

## EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

in

*Oil Country Tubular Goods from Argentina, Italy, Japan, Korea, and Mexico,*  
Inv. Nos. 701-TA-364 and 731-TA-711, 713-716 (Review)

On October 5, 2000, the Commission determined that it should proceed to 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, in consultation with the Department of Commerce, grouped these reviews because they involve similar domestic like products. *See* 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5)(D); 63 *Fed. Reg.* 29372, 29374 (May 29, 1998).

With respect to *Oil Country Tubular Goods from Argentina and Mexico*, Inv. Nos. 731-TA-711 and 716 (Review), the Commission determined that both domestic and respondent interested party group responses to the notice of institution were adequate and voted to conduct full reviews. As pertains to domestic interested parties, the Commission received a joint response containing company-specific information on behalf of eight domestic producers accounting for the majority of U.S. production of oil country tubular goods (“OCTG”) excluding drill pipe and three domestic producers accounting for the majority of U.S. production of drill pipe. As pertains to respondent interested parties, the Commission received responses from one Argentine producer of OCTG and two Mexican producers of OCTG accounting for the majority of OCTG production in Argentina and Mexico, respectively. The Commission also received a response from an importer accounting for the majority of subject imports of OCTG from Mexico.

With respect to *Oil Country Tubular Goods from Italy and Korea*, Inv. Nos. 701-TA-364 and 731-TA-713 and 715 (Review), the Commission determined that both domestic and respondent interested party group responses to the notice of institution were adequate and voted to conduct full reviews. As pertains to domestic interested parties, the Commission received a joint response containing company-specific information on behalf of eight domestic producers accounting for the majority of U.S. production of OCTG excluding drill pipe. As pertains to respondent interested parties, the Commission received responses from one Italian producer of OCTG excluding drill pipe and one Korean producer of OCTG excluding drill pipe accounting for the majority of production in Italy and Korea, respectively, that remains subject to order.

With respect to *Oil Country Tubular Goods from Japan*, Inv. No. 731-TA-714 (Review), the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate. The Commission received a joint response containing company-specific information on behalf of eight domestic producers accounting for the majority of U.S. production of OCTG excluding drill pipe and three domestic producers accounting for the majority of U.S. production of drill pipe. Because no respondent interested party responded to the notice of institution, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate. The Commission further determined to conduct a full review, however, because conducting a full review would promote administrative efficiency in light of the Commission’s decision to conduct full reviews with respect to *Oil Country Tubular Goods from Argentina, Italy, Korea, and Mexico*.