

Notice of initiation of a partial interim review of the anti-dumping measures applicable to imports of certain tube and pipe fittings originating in Thailand

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The Commission has received a request for a partial interim review pursuant to Article 11(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 384/96 ⁽¹⁾, as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1972/2002 ⁽²⁾ (the Basic Regulation).

1. Request for review

The request was lodged by Awaji Sangyo (Thailand) Co., Ltd (the applicant) an exporter from Thailand.

The request is limited in scope to the examination of dumping as far as the applicant is concerned.

2. Product

The products under review are certain tube or pipe fittings (other than cast fittings, flanges and threaded fittings), of iron and steel (not including stainless steel), with a greatest external diameter not exceeding 609,6 mm, of a kind used for butt-welding or other purposes, originating in Thailand (the products concerned), currently classifiable within CN codes ex 7307 93 11, ex 7303 93 19, ex 7303 99 30 and ex 7307 99 90. These CN codes are only given for information.

3. Existing measures

The measures currently in force are a definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by Council Regulation (EC) No 584/94 ⁽³⁾, as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1592/2000 ⁽⁴⁾ on imports of certain tube and pipe fittings originating in Thailand.

4. Grounds for the review

The request pursuant to Article 11(3) is based on the *prima facie* evidence, provided by the applicant, that the circumstances on the basis of which measures were established have changed and that these changes are of lasting nature.

The applicant alleges, *inter alia*, that the domestic prices in Thailand which were used to determine the normal value in the previous investigation have decreased significantly and substantially more than their export prices of the products concerned from Thailand to the Community. This has led to a reduction or elimination of dumping. Therefore, the continued imposition of measures at the existing levels, which were based on the level of dumping previously established, is no longer necessary to offset dumping.

5. Procedure for the determination of dumping

Having determined, after consulting the Advisory Committee, that sufficient evidence exists to justify the initiation of a partial interim review, the Commission hereby initiates a review in accordance with Article 11(3) of the Basic Regulation.

The investigation will assess the need for the continuation, removal or amendment of the existing measures in respect of the sole applicant.

(a) Questionnaires

In order to obtain the information it deems necessary for its investigation, the Commission will send questionnaires to the applicant and to the authorities of the exporting country concerned. This information and supporting evidence should reach the Commission within the time limit set in point 6(a) of this notice.

(b) Collection of information and holding of hearings

All interested parties are hereby invited to make their views known, submit information other than questionnaire replies and to provide supporting evidence. This information and supporting evidence has to reach the Commission within the time limit set in paragraph 6(a) of this notice.

Furthermore, the Commission may hear interested parties, provided that they make a request showing that there are particular reasons why they should be heard. This request must be made within the time limit set in paragraph 6(b) of this notice.

6. Time limits

(a) For parties to make themselves known, to submit questionnaire replies and any other information

All interested parties, if their representations are to be taken into account during the investigation, must make themselves known by contacting the Commission, present their views and submit questionnaire replies or any other information within 40 days of the date of publication of this notice in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*, unless otherwise specified. Attention is drawn to the fact that the exercise of most procedural rights set out in the Basic Regulation depends on the party's making itself known within the aforementioned period.

(b) Hearings

All interested parties may also apply to be heard by the Commission within the same 40 day time limit.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 56, 6.3.1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 305, 7.11.2002, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 84, 3.4.1996, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 182, 21.7.2000, p. 1.

7. Written submissions, questionnaire replies and correspondence

All submissions and requests made by interested parties must be made in writing (not in electronic format, unless otherwise specified), and must indicate the name, address, e-mail address, telephone and fax, and/or telex numbers of the interested party.

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8. Non-cooperation

In cases in which any interested party refuses access to or otherwise does not provide the necessary information within the time limits, or significantly impedes the investigation, findings, affirmative or negative, may be made in accordance with Article 18 of the Basic Regulation, on the basis of the facts available.

Where it is found that any interested party has supplied false or misleading information, the information shall be disregarded and use may be made of the facts available.

Notice, pursuant to Article 4(1)(a) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2408/92 on access for Community air carriers to intra-Community air routes, concerning the operation of scheduled air services on certain domestic routes

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(Text with EEA relevance)

Pursuant to Article 4(1)(a) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2408/92 of 23 July 1992 on access for Community air carriers to intra-Community air routes, Sweden has decided to impose a public service obligation in respect of scheduled air services operated from 26 October 2003 on the following routes (and vice versa):

Kiruna–Luleå,

Kiruna–Umeå,

Gällivare–Luleå,

Gällivare–Umeå,

Luleå–Umeå.

All the routes specified concern services to and from municipalities which are peripheral or development regions in accordance with Council Regulation (EEC) No 2408/92.

The public service obligation encompasses a number of criteria which airlines must meet in respect of number of round trips, passenger capacity, timetables, maximum ticket prices, etc. These criteria are as follows:

Minimum frequency

Table 1 shows the minimum number of round trips per day during the respective periods for each of the routes indicated above. The timetables on these routes must include one round trip in the morning or afternoon/evening so as to make it possible to stay for the day at all destinations.

Period	Day	Minimum number of round trips per day
Week 44-25	Monday-Friday	2
Week 26-33	Monday-Friday	1
Week 34-43	Monday-Friday	2

Type and size of aircraft

There must be at least 30 seats per outward and return journey.

The cabin factor is limited for each leg of the journey and for the whole route. On average, the cabin factor for a leg of the journey may not exceed 80 %. The same restriction applies to the whole route.

The true air speed (TAS) must be at least 200 knots.

The aircraft must have a pressurised cabin.

The luggage/load capacity per passenger in an aircraft with a full passenger complement in normal weather conditions must be at least 20 kg.

Ticket prices

There must be tickets at reduced price available on every flight for non-business travellers as well as for children, young people, students, pensioners and accompanying family members.