EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Cold-Rolled Steel from Brazil, China, India, Japan, Korea, and the United Kingdom Inv. Nos. 701-TA-540-543 and 731-TA-1283-1287 and 1290 (Review)

On September 7, 2021, the Commission determined to conduct 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 received a joint response to the notice of institution from Nucor Corporation, Steel Dynamics Inc., and United States Steel Corporation, domestic producers of cold-rolled steel flat products ("CRS"). The Commission also received a separate response to the notice of institution from domestic CRS producer Cleveland-Cliffs Inc. The Commission found the responses from each of these domestic interested parties to be individually adequate. Because the domestic interested parties collectively accounted for a substantial share of U.S. production of CRS in 2020, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

With respect to the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on subject imports from Brazil, the Commission received responses from Brazilian CRS producer Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais S.A. – USIMINAS ("USIMINAS"), and the government of Brazil ("GOB"). The Commission found the response of each respondent interested party to be individually adequate. Because USIMINAS accounted for a substantial share of Brazilian production of CRS in 2020, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response was adequate with respect to the orders on CRS from Brazil.

With respect to the antidumping duty order on subject imports from Japan, the Commission received a response from Japanese CRS producer Nippon Steel Corporation ("NSC"). The Commission found NSC's response to be individually adequate. Because NSC accounted for a substantial share of Japanese production of CRS in 2020, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response was adequate with respect to the order on CRS from Japan.

With respect to the antidumping duty order on subject imports from the United Kingdom ("UK"), the Commission received a response from UK CRS producer Tata Steel UK, Ltd. ("TSUK"). The Commission found TSUK's response to be individually adequate. Because the available evidence indicated that TSUK accounted for a substantial share of UK production of CRS in 2020,¹ the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response was adequate with respect to the order on CRS from the UK. ²

¹ While TSUK stated that it could not provide an estimate of its percentage of total UK CRS production in 2020, TSUK reported production accounting for a substantial share of UK production in the original investigations.

² Chair Kearns determined the respondent interested party group response with respect to the order on CRS from the UK to be inadequate because TSUK could not provide and thus the record did not contain the percentage of total UK CRS production accounted for by TSUK in 2020.

Because the group responses from both the domestic interested parties and the respondent interested parties were adequate, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews of the orders on CRS from Brazil, Japan, and the UK.

The Commission did not receive a response to the notice of institution from any respondent interested parties concerning the orders on subject imports from China, India, or Korea. Consequently, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group responses concerning each of these orders were inadequate. The Commission, however, determined to conduct full reviews of the orders on CRS from China, India, and Korea in order to promote administrative efficiency in light of the Commission's determination to conduct full reviews of the orders on CRS from Brazil, Japan, and the UK.

A record of the Commissioners' votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's website (www.usitc.gov).