

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS ON ADEQUACY

in

Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube from China, Korea, Mexico, and Turkey Inv. Nos. 701-TA-449 and 731-TA-1118-1121 (Second Review)

On August 5, 2019, 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).¹

The Commission received a joint response to its notice of institution from eight domestic producers of light-walled rectangular pipe and tube (“LWR pipe and tube”): Atlas Tube; Bull Moose Tube Co.; California Steel and Tube; Hannibal Industries; Independence Tube Corp., a Nucor Company; Searing Industries, Inc.; Southland Tube, Inc., a Nucor Company; and Wheatland Tube Company. The Commission found the response of each domestic producer to be individually adequate. Because the eight domestic producers accounted for a substantial share of U.S. production of LWR pipe and tube in 2018, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

With respect to the order on subject imports from Mexico, the Commission received a joint response to the notice of institution from two Mexican respondent interested parties: Maquilacero S.A. de C.V. and Regiomontana de Perfiles y Tubos, S.A. de C.V. Both are Mexican producers, exporters, and importers of LWR pipe and tube. The Commission found the response of each Mexican respondent interested party to be individually adequate. Because the two Mexican respondent interested parties accounted for a substantial share of Mexican imports into the U.S. market in 2018, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response from Mexico was adequate.

Because the group responses from both the domestic interested parties and the respondent interested parties from Mexico were adequate, the Commission determined to conduct a full review of the order on LWR pipe and tube from Mexico.

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, Korea, or Turkey in these reviews. Consequently, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group responses from each of these subject countries were inadequate. The Commission, however, determined to conduct full reviews of the orders on LWR pipe and tube from China, Korea, and Turkey in order to promote administrative efficiency in light of the Commission’s determination to conduct a full review of the order on LWR pipe and tube from Mexico.

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

¹ Commissioner Meredith M. Broadbent did not participate in these determinations.