

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

in

Sugar from Mexico

Inv. Nos. 701-TA-513 and 731-TA-1249 (Review)

On March 3, 2020, the Commission determined to conduct expedited 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 a response to the notice of institution on behalf of the American Sugar Coalition (the “Coalition”) and its members, American Sugar Cane League, American Sugarbeet Growers Association, American Sugar Refining, Inc., Florida Sugar Cane League, Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers, Inc., Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida, and the United States Beet Sugar Association, domestic producers of sugar. The Commission also received a response from domestic producer, Imperial Sugar Company (“Imperial”). The Commission found individual responses of the Coalition, the Coalition’s individual members, and Imperial as U.S. producers were adequate. Because the Commission received a response from domestic producers accounting for a substantial share of reported U.S. production of sugar for crop year (“CY”) 2017/2018, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

The Commission did not receive a response to the notice of institution from any respondent interested party that supported termination of the suspended investigations in these reviews.¹ Consequently, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response was inadequate.

The Commission did not find any circumstances that would warrant conducting full reviews. Therefore, the Commission decided to conduct expedited reviews of the suspended investigations.

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

¹ Two U.S. producers, Coalition member, American Sugar Refining, Inc., and Imperial also reported importing subject merchandise in CY 2017/2018. The Commission found the individual responses of these two U.S. producers as importers to be adequate.