

**COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1285/96  
of 3 July 1996**

**initiating a 'new exporter' review of Council Regulation (EEC) No 54/93 concerning the imposition of definitive anti-dumping duties on imports of synthetic fibres of polyester originating, *inter alia*, in India, repealing the duty with regard to imports from an exporter in this country and making these imports subject to registration**

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 384/96 of 22 December 1995 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Community<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 11 (4) thereof,

After consulting the Advisory Committee,

Whereas:

**A. Request for a review**

- (1) The Commission has received an application for a 'new exporter' review pursuant to Article 11 (4) of Regulation (EC) No 384/96 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Basic Regulation'). The application was lodged on 15 January 1996 by Vital Filaments Limited, India, an exporter in India which claims it did not export the product concerned during the period of investigation on which the anti-dumping measures were based with regard to the determination of dumping, i.e. the period from 1 January to 31 August 1990 (hereinafter referred to as 'the original investigation period').

**B. Product**

- (2) The product concerned is synthetic staple fibres of polyester, not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning, commonly referred to as synthetic fibres of polyester and currently classifiable within CN code 5503 20 00. This code is given for information only and has no binding effect on the classification of the product.

**C. Existing measures**

- (3) By Regulation (EEC) No 54/93<sup>(2)</sup>, the Council imposed, *inter alia*, a definitive anti-dumping duty of 7,2 % on imports of the product concerned

originating in India, with the exception of several companies especially mentioned which are subject to a lesser duty.

**D. Grounds for the review**

- (4) The applicant, Viral Filaments Limited, India, has shown that it is not related to any of the exporters or producers in India which are subject to the aforementioned anti-dumping measures on the product concerned, and that it actually started exporting to the Community after the original investigation period. The applicant has further shown that it entered into a long-term contract to export a significant quantity of the product concerned to the Community.
- (5) Community producers known to be concerned have been informed of the above application and have been given an opportunity to comment.
- (6) In the light of the above, the Commission concludes that there is sufficient evidence to justify the initiation of a review pursuant to Article 11 (4) of the Basic Regulation with a view to determine the applicant's individual margin of dumping and, should dumping be found, the level of duty to which its imports of the product concerned into the Community should be subject.

**E. Repeal of the duty in force and registration of imports**

- (7) Pursuant to Article 11 (4) of the Basic Regulation, the anti-dumping duty in force shall be repealed with regard to imports of the product concerned originating in India which are produced and exported by the applicant. At the same time, such imports shall be made subject to registration in accordance with Article 14 (5) of that Regulation, in order to ensure that, should the review result in a determination of dumping in respect of the applicant, anti-dumping duties can be levied retroactively to the date of the initiation of this review. The amount of the applicant's possible future liability is not susceptible to estimation at this stage of the proceeding.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ No L 56, 6. 3. 1996, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ No L 9, 15. 1. 1993, p. 2.

### F. Time limit

- (8) In the interest of sound administration, a period should be fixed within which interested parties, provided that they can show that they are likely to be affected by the results of the investigation, may make their views known in writing and provide supporting evidence. A period should also be fixed, within which interested parties may make a written request for a hearing, giving particular reasons why they should be heard. Furthermore, it should be noted that in cases in which any interested party refuses access to, or otherwise does not provide necessary information within the relevant time limits, or significantly impedes the investigation, provisional or final findings, affirmative or negative, may be made in accordance with Article 18 of the Basic Regulation, on the basis of the facts available,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### Article 1

Pursuant to Article 11 (4) of Regulation (EC) No 384/96, a review of Regulation (EEC) No 54/93 is hereby initiated in order to determine if and to what extent imports of synthetic staple fibres of polyester, not carded, combed, or otherwise processed for spinning (synthetic fibres of polyester) falling within CN code 5503 20 00, originating in India, produced and exported by Viral Filaments Limited, Abhishek, Irla Bridge, SV Road, Andheri (West), Bombay 400 058, India, shall be subject to the anti-dumping duty imposed by Regulation (EEC) No 54/93.

#### Article 2

The anti-dumping duty imposed by Regulation (EEC) No 54/93 is hereby repealed with regard to imports of the

product identified in Article 1 (Taric additional code: 8897).

#### Article 3

The customs authorities are hereby directed, pursuant to Article 14 (5) of Regulation (EC) No 384/96, to take the appropriate steps to register the imports identified in Article 1. Registration shall expire nine months following from the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

#### Article 4

Interested parties, if their representations are to be taken into account during the investigation, must make themselves known, present their views in writing and submit information within 37 days from the date of transmission of a copy of this Regulation to the authorities of the exporting country. Interested parties may also apply to be heard by the Commission within the same time limit. The transmission of a copy of this Regulation to the authorities of the exporting country shall be deemed to have taken place on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Any information relating to the matter and any request for a hearing should be sent to the following address: European Commission, Directorate-General for External Economic Relations Cort 100 4/30 Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200, B-1049 Brussels (1).

#### Article 5

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 3 July 1996.

*For the Commission*

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