

## **EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY**

in

*Certain Seamless Carbon and Alloy Steel Standard, Line, and Pressure Pipe  
from Argentina, Brazil, and Germany*

Inv. Nos. 731-TA-707-709 (Second Review)

On September 5, 2006, the Commission determined that it should proceed to full reviews in 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 received an individually adequate response filed jointly by United States Steel Corporation and Koppel Steel Corporation, which indicated that they account for the majority of U.S. production of seamless pipe. The Commission therefore determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

With respect to the review pertaining to the order on subject imports from Argentina, the Commission received an individually adequate response from Siderca S.A.I.C., which accounts for all production of the subject merchandise in Argentina, and determined that the Argentine respondent interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission received no responses from any respondent interested party regarding the order on subject imports from Brazil. Thus, it unanimously determined that the Brazilian respondent interested party group response to the notice of institution was inadequate.

As pertains to the review regarding the order on subject imports from Germany, the Commission received an individually adequate joint response from Benteler Steel and Tube Corporation, a German producer and exporter of the subject merchandise, and Benteler Stahl/Rohr GmbH, a U.S. importer, though not of the subject merchandise. Benteler accounts for a small portion of production of subject merchandise in Germany. The Commission determined that the German respondent interested party group response to the notice of institution was inadequate.<sup>1</sup>

Notwithstanding its determinations that the respondent interested party group responses with respect to Brazil and Germany were inadequate, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews in order to promote administrative efficiency in light of its decision to conduct a full review with respect to the order on seamless pipe from Argentina.

A record of the Commissioners' votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's web site ([www.usitc.gov](http://www.usitc.gov)).

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<sup>1</sup>Commissioners Okun and Lane determined that the respondent interested party group response with respect to Germany was adequate.