

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

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Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Mexico and Turkey Inv. Nos. 701-TA-502 and 731-TA-1227 (Review)

On January 6, 2020, the Commission determined to conduct full five-year reviews in the above-referenced proceedings pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5)).

The Commission received a joint response to the notice of institution filed on behalf of the Rebar Trade Action Coalition (“RTAC”), a trade association, and its four members: Nucor Corporation (“Nucor”), Gerdau Ameristeel US Inc. (“Gerdau”), Commercial Metals Company (“CMC”), and Steel Dynamics, Inc. (“SDI”), all of which are U.S. producers of steel concrete reinforcing bar (“rebar”). The Commission found that the individual responses submitted on behalf of RTAC, Nucor, Gerdau, CMC, and SDI were adequate. Because RTAC and its four members accounted for a substantial share of domestic production of rebar in 2018, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

With respect to the order on rebar from Mexico, the Commission received a joint response to the notice of institution filed on behalf of Mexican rebar producer and exporter Deacero S.A.P.I. de C.V. (“Deacero”) and its affiliated U.S. importer, Deacero USA, Inc. (“Deacero USA”), as well as Mexican rebar producer and exporter Grupo Simec (“Simec”). The Commission found that the individual responses filed on behalf of Deacero, Deacero USA, and Simec were adequate. Because the responding parties accounted for a substantial share of U.S. imports of rebar from Mexico in 2018, and a substantial share of exports of rebar from Mexico to the United States in that year, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response was adequate. Thus, the Commission determined to conduct a full review of the order on rebar from Mexico.

With respect to the order on rebar from Turkey, the Commission received a joint response to the notice of institution filed on behalf of Turkish rebar producers and exporters Colakoglu Metalurji A.Ş. (“Colakoglu”), Icdas Celik Enerji Tersane ve Ulasim Sanayi A.S. (“Icdas”), and Kaptan Demir Celik Endustrisi ve Ticaret, A.S. (“Kaptan”).¹ The Commission also received a response to the notice of institution from the Government of the Republic of Turkey, Ministry of Trade (“GOT”). The Commission found that the individual responses filed on behalf of Colakoglu, Icdas, Kaptan, and the GOT were adequate. Because the responding Turkish producers and exporters accounted for a substantial share of the exports of rebar from Turkey to the United States in 2018, and given the data provided by the GOT on Turkish rebar

¹ This joint response was also filed on behalf of Çelik İhracatçileri Birliği – Steel Exporters Association (“CİB”), a Turkish steel producer/exporter trade association.

production and exports to the United States in 2018, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response was adequate. Thus, the Commission determined to conduct a full review of the order on rebar from Turkey.

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