar from Brazil, India, and Japan* because conducting full reviews would promote administrative efficiency in light of the Commission's determination to conduct a full review with respect to *Stainless Steel Bar from Spain*.

A record of the Commissioners' votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and on the Commission's web site.

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<sup>1</sup> See 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5)(D).

<sup>2</sup>The Commission rejected a submission from another Spanish producer, A.I. Olarra, S.A., on the basis of failure to comply with the Commission's rules.