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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

modifying Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/92

of 16 March 1992

imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty

on imports of certain thermal paper

originating in Japan

(presented by the Commission)

Explanatory Memorandum

1. In March 1992, the Council imposed definitive anti-dumping measures on imports of certain thermal paper (ie. telefax paper) originating in Japan⁽¹⁾.
2. No duties were applied, however, to goods manufactured by Jujo Paper Co., Ltd., (hereafter called "Jujo") as this company was found not to be dumping.
3. In January 1993 the Commission was advised that Jujo would merge on 1 April 1993 with another company, Sanyo-Kokusaku Pulp Co., Ltd., (hereafter called "Sanyo Kokusaku"). The new company was to be called Nippon Paper Industries Company Limited (hereafter called "Nippon Paper").
4. It was alleged that Sanyo-Kokusaku did not produce telefax paper during the investigation period (1 April to 31 December 1990) and, because of this, Jujo's exclusion from dumping duties should be transferred to the merged company.
5. As this did not seem an unreasonable request, on its own initiative under Art. 14 of Regulation (EEC) No 2423/88⁽²⁾, the Commission decided to partially review the measure imposing definitive duties.
6. Being satisfied that Sanyo-Kokusaku was not concerned by (or involved in) the original dumping investigation, it is now proposed that the merged company of which Jujo is now part should continue to be excluded from dumping measures.
7. It is also proposed that the exclusion take effect from the date of the merger (ie. 1 April 1993).

(1) OJ No L 81, 26.03.1992, p.1

(2) OJ No L 209, 02.08.1988, p.1

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2423/88 of 11 July 1988 on protection against dumped or subsidised imports from countries not members of the European Economic Community⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 14 thereof,

After consultations within the Advisory Committee as provided for by Regulation (EEC) No 2423/88,

Whereas :

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A. Previous procedure

1. The Council by Regulation (EEC) No 729/92⁽¹⁾, imposed a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain thermal paper (ie. telefax paper) originating in Japan.
2. No duties were imposed on goods manufactured by Jujo Paper Co., Ltd., Tokyo (hereafter called "Jujo") as this company was found not to be dumping.

B. Change of legal entity

3. In January 1993 the Commission was advised of an impending merger between Jujo and a company called Sanyo-Kokusaku Pulp Co., Ltd., (hereafter called "Sanyo-Kokusaku"). These two companies were to merge, on 1 April 1993, into one called Nippon Paper Industries Company Limited.
4. It was alleged that Sanyo-Kokusaku did not make the product in question during the investigation reference period (1 April to 31 December 1990). In view of this, Jujo and Sanyo-Kokusaku considered that the exclusion from the dumping duties for Jujo should also be applied to the company resulting from the merger.

C. Procedure

5. On the basis of the information supplied initially, the Commission took the view that there were sufficient grounds concerning changed circumstances to warrant a partial review of the measures.

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6. Having requested and received supplementary information from the parties concerned and other sources, the Commission is satisfied that Sanyo-Kokusaku was not a producer of telefax paper during the investigation reference period. As such, it is considered that the exclusion from anti-dumping duty for Jujo should be transferred to the new company, Nippon Paper Industries Company Limited, with effect from 1 April 1993. This will have the effect that any anti-dumping duties paid in respect of telefax paper manufactured by Nippon Paper Industries Company Limited will be refundable under the applicable Customs Legislation. The Council confirms this view.
7. No objections were raised when the findings of the proceeding were disclosed to the Community industry.

D. Amendment

8. Regulation (EEC) No 729/92, as it concerns imports of certain thermal paper originating in Japan and manufactured by Jujo Paper Co., Ltd., should accordingly be amended,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION

Article 1

Article 1.3 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/92 is hereby replaced by the following :

" No anti-dumping duties shall apply to goods manufactured by Nippon Paper Industries Company Limited or Tomoegawa Paper Co., Ltd., Tokyo (TARIC additional code 8600)."

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force with retroactive effect on 1 April 1993.

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

Done at Brussels,

By the Council,

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