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(2000/C 35/01)

<b>1 euro</b>	=	7,4432	Danish krone
	=	332,6	Greek drachma
	=	8,463	Swedish krona
	=	0,6134	Pound sterling
	=	0,9767	United States dollar
	=	1,4045	Canadian dollar
	=	106,02	Japanese yen
	=	1,6065	Swiss franc
	=	8,059	Norwegian krone
	=	72,55885	Icelandic króna <sup>(2)</sup>
	=	1,5261	Australian dollar
	=	1,9741	New Zealand dollar
	=	6,15956	South African rand <sup>(2)</sup>

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<sup>(1)</sup> Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

<sup>(2)</sup> Source: Commission.

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(2000/C 35/02)

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Code	Catalogue No	Title	Date adopted by the Commission	Date forwarded to the Council	Number of pages
COM(1999) 565	CB-CO-99-636-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Directive establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	5.1.2000	6.1.2000	32
COM(1999) 727	CB-CO-99-723-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Decision on the accession of the European Community to Regulation 109 of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the approval for the production of retreaded pneumatic tyres for commercial vehicles and their trailers <sup>(3)</sup>	5.1.2000	6.1.2000	44
COM(1999) 728	CB-CO-99-724-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Decision on the accession of the European Community to Regulation 108 of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the approval for the production of retreaded pneumatic tyres for motor vehicles and their trailers <sup>(3)</sup>	5.1.2000	6.1.2000	39
COM(1999) 729	CB-CO-99-725-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Regulation on administering the double-checking system without quantitative limits in respect of the export of certain steel products covered by the EC and ECSC Treaties from Ukraine to the European Community for the period between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2001 (extension of the double-checking system)	6.1.2000	6.1.2000	16
COM(1999) 730	CB-CO-99-726-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and Ukraine extending the double-checking system without quantitative limits in respect of the export of certain steel products covered by the EC and ECSC Treaties from Ukraine to the European Community for the period from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2001	6.1.2000	6.1.2000	20
COM(1999) 731	CB-CO-99-727-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2320/97 <i>inter alia</i> imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain seamless pipes and tubes of iron or non-alloy steel originating in Russia	6.1.2000	6.1.2000	7
COM(1999) 732	CB-CO-99-728-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and the Russian Federation extending the double-checking system without quantitative limits in respect of the export of certain steel products covered by the EC and ECSC Treaties from the Russian Federation to the European Community for the period from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2001	6.1.2000	6.1.2000	20

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COM(1999) 733	CB-CO-99-729-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Regulation on administering the double-checking system without quantitative limits in respect of the export of certain steel products covered by the EC and ECSC Treaties from the Russian Federation to the European Community for the period between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2001 (extension of the double-checking system)	6.1.2000	6.1.2000	16
COM(1999) 734	CB-CO-99-730-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Decision amending Decision 95/514/EC on the equivalence of field inspections carried out in third countries on seed-producing crops and on the equivalence of seed produced in third countries	6.1.2000	6.1.2000	5
COM(1999) 746	CB-CO-99-002-EN-C	Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending for the 21st time Council Directive 76/769/EEC relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations (substances classified as carcinogens, mutagens or substances toxic to reproduction — c/m/r) <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	6.1.2000	6.1.2000	9
COM(1999) 566	CB-CO-99-563-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Directive implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of racial or ethnic origin <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	5.1.2000	7.1.2000	1
COM(1999) 594	CB-CO-99-603-EN-C	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco products <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	7.1.2000	7.1.2000	30
COM(1999) 735	CB-CO-99-731-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 1015/94 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of television camera systems originating in Japan	7.1.2000	7.1.2000	14
COM(1999) 736	CB-CO-99-732-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning the export of certain ECSS and EC steel products from the Slovak Republic to the Community for the period 1 January to 31 December 2000 (extension of the double-checking system)	7.1.2000	7.1.2000	5
COM(1999) 737	CB-CO-99-733-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken by the Community within the Association Council established by the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Slovak Republic, of the other part, which entered into force on 1 February 1995, extending the double-checking system for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2000, concerning the export of certain steel products from the Slovak Republic to the Community	7.1.2000	7.1.2000	7

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COM(1999) 738	CB-CO-99-734-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning the export of certain ECSC and EC steel products from the Czech Republic to the Community for the period 1 January to 31 December 2000 (extension of the double-checking system)	7.1.2000	7.1.2000	5
COM(1999) 739	CB-CO-99-735-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken by the Community within the Association Council established by the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Czech Republic, of the other part, which entered into force on 1 February 1995, extending the double-checking system for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2000, concerning the export of certain steel products from the Czech Republic to the Community	7.1.2000	7.1.2000	7
COM(1999) 740	CB-CO-99-736-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning the export of certain ECSC steel products from Romania to the Community for the period 1 January to 31 December 2000 (extension of the double-checking system)	7.1.2000	7.1.2000	5
COM(1999) 741	CB-CO-99-737-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken by the Community within the Association Council established by the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Romania, of the other part, which entered into force on 1 February 1995, extending the double-checking system for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2000, concerning the export of certain steel products from Romania to the Community	7.1.2000	7.1.2000	6
COM(1999) 742	CB-CO-99-738-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Regulation concerning the export of certain ECSC steel products from Poland to the Community for the period 1 January to 31 December 2000 (extension of the double-checking system)	7.1.2000	7.1.2000	5
COM(1999) 743	CB-CO-99-739-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken by the Community within the Association Council established by the Europe Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Poland, of the other part, which entered into force on 1 February 1994, extending the double-checking system for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2000, concerning the export of certain steel products from Poland to the Community	7.1.2000	7.1.2000	7
COM(1999) 744	CB-CO-99-740-EN-C	Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Directive 79/373/EEC on the marketing of compound feedingstuffs <sup>(2)</sup>	7.1.2000	7.1.2000	9



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COM(1999) 745	CB-CO-99-009-EN-C	Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council extending Decision No 710/97/EC on a coordinated authorisation approach in the field of satellite personal communication services in the Community <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	7.1.2000	7.1.2000	6
COM(1999) 747	CB-CO-99-003-EN-C	Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament — Review of the second series of regional fisheries workshops (1998/1999) and future outlook	7.1.2000	7.1.2000	13

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<sup>(2)</sup> This document will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

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**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FORWARDED BY THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL DURING THE PERIOD 10.1. TO 14.1.2000**

(2000/C 35/03)

*Opinion of the Commission on the amendments proposed by the European Parliament to the Council on the back cover*

Code	Catalogue No	Title	Date adopted by the Commission	Date forwarded to the Council	Number of pages
COM(1999) 748	CB-CO-00-004-EN-C	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directives 85/611/EEC, 92/49/EEC, 92/96/EEC and 93/22/EEC as regards exchange of information with third countries <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	10.1.2000	10.1.2000	7
COM(1999) 749	CB-CO-00-005-EN-C	Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2223/96 on the reclassification of settlements under swaps arrangements and under forward rate agreements <sup>(2)</sup>	10.1.2000	10.1.2000	8
COM(1999) 750	CB-CO-00-007-EN-C	Report from the Commission — Implementation of the White Paper 'Teaching and learning — Towards the learning society' <sup>(3)</sup>	10.1.2000	10.1.2000	24
COM(1999) 752	CB-CO-00-008-EN-C	Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the implementation of Community waste legislation — Directive 75/442/EEC on waste, Directive 91/689/EEC on hazardous waste, 75/439/EEC on waste oils and Directive 86/278/EEC on sewage sludge — for the period 1995 to 1997 <sup>(3)</sup>	10.1.2000	10.1.2000	93

Code	Catalogue No	Title	Date adopted by the Commission	Date forwarded to the Council	Number of pages
COM(1999) 753	CB-CO-00-009-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Regulation reimposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of leather handbags originating in the People's Republic of China and sold for export to the Community by Gainth Industrial Ltd, Macia Company Ltd, Yen Sheng Factory Ltd, Dongguan All Be Right Leathern Products Co. Ltd and Panyu Simone Handbag Ltd and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2380/98 in order to apply the individual anti-dumping duty rates set for two exporting producers to related companies of the same exporting producers having started to produce leather handbags	10.1.2000	10.1.2000	11
COM(1999) 899	CB-CO-00-006-EN-C	Communication from the Commission to the Council on the opening of consultations with Côte d'Ivoire under Article 366a of the Lomé Convention	7.1.2000	10.1.2000	5
COM(1999) 638	CB-CO-99-651-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Directive on the right to family reunification <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	1.12.1999	11.1.2000	38
COM(1999) 751	CB-CO-99-812-EN-C	Report from the Commission on the second series of visits by Commission representatives to the Member States pursuant to Article 5 of Council Directive 93/99/EEC with a view to evaluating the national systems for the official control of foodstuffs	12.1.2000	12.1.2000	54
COM(1999) 712	CB-CO-99-711-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Decision on guidelines for Member States' employment policies for the year 2000 <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	14.12.1999	13.1.2000	14
COM(2000) 3	CB-CO-00-011-EN-C	Report from the Commission to the Council — Implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2186/93 of 22 July 1993 on Community coordination in drawing up business registers for statistical purposes	14.12.1999	14.1.2000	57

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**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FORWARDED BY THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL DURING THE PERIOD 17.1. TO 21.1.2000**

(2000/C 35/04)

*Opinion of the Commission on the amendments proposed by the European Parliament to the Council on the back cover*

Code	Catalogue No	Title	Date adopted by the Commission	Date forwarded to the Council	Number of pages
COM(2000) 4	CB-CO-00-014-EN-C	Report from the Commission — Survey into the socio-economic background of Erasmus-students <sup>(3)</sup>	18.1.2000	18.1.2000	78
COM(1999) 725	CB-CO-99-722-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Community position within the Association Council on the participation of Latvia in the Community programme in the field of small and medium-sized enterprises	18.1.2000	18.1.2000	23
COM(1999) 686	CB-CO-99-708-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Decision creating a European Refugee Fund	14.12.1999	20.1.2000	39
COM(1999) 699	CB-CO-99-686-EN-C	Opinion of the Commission pursuant to Article 251(2)(c) of the EC Treaty on the European Parliament's amendments to the Council's common position regarding the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 93/104/EC of 23 November 1993 concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time to cover sectors and activities excluded from that Directive <sup>(3)</sup>	21.12.1999	20.1.2000	6
COM(2000) 8	CB-CO-00-015-EN-C	European programme for reconstruction and development in South Africa — (Council Regulation 2259/96) — Annual Report (1998)	20.1.2000	20.1.2000	39
COM(1999) 708	CB-CO-99-703-EN-C	Proposal for a recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council on mobility within the Community for students, persons undergoing training, young volunteers, teachers and trainers <sup>(3)</sup>	21.1.2000	21.1.2000	23
COM(2000) 12	CB-CO-00-016-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Decision authorising Germany to apply a reduced rate of excise duty to certain mineral oils, when used for specific purposes, in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 8(4) of Directive 92/81/EEC	21.1.2000	21.1.2000	6
COM(2000) 13	CB-CO-00-017-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Regulation opening and providing for the administration of Community tariff quotas for certain fishery products originating in Ceuta	21.1.2000	21.1.2000	7

Code	Catalogue No	Title	Date adopted by the Commission	Date forwarded to the Council	Number of pages
COM(2000) 16	CB-CO-00-018-EN-C	Communication from the Commission to the Council — request by the German Government for authorisation to introduce a measure derogating from Council Directive 92/81/EEC, based on Article 8(4) of that Directive, in respect of a lower rate of excise duty on automotive fuels with a sulphur content under 10 parts per million (ppm)	21.1.2000	21.1.2000	5

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**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FORWARDED BY THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL DURING THE PERIOD 24.1. TO 28.1.2000**

(2000/C 35/05)

*Opinion of the Commission on the amendments proposed by the European Parliament to the Council on the back cover*

Code	Catalogue No	Title	Date adopted by the Commission	Date forwarded to the Council	Number of pages
COM(1999) 709	CB-CO-99-710-EN-C	Proposal for a recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European cooperation in quality evaluation in school education	24.1.2000	24.1.2000	19
COM(2000) 14	CB-CO-00-024-EN-C	Report from the Commission on the regional meetings arranged by the Commission in 1998-1999 on the common fisheries policy after 2002	24.1.2000	24.1.2000	66
COM(2000) 15	CB-CO-00-025-EN-C	Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the application of the Community system for fisheries and aquaculture in 1996 to 1998	24.1.2000	24.1.2000	42
COM(2000) 20	CB-CO-00-026-EN-C	Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament — indicators for the integration of environmental concerns into the common agricultural policy	26.1.2000	26.1.2000	30
COM(2000) 24	CB-CO-00-027-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Decision to refer the dispute regarding the procedure of State registration (renewal of registration) of medicinal products and related fees in Ukraine to the Cooperation Council and to determine the position to be adopted by the Community in the Cooperation Council to settle the dispute	26.1.2000	26.1.2000	11
COM(2000) 23	CB-CO-00-029-EN-C	Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament — Designing tomorrow's education promoting innovation with new technologies ( <sup>3</sup> )	27.1.2000	27.1.2000	40

Code	Catalogue No	Title	Date adopted by the Commission	Date forwarded to the Council	Number of pages
COM(2000) 25	CB-CO-00-030-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Decision on the position of the European Community on the draft Regulation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe concerning the approval of an airbag module for a replacement airbag system, a replacement steering wheel equipped with an airbag module of an approved type and a replacement airbag system other than that installed in a steering wheel	27.1.2000	27.1.2000	41
COM(1999) 658	CB-CO-00-707-EN-C	<p>Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions concerning a proposal for a programme in support of the audiovisual industry (MEDIA Plus — 2001 to 2005) <sup>(3)</sup></p> <p>Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the implementation of a training programme for professionals in the European audiovisual programme industry (MEDIA — Training) (2001 to 2005) <sup>(3)</sup></p> <p>Proposal for a Council Decision on the implementation of a programme to encourage the development, distribution and promotion of European audiovisual works (MEDIA Plus — Development, distribution and promotion) (2001 to 2005) <sup>(3)</sup></p>	14.12.1999	28.1.2000	73
COM(1999) 719	CB-CO-00-013-EN-C	White paper on food safety <sup>(3)</sup>	12.1.2000	28.1.2000	61
COM(2000) 18	CB-CO-00-031-EN-C	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a Community energy efficiency labelling programme for office and communication technology equipment <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	28.1.2000	28.1.2000	24
COM(2000) 28	CB-CO-00-032-EN-C	Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament — Third Article 14 Report on the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 218/92 of 27 January 1992 on administrative cooperation in the field of indirect taxation (VAT) and Fourth Report under Article 12 of Regulation (EEC, Euratom) No 1553/89 on VAT collection and control procedures	28.1.2000	28.1.2000	46
COM(2000) 41	CB-CO-00-042-EN-C	Proposal for a Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain seamless pipes and tubes of iron or non-alloy steel originating in Croatia and Ukraine and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed	28.1.2000	28.1.2000	17

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**Prior notification of a concentration**

**(Case COMP/JV.39 — Bertelsmann AG/Planeta Corporación SRL/Nuevas Ediciones de Bolsillo (NEB))**

(2000/C 35/06)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 31 January 2000 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 <sup>(2)</sup>, by which the undertakings Bertelsmann AG and Planeta Corporación SRL, acquire, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, joint control of the business Nuevas Ediciones de Bolsillo (NEB), a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- Bertelsmann AG: publication, printing and the distribution of books, magazines, book clubs and disc publication and distribution, also pay television as well as related services,
- Planeta Corporación SRL: publication and the distribution of cultural products entertainment using all types of media such as printing, books, broadcasting services (including DVDs) and electronic supports (CD-ROM)
- NEB: publication, printing and distribution of pocket books in the official languages of Spain.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference COMP/JV.39 — Bertelsmann AG/Planeta Corporación SRL/Nuevas Ediciones de Bolsillo (NEB), to:

European Commission,  
Directorate-General for Competition,  
Directorate C — Information, Communication and Multimedia,  
Avenue de Cortenberg/Kortenberglaan 150,  
B-1040 Brussels.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21.9.1990, p. 13.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.

**Prior notification of a concentration**  
**(Case COMP/M.1849 — Solectron/Ericsson)**

(2000/C 35/07)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 31 January 2000 the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 <sup>(1)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1310/97 <sup>(2)</sup>, by which the United States of America undertaking Solectron Corporation (Solectron) acquires, within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Regulation, control of parts (i.e. telecommunications switching hardware manufacturing units) of the Swedish company Telefonsaktiebolaget LM Ericsson (Ericsson), by way of purchase of assets.
2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:
  - Solectron: electronics manufacturing services,
  - Ericsson: manufacture and supply of telecommunications systems and equipment.
3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified concentration could fall within the scope of Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.
4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference COMP/M.1849 — Solectron/Ericsson, to:

European Commission,  
Directorate-General for Competition,  
Directorate B — Merger Task Force,  
Avenue de Cortenberg/Kortenberglaan 150,  
B-1040 Brussels.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 395, 30.12.1989, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 257, 21.9.1990, p. 13.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 180, 9.7.1997, p. 1; corrigendum: OJ L 40, 13.2.1998, p. 17.

## Notice of initiation of an interim review of the anti-dumping measures applicable to imports of unwrought unalloyed magnesium originating in the People's Republic of China

(2000/C 35/08)

(Text with EEA relevance)

The Commission has received a request for a partial interim review of the definitive anti-dumping measures imposed by Council Regulation (EC) No 2402/98 <sup>(1)</sup> (hereinafter referred to as 'the Regulation') on imports of unwrought unalloyed magnesium originating in the People's Republic of China.

### 1. Request for review

The request, pursuant to Article 11(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 384/96 <sup>(2)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 905/98 <sup>(3)</sup> (hereinafter referred to as 'the Basic Regulation'), was lodged by two Italian importers, Pro.cat Scarl and De Stefani Luigi. The request is limited in scope to the clarification of the product coverage of the anti-dumping measures.

### 2. Product

The product concerned by the review is unwrought unalloyed magnesium originating in the People's Republic of China, falling within CN codes 8104 11 00 and ex 8104 19 00.

The Regulation defined unwrought unalloyed magnesium as:

- unwrought magnesium unintentionally containing small amounts of other elements as impurities, and
- unwrought magnesium, containing intentionally added elements such as aluminium and zinc, which does not correspond to one of the alloys described in an Annex to the Regulation.

### 3. Existing measures

The measures currently in force on unwrought unalloyed magnesium originating in the People's Republic of China consist of a definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by the Regulation.

### 4. Grounds for the review

As mentioned above, the anti-dumping measures cover unwrought unalloyed magnesium. They do not cover alloyed magnesium. The latter has been defined in the Regulation by reference to European (Comité européen de normalisation —

CEN) or equivalent international industry standards a list of which has been annexed to the Regulation.

According to the review request, certain types of magnesium not listed in the Annex to the Regulation, in particular magnesium alloys for anode castings, meet CEN standards and should consequently not be covered by the measures.

### 5. Procedure for the determination of the product scope

Having determined, after consulting the Advisory Committee, that sufficient evidence exists for the initiation of a partial interim review, the Commission hereby initiates an investigation pursuant to Article 11(3) of the Basic Regulation limited in scope to the clarification of the product coverage of the anti-dumping measures.

The Commission will send copies of this notice and of the non-confidential version of the review request to the Community producer, exporting producers and importers who participated in the investigation having led to the existing measures.

All other interested parties, provided that they can show that they are likely to be affected by the results of the investigation, are hereby invited to make their views known and to 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 submissions or requests for a hearing must be made in writing to the address mentioned below and should indicate the name, address, email, 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 investigation, must make themselves known, present their views in writing and submit information within 40 days of the date of publication of this notice in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*. Interested parties may also apply to be heard by the Commission within the same time limit. This time limit applies to all interested parties, including parties unknown to the Commission, and it

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 298, 7.11.1998, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 56, 6.3.1996, p. 1.

<sup>(3)</sup> OJ L 128, 30.4.1998, p. 18.



is consequently in the interest of these parties to contact the Commission without delay at the following address:

European Commission  
Directorate-General for Trade  
Directorates C and E  
(DM 24 — 8/38)  
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200  
B-1049 Brussels  
Fax (32-2) 295 65 05  
Telex: COMEU B 21877

#### 7. **Non-cooperation**

In cases in which any interested party refuses access to, or otherwise does not provide necessary information within the time limits, or significantly impedes the investigation, findings, affirmative or negative, may be made in accordance with Article 18 of the Basic Regulation on the basis of the facts available.

Where it is found that any interested party has supplied false or misleading information, the information shall be disregarded and use may be made of the facts available.

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## III

(Notices)

## COMMISSION

**Amendment to notice of invitation to tender for the refund for the export of milled medium-grain and long-grain A rice to certain third countries**

(2000/C 35/09)

*(Official Journal of the European Communities C 295 of 15 October 1999)*

On page 12, the text of paragraph 2 under heading I 'Subject', is amended as follows:

- '2. The total quantity in respect of which there may be fixed a maximum export refund as provided in Article 1(2), of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 584/75 <sup>(3)</sup>, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 299/95 <sup>(4)</sup>, is approximately 30 000 tonnes.'

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