

301(a)(2) of the TEA. Not later than 5 days after the date on which the petition is filed, the President shall request the Tariff Commission to conduct an investigation relating to questions of fact relevant to his determinations under new sections 301(c) (1) and (2) of the TEA and to make a report of the facts disclosed by such investigation. In his request, the President may specify the particular kinds of data which he deems appropriate. This is not intended, however, to preclude the Tariff Commission from making an investigation of, and including in its report, such additional data as it considers relevant. Upon receipt of the President's request, the Tariff Commission shall promptly initiate the investigation and promptly publish notice thereof in the Federal Register.

It is intended that the President, and not the Tariff Commission, shall make the determinations under sections 301(c)(1) and (c)(2) with respect to firms and groups of workers. Accordingly, the Tariff Commission is not to include in its report conclusions, opinions, or judgments which are tantamount to the determinations. Instead, it is to present the facts and in a manner which will render the report useful to the President. It is recognized that the Tariff Commission will have to reach conclusions with respect to such subsidiary questions as what constitutes the firm or an appropriate subdivision thereof, what product is directly competitive, and what is the appropriate base period, in order to gather the relevant facts. In any case, however, the President has the final authority to make a decision with respect to any element which enters into the determinations under sections 301(c)(1) and (c)(2), and 302 (c), (d), and (e).

Subsection (e) amends section 301(d)(2) of the TEA to provide that, in the course of any investigation under new section 301(c)(3) of the TEA, the Tariff Commission shall hold a public hearing if requested by the petitioner or any other person showing a proper interest. However, such a request must be made not later than 10 days after the date of the publication of its notice under section 301(c)(3). The Tariff Commission is to afford interested persons an opportunity to be present, to produce evidence, and to be heard at such hearing. It is understood that a public hearing may be held in any case on the Tariff Commission's own motion.

Subsection (f) amends section 301(f)(1) of the TEA to provide that the Tariff Commission shall be under an affirmative obligation to include any dissenting or separate views only in its reports concerning petitions for tariff adjustment.

Subsection (g) amends section 301(f)(3) of the TEA to provide that the report of the Tariff Commission of the facts disclosed by its investigation under new section 301(c)(3) of the TEA with respect to a firm or group of workers shall be made at the earliest practicable time, but not later than 60 days after the date on which it receives the request of the President under new section 301(c)(3).

Section 302. Presidential action after Tariff Commission reports

In general, section 302 amends section 302 of the TEA to provide for Presidential action following receipt of the Tariff Commission's factual report with respect to a petition for adjustment assistance.

Subsection (a) amends section 302 of the TEA to change the title of the section from "Presidential Action After Tariff Commission Determination" to "Presidential Action After Tariff Commission Reports," consistent with the amendments to section 301 of the TEA.