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**Notice amending the notice of initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of birch
plywood originating in Russia**

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On 14 October 2020, the Commission published a notice of initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of birch plywood originating in Russia ⁽¹⁾ (the 'Notice of 14 October 2020') which inadvertently omitted a section concerning the procedure for the assessment of Union interest. While this omission does not affect interested parties' right to make submissions regarding the Union interest in accordance with Article 21 of the Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Union ⁽²⁾ (the basic Regulation), the Commission nevertheless considers it appropriate to address this omission as a matter of procedural transparency. Therefore, the Notice of 14 October 2020 shall be amended as follows:

In Section 5 of the Notice of 14 October 2020, after the second paragraph the following paragraph shall be added:

'If the conclusions are affirmative, the investigation will examine whether the imposition of measures would not be against the Union interest under Article 21 of the basic Regulation.'

After Section 5.4, the following section shall be added:

'5.4a. Procedure for the assessment of Union interest

Should the existence of dumping and injury caused thereby be established, a decision will be reached, pursuant to Article 21 of the basic Regulation, as to whether the adoption of anti-dumping measures would not be against the Union interest. Union producers, importers and their representative associations, users and their representative associations, trade unions and representative consumer organisations are invited to provide the Commission with information on the Union interest. In order to participate in the investigation, the representative consumer organisations have to demonstrate that there is an objective link between their activities and the product under investigation. Information concerning the assessment of Union interest must be provided within 37 days of the date of publication of this Notice unless otherwise specified. This information may be provided either in a free format or by completing a questionnaire prepared by the Commission. A copy of the questionnaires, including the questionnaire for users of the product under investigation, is available in the file for inspection by interested parties and on DG Trade's website (https://trade.ec.europa.eu/tdi/case_details.cfm?id=2486). The information submitted pursuant to Article 21 will only be taken into account if supported by factual evidence at the time of submission.'

Other procedural issues

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 342, 14.10.2020, p. 2

⁽²⁾ OJ L 176, 30.6.2016, p. 21.

The time period for providing information concerning the assessment of Union interest shall end 37 days following the date of publication of the Notice amending the Notice of 14 October 2020. Given that the assessment of Union interest under Article 21 of the basic Regulation is separate from the assessment of dumping and injury caused thereby, all other procedural rules mentioned in the Notice of 14 October 2020 continue to apply to this investigation where relevant.
