

Notice of initiation of an interim review of the anti-dumping measures applicable to imports of certain seamless pipes and tubes of iron or non-alloy steel originating, *inter alia*, in Russia

(1999/C 70/04)

The Commission has received a request for a review of the measures imposed by Council Regulation (EC) No 2320/97 ⁽¹⁾ on imports of certain seamless pipes and tubes of iron or non-alloy steel originating, *inter alia*, in Russia.

1. Request for a review

The request pursuant to Article 11(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 384/96 ⁽²⁾ (hereinafter referred to as 'the Basic Regulation') was lodged on 16 December 1998 by Russian exporters of seamless pipes and tubes. The request for the interim review is limited in scope to the examination of the acceptability of an undertaking from the Russian exporters concerned.

2. Product

The product concerned by the review is:

- (a) seamless pipes of iron or non-alloy steel, of a kind used for oil or gas pipelines, of an external diameter not exceeding 406,4 mm;
- (b) seamless tubes of circular cross-section, of iron or non-alloy steel, cold-drawn or cold-rolled, other than precision tubes;
- (c) other tubes of circular cross-section, of iron or non-alloy steel, other than threaded or threadable, of an external diameter not exceeding 406,4 mm,

currently classifiable within CN codes 7304 10 10, 7304 10 30, 7304 31 99, 7304 39 91 and 7304 39 93.

3. Existing measures

By Regulation (EC) No 2320/97 definitive anti-dumping duties have been imposed on imports of seamless pipes and tubes as described in paragraph 2 originating, *inter alia*, in Russia.

4. Grounds for the review

During the original investigation, some Russian exporters offered an undertaking which was not accepted by the Commission as it did not contain

the necessary guarantees on the part of the Russian authorities to allow adequate monitoring.

Regulation (EC) No 2320/97 therefore imposed an *ad valorem* duty at the level definitively established for Russia.

Recital 87 of the said Regulation, however, also provided for the anti-dumping measure in respect of Russia to be modified, if ever there were a change in circumstances such that the conditions for the acceptance of an undertaking were met.

The Russian authorities have now provided the Commission with guarantees which would appear to be sufficient for the adequate monitoring of an undertaking, as discussed in the framework of the original investigation, and Russian exporters have requested that the Commission accept such an undertaking.

5. Procedure

Having determined, after consulting the Advisory Committee, that sufficient evidence exists for the initiation of an interim review, the Commission hereby initiates a review pursuant to Article 11(3) of the Basic Regulation, limited in scope to the examination of the acceptability of an undertaking from the Russian exporters concerned.

All interested parties, provided they can show that they are likely to be affected by the results of the examination of the acceptability of an undertaking from Russian exporters of the product concerned, are hereby invited to make their views known and provide supporting evidence.

Furthermore the Commission may hear interested parties, provided they make a request in writing and show that there are particular reasons why they should be heard.

Any submission or request for a hearing must be made in writing to the address mentioned below and should indicate the name, address, fax and/or telephone numbers of the interested parties.

6. Time limit

Interested parties, if their representations are to be taken into account during the review, must make themselves known, present their views in writing and submit

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 322, 25.11.1997, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 56, 6.3.1996, p. 1.

information within 40 days of the publication of this notice in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*. Interested parties may also apply to be heard within the same time limit.

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7. Non-cooperation

In cases in which any interested party refuses access to or does not provide the necessary information within the 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.

Notice concerning the appointment of Mr O'Sullivan as member and Chairman representing the European Commission on the Governing Board of the European Training Foundation

(1999/C 70/05)

In accordance with Article 5 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1360 of 7 May 1990 establishing a European Training Foundation, as amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1572/98, the Commission has decided to appoint Mr David O'Sullivan, Director-General at the Directorate General for Education, Training and Youth (DG XXII) representing the Commission as member on, and as Chairman of, the Foundation's Governing Board; he replaces Mr T. O'Dwyer.

Non-opposition to a notified concentration

(Case No IV/M.1331 — ING/BHF)

(1999/C 70/06)

(Text with EEA relevance)

On 16 November 1998, the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6(1)(b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. The full text of the decision is only available in English and will be made public after it is cleared of any business secrets it may contain. It will be available:

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