

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Certain Welded Large Diameter Line Pipe from Japan Inv. No. 731-TA-919 (Third Review)

On December 10, 2018, the Commission determined to conduct a full review in the subject five-year review pursuant to section 751(c)(3) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. §1675(c)(3).

The Commission received a joint response to the notice of institution from American Cast Iron Pipe Company (“American”), Berg Steel Pipe Corp. and Berg Spiral Pipe Corp. (collectively, “Berg”), Dura-Bond Industries (“Dura-Bond”), Stupp Corporation (“Stupp”), and JSW Steel (USA) Inc. (“JSW”), U.S. producers of certain welded large diameter line pipe (“CWLDLP”), and the American Line Pipe Producers Association (“ALPPA”), a coalition of U.S. producers of CWLDLP.¹ The Commission found the individual responses of American, Berg, Dura-Bond, Stupp, JSW, and ALPPA to be adequate. The Commission received data from producers accounting for a substantial proportion of domestic production and therefore determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission received a joint response to the notice of institution from two respondent interested parties, JFE Steel Corporation and Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation, both Japanese producers of CWLDLP. The Commission found the response of each of these firms to be individually adequate. The Commission found that the respondent interested party group response was adequate because respondents accounted for a substantial share of the production of subject merchandise in Japan.

Because the group responses from both the domestic interested party and the respondent interested party were adequate, the Commission determined to conduct a full review of the order.

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

¹ American, Berg Steel Pipe Corp., Berg Spiral Pipe Corp., Dura-Bond, and Stupp are members of ALPPA.