Opinion of the Advisory Committee on restrictive agreements and dominant position given at its meeting of 17 October 2011 regarding a draft decision relating to Case COMP/39.605 — CRT Glass

Rapporteur: Netherlands

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- 1. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission that the anticompetitive behaviour covered by the draft decision constitutes an agreement and/or concerted practice between undertakings within the meaning of Article 101 of the TFEU and Article 53 of the EEA Agreement.
- 2. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission's assessment of the product and geographic scope of the agreement and/or concerted practice contained in the draft decision.
- 3. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission that the undertakings concerned by the draft decision have participated in a single and continuous infringement of Article 101 of the TFEU and Article 53 of the EEA Agreement.
- 4. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission that the object of the agreement and/or concerted practice was to restrict competition within the meaning of Article 101 of the TFEU and Article 53 of the EEA Agreement.
- 5. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission that the agreement and/or concerted practice has been capable of appreciably affecting trade between the Member States of the EU and between other contracting parties to the EEA Agreement.
- 6. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission's assessment as regards the duration of the infringement.
- 7. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission's draft decision as regards the addressees.
- 8. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission that a fine should be imposed on the addressees of the draft decision.
- 9. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission on the application of the 2006 Guidelines on the method of setting fines imposed pursuant to Article 23(2)(a) of Regulation (EC) No 1/2003.
- 10. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission on the basic amounts of the fines.
- 11. The Advisory Committee agrees with the determination of the duration for the purpose of calculating the fines.
- 12. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission that there are no aggravating circumstances applicable in this case.
- 13. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission on the mitigating circumstances the Commission identifies for two of the addressees of the draft decision.
- 14. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission as regards the reduction of the fines based on the 2006 Leniency Notice.
- 15. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission as regards the reduction of the fines based on the 2008 Settlement Notice.
- 16. The Advisory Committee agrees with the Commission on the final amounts of the fines.
- 17. The Advisory Committee recommends the publication of its Opinion in the Official Journal of the European Union.