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Euro exchange rates ⁽¹⁾

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1 euro =

Currency	Exchange rate	Currency	Exchange rate		
USD	US dollar	1,2622	SIT	Slovenian tolar	239,58
JPY	Japanese yen	143,38	SKK	Slovak koruna	37,22
DKK	Danish krone	7,4571	TRY	Turkish lira	1,6615
GBP	Pound sterling	0,6869	AUD	Australian dollar	1,6417
SEK	Swedish krona	9,309	CAD	Canadian dollar	1,3979
CHF	Swiss franc	1,5623	HKD	Hong Kong dollar	9,7859
ISK	Iceland króna	93,83	NZD	New Zealand dollar	1,9603
NOK	Norwegian krone	7,7615	SGD	Singapore dollar	1,9878
BGN	Bulgarian lev	1,9558	KRW	South Korean won	1 179,27
CYP	Cyprus pound	0,5752	ZAR	South African rand	7,6644
CZK	Czech koruna	28,283	CNY	Chinese yuan renminbi	10,1184
EEK	Estonian kroon	15,6466	HRK	Croatian kuna	7,295
HUF	Hungarian forint	260,78	IDR	Indonesian rupiah	11 075,81
LTL	Lithuanian litas	3,4528	MYR	Malaysian ringgit	4,5546
LVL	Latvian lats	0,6961	PHP	Philippine peso	64,776
MTL	Maltese lira	0,4293	RUB	Russian rouble	34,34
PLN	Polish zloty	3,815	THB	Thai baht	47,526
RON	Romanian leu	3,4641			

⁽¹⁾ Source: reference exchange rate published by the ECB.

Information communicated by Member States regarding State aid granted under Commission Regulation (EC) No 70/2001 of 12 January 2001 on the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty to State aid to small and medium-sized enterprises, as amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 364/2004 of 25 February 2004 as regards the extension of its scope to include aid for research and development

(2006/C 105/02)

(Text with EEA relevance)

Aid No	XS 113/04
Member State	Italy
Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid	Beta S.r.l. for its research and development project 'Obiettivo Europa' ['Target Europe']
Legal basis	Delibera CIPE n. 81 del 29 settembre 2002, relativa agli aiuti nazionali di adattamento a favore dei produttori di barbabietole da zucchero peAr la campagna 2001/2002, che ha concesso la somma di 2,6 milioni di euro per attività di assistenza tecnica, ricerca e divulgazione nel settore bieticolo, nei limiti delle autorizzazioni comunitarie e sulla base delle direttive impartite dal Ministro delle politiche agricole e forestali. Proposta di delibera CIPE, relativa agli aiuti nazionali di adattamento a favore dei produttori di barbabietole da zucchero per la campagna 2003/2004, per un importo di 2,6 milioni di euro
Overall amount of individual aid granted to the company:	EUR 5 200 000
Maximum aid intensity	60 % for 'industrial research', which may be increased by 10 percentage points for meeting the conditions in Article 5a(4)(c)(iii) of Regulation (EC) No 364/2004
Date of implementation	1 October 2004
Duration of individual aid award	October 2007
Objective of aid	The project has two main strands: R&D and coordinated dissemination of information, aimed at promoting the acquisition of new know-how in certain priority areas recognised as the main factors holding back Italian sugar beet production and at disseminating to those working in the sector the best techniques already acquired or to be acquired as a result of the planned measures. In the R&D field, the following topics, which are of importance to the Italian sugar beet industry, are to be covered: retrogradation, varieties, irrigation, nematodes, nitrogenous fertilizers, early sowing and control of technical means.
Economic sectors concerned	Research and development in the sugar beet sector
Name and address of the granting authority	Name: Ministerio delle politiche agricole e forestali Address: Via XX Settembre 20 I-00186 Roma
Aid No	XS 136/04
Member State	Netherlands
Region	All regions
Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid	Knowledge Exploitation Subsidy Programme (SKE)
Legal basis	Kaderwet EZ-subsidies

Annual expenditure planned or overall amount of aid granted to the company	Aid scheme	Annual overall amount	EUR 10 million
		Loans guaranteed	
	Individual aid	Overall aid amount	
		Loans guaranteed	
Maximum aid intensity	In conformity with Articles 4(2)-(6) and 5 of the Regulation		Yes
Date of implementation	20.10.2004		
Duration of scheme or individual aid award	Until 1.1.2010		
Objective of aid	Aid to SMEs	Yes	
Economic sectors concerned	All sectors eligible for aid to SMEs	Yes	
Name and address of the granting authority	Name: Ministry of Economic Affairs		
	Address: Bezuidenhoutseweg 30 2500 EC The Hague Nederland		
Large individual aid grants	In conformity with Article 6 of the Regulation	Not applicable	

Aid No	XS 9/05		
Member State	Portugal		
Region	Madeira Autonomous Region		
Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid	SIPPE-RAM (Scheme to promote small business projects in the Madeira Autonomous Region)		
Legal basis	Decreto Legislativo Regional N 22/2004/M, de 12 de Agosto e a Portaria N 203/2004, de 18 de Outubro		
Annual expenditure planned or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company	Aid scheme	Annual overall amount	EUR 5,7 million
		Loans guaranteed	
	Individual aid	Overall aid amount	
		Loans guaranteed	
Maximum aid intensity	In conformity with Articles 4(2)-(6) and 5 of the Regulation		Yes
Date of implementation	19.10.2004		
Duration of scheme or individual aid award	Until 31.12.2006		
Objective of aid	Aid to SMEs	Yes	

Economic sectors concerned	Limited to specific sectors	Yes
	— Coalmining	
	— All manufacturing	Yes
	or	
	Steel	
	Shipbuilding	
	Synthetic fibres	
	Motor vehicles	
	Other manufacturing	
	— All services	
	or	
	Transport services	Yes
	Financial services	No
Other services	Yes	
Name and address of the granting authority	<p>Name: IDE-RAM — Instituto de Desenvolvimento Empresarial da Região Autónoma da Madeira</p> <p>Address: Avenida Arriaga, n. 21-A Edifício Golden, 3 Piso P-9004 — 528 — Funchal</p>	
Large individual aid grants	In conformity with Article 6 of the Regulation	Yes
Notes:	<p>Investment in the following areas of activity is eligible for support under the SIPPE-RAM scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Industry; — Construction; — Distributive trades; — Tourism; — Other services, with special reference to services falling within Divisions 72 and 73 of the Portuguese Classification of Economic Activities (CAE), as amended by Decree-Law No 197/2003 of 27 August 2003. 	
Other information:	<p>Following publication of the above legislation, the SIPPE-RAM scheme is now governed by two different sets of rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Commission Regulation (EC) No 69/2001 of 12 January 2001 (<i>de minimis</i> aid), for all applications received by IDE-RAM prior to 13 August 2004; — Commission Regulation (EC) No 70/2001 of 12 January 2001 (State aid to small and medium-sized enterprises), for all applications received by IDE-RAM after 18 October 2004. <p>No applications for aid under this scheme were received between 13 August 2004 and 18 October 2004 since all the necessary changes to the SIPPE-RAM scheme had not yet been published.</p>	
Aid No	XS 48/05	
Member State	Netherlands	
Region	Province of South Holland	
Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid	Comon Invent BV	

Legal basis	Algemene Subsidieverordening Zuid-Holland, 1 juni 2004		
Annual expenditure planned or overall amount of aid granted to the company	Aid scheme	Annual overall amount	
		Loans guaranteed	
	Individual aid	Overall aid amount	EUR 144 000
		Loans guaranteed	
Maximum aid intensity	In conformity with Articles 4(2)-(6) and 5 of the Regulation	Yes, aid intensity is 60 %	
Date of implementation	25.1.2005		
Duration of scheme or individual aid award	Until 31.12.2005		
Objective of aid	Aid to SMEs	Yes	The aim of the project is, with the help of industrial research, to develop knowledge of sensor technology that can be used to detect leaks in gas pipes.
Economic sectors concerned	Limited to specific sectors		Yes
	Other manufacturing		Chemical industry
Name and address of the granting authority	Name: Province of South Holland		
	Address: Postbus 90602 2509 LP The Hague Netherlands		
Large individual aid grants	In conformity with Article 6 of the Regulation	Yes	

Aid No	XS 106/05		
Member State	Ireland		
Region	All regions		
Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid	Building International Competitiveness of SMEs Through Productivity Improvement (Capital)		
Legal basis	The Industrial Development Act 1986 Sections 21 and 30		
Annual expenditure planned under the scheme or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company	Aid scheme	Estimated annual overall amount: EUR 8 million. 2005/06 inclusive	
		Individual aid	Overall aid amount
	Loans guaranteed		
	Maximum aid intensity	In conformity with Articles 4(2)-(6) and 5 of the Regulation	Yes (!)
Date of implementation	1.6.2005.		
Duration of scheme or individual aid award	Until 31.12.2006 or earlier depending on demand for funding. An annual review will take place to justify the continuance of the scheme into the following year.		
Objective of aid	Aid to SMEs	Yes	

Economic sectors concerned	All sectors eligible for aid to SMEs	No
	Limited to specific sectors	Yes
	Coalmining	No
	— All manufacturing	All
	or	
	Steel	No
	Shipbuilding	No
	Synthetic fibres	No
	Motor vehicles	No
	Other manufacturing	No
	— All services	No
	or	
	Transport services	No
	Financial services	Yes
Other services	Yes	
Name and address of the granting authority	Name: Enterprise Ireland ⁽²⁾	
	Address: Glasnevin Dublin 9 Ireland (353-1) 8 08 24 19	
Large individual aid grants	The fund excludes awards of aid to an individual enterprise which would require prior notification to the Commission.	

⁽¹⁾ The maximum aid intensity will conform to the aid intensities for new investment and job creation projects for SMEs set out in the Regional Aid Map for Ireland.

⁽²⁾ Shannon Development will manage this fund in the Midwest region on behalf of Enterprise Ireland.

Aid No	XS 130/05		
Member State	Malta		
Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid	Innovative Start-Up Scheme		
Legal basis	Business Promotion Act — Cap 325 Malta Enterprise Corporation Act — Cap 463		
Annual expenditure planned under the scheme:	Aid scheme	Annual overall amount	EUR 0,125 million
		Loans guaranteed	EUR 1 million
	Individual aid	Overall aid amount	
		Loans guaranteed	
Maximum aid intensity	In conformity with Articles 4(2)-(6) and 5 of the Regulation	Yes	
Date of implementation	1.5.2005.		
Duration of scheme or individual aid award	Until 31.12.2006.		
Objective of aid	Aid to SMEs	Yes	
Economic sectors concerned	All sectors eligible for aid to SMEs	Yes	

Name and address of the granting authority	Name: Malta Enterprise Corporation		
	Address: Enterprise House Industrial Estate San Gwann Malta SGN09		
Large individual aid grants	In conformity with Article 6 of the Regulation	n/a	
Aid No	XS 132/05		
Member State	Lithuania		
Title of aid scheme or name of company receiving individual aid	State aid for innovative projects by SMEs		
Legal basis	2005 m. birželio 10 d. Lietuvos Respublikos ūkio ministro įsakymas Nr. 4-237		
Annual expenditure planned or overall amount of individual aid granted to the company	Aid scheme	Annual overall amount	EUR 2 million
		Loans guaranteed	
	Individual aid	Overall aid amount	
		Loans guaranteed	
Maximum aid intensity	In conformity with Articles 4(2)-(6) and 5 of the Regulation	Yes	
Date of implementation	16.6.2005 (2005m. birželio 16 d. Lietuvos Respublikos ūkio ministro įsakymas atspausdintas Valstybės žiniuose (Žin., 2005, Nr. 75-2731))		
Duration of scheme or individual aid award	Until 30.6.2007		
Objective of aid	Aid to SMEs	Yes	
Economic sectors concerned	All sectors eligible for aid to SMEs	Yes	
Name and address of the granting authority	Name: Ministry of Economic Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania		
	Address: Gedimino pr. 38/2 LT-01104 Vilnius		
Large individual aid grants	In conformity with Article 6 of the Regulation	Yes	

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.4222 — EQT IV/Select Service Partner)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(2006/C 105/03)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 25 April 2006, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the fund EQT IV Ltd ('EQT', Channel Islands) acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation control of part of the undertakings Select Service Partner and of the whole of Create Host Services (together SSP business, UK) both belonging to the Compass Group PLC by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— EQT: private equity fund, investing mainly in Northern Europe;

— SSP business: concession foodservices, mainly in air, rail and motorway areas (excluding UK motorway business).

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

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

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.4222 — EQT IV/Select Service Partner, to the following address:

European Commission
Competition DG
Merger Registry
J-70
B-1049 Brussels

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.

Prior notification of a concentration**(Case COMP/M.4223 — Macquarie/Westscheme/Statewide/MTAA/ARF/Moto UK)****Candidate case for simplified procedure**

(2006/C 105/04)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 25 April 2006, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽¹⁾ by which the undertakings Macquarie Bank Limited ('Macquarie', UK), Westscheme Proprietary Limited ('Westscheme', Australia), Statewide Superannuation Proprietary Limited ('Statewide', Australia), Motor Trades Association of Australia Superannuation Fund Proprietary Limited ('MTAA', Australia) and Australian Retirement Fund Proprietary Limited ('ARF', Australia) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of Moto Hospitality Limited and Pavilion Services Group Limited (together 'Moto UK', UK) both belonging to the Compass Group PLC by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for undertaking Macquarie: banking services;
- for undertaking Westscheme: superannuation fund;
- for undertaking Statewide: superannuation fund;
- for undertaking MTAA: superannuation fund;
- for undertaking ARF: retirement fund;
- for undertaking Moto UK: operation of motorway and trunk road service areas.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

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

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.4223 — Macquarie/Westscheme/Statewide/MTAA/ARF/Moto UK, to the following address:

European Commission
Competition DG
Merger Registry
J-70
B-1049 Brussels

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.

Prior notification of a concentration
(Case COMP/M.4203 — Bayerngas/Deutsche Essent/Novogate JV)
Candidate case for simplified procedure

(2006/C 105/05)

(Text with EEA relevance)

1. On 21 April 2006, the Commission received a notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004⁽¹⁾ by which the undertakings Bayerngas GmbH ('Bayerngas', Germany) and Deutsche Essent GmbH ('Deutsche Essent', Germany) controlled by Essent N.V. (Netherlands) acquire within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Council Regulation joint control of the undertaking novogate GmbH ('Novogate', Germany) by way of purchase of shares in a newly created company constituting a joint venture.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

- for undertaking Bayerngas: procurement, transportation and sale of natural gas;
- for undertaking Deutsche Essent: transportation and storage of natural gas, arrangement of gas trading contracts;
- for undertaking Novogate: supply of natural gas, gas-related consulting services.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of Regulation (EC) No 139/2004. However, the final decision on this point is reserved. Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004⁽²⁾ it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

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

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. Observations can be sent to the Commission by fax (No (32-2) 296 43 01 or 296 72 44) or by post, under reference number COMP/M.4203 — Bayerngas/Deutsche Essent/Novogate JV, to the following address:

European Commission
Competition DG
Merger Registry
J-70
B-1049 Brussels

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ C 56, 5.3.2005, p. 32.

Conclusion of Memorandum of Understanding with the Republic of Croatia on its participation in the Community incentive measures in the field of employment

(2006/C 105/06)

On 3 March 2006 the Memorandum of Understanding between the European Commission, on behalf of the European Community, and the Government of the Republic of Croatia on its participation in the Community incentive measures in the field of employment was signed.

The full text in English of the Memorandum of Understanding can be found on the following web page:
<http://europa.eu.int/comm/enlargement/croatia/index.htm>

Notice of initiation of an expiry review and a partial interim review of the anti-dumping measures applicable to imports of urea originating in Russia

(2006/C 105/07)

Following the publication of a notice of impending expiry ⁽¹⁾ of the anti-dumping measures in force on imports of urea originating in Russia ('the country concerned'), the Commission has received a request for review pursuant to Article 11(2) and (3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 384/96 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Community ('the basic Regulation') ⁽²⁾, as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 2117/2005 ⁽³⁾.

1. Request for review

The request was lodged on 9 February 2006 by the European Fertiliser Manufacturers Association (EFMA) ('the applicant') on behalf of producers representing a major proportion, in this case more than 50 %, of the total Community production of urea.

2. Product

The product under review is urea originating in Russia ('the product concerned'), currently classifiable within CN codes 3102 10 10 and 3102 10 90. These CN codes are given only for information.

3. Existing measures

The measures currently in force are a definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by Council Regulation (EC) No 901/2001 ⁽⁴⁾.

4. Grounds for the review

4.1. Grounds for the expiry review

The request is based on the grounds that the expiry of the measures would be likely to result in a continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury to the Community industry.

The allegation of continuation of dumping in respect of Russia is based on a comparison of a constructed normal value with the export prices of the product concerned when sold for export to the Community.

On this basis, the dumping margin calculated is significant.

The applicant further alleges the likelihood of further injurious dumping. In this respect, the applicant presents evidence that,

should measures be allowed to lapse, the likely prices of the imports from the country concerned would undercut the Community industry's prices in the short and the medium term and would also be significantly below the Community industry's costs. Furthermore, the applicant presents evidence that the current import level of the product concerned is likely to remain substantial or even increase due to the existence of unused capacity and the recent investments in production capacity in the country concerned.

It is also alleged that the flow of imports of the product concerned is likely to remain at substantial levels or even rise due to the measures in force on imports of similar products originating in the country concerned in traditional markets other than the EU (i.e. the United States of America) or other measures restricting access to third country markets (Chinese import and export restrictions) which can lead to a further direction to the Community of potential exports.

In addition, the applicant alleges that any recurrence of substantial imports at dumped prices from the country concerned would likely lead to a recurrence of further injury of the Community industry should measures be allowed to lapse.

4.2. Grounds for the partial interim review

The applicants have provided information that the form of the measure, i.e. a duty equal to the difference between the minimum import price of EUR 115 per tonne and the net, free-at-Community frontier price, before duty, which is levied in all cases where the latter is less than the minimum import price, is no longer adequate to remove the injurious dumping.

The applicant alleges that, given the volatility of costs and prices for urea, the current form of the measure is no longer sufficient to remove the injurious effects of dumping. Therefore, it is warranted to review the form of the measure.

5. Procedure

Having determined, after consulting the Advisory Committee, that sufficient evidence exists to justify the initiation of an expiry review and a partial interim review, limited to the form of the measures, the Commission hereby initiates a review in accordance with Article 11(2) and (3) of the basic Regulation.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 209, 26.8.2005, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 56, 6.3.1996, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 340, 23.12.2005, p. 17.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 127, 8.5.2001, p. 11.

5.1. Procedure for the determination of likelihood of dumping and injury

The investigation will determine whether the expiry of the measures would be likely, or unlikely, to lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury. The interim review will determine whether the current form of the measures is sufficient to counteract the injurious dumping.

(a) Sampling

In view of the apparent number of parties involved in this proceeding, the Commission may decide to apply sampling, in accordance with Article 17 of the basic Regulation.

(i) Sampling for exporters/producers in Russia

In order to enable the Commission to decide whether sampling is necessary and, if so, to select a sample, all exporters producers, or representatives acting on their behalf, are hereby requested to make themselves known by contacting the Commission and providing the following information on their company or companies within the time limit set in point 6(b)(i) and in the formats indicated in point 7:

- name, address, e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers and contact person,
- the turnover in local currency and the sales volume in tonnes of the product concerned sold for export to the Community during the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006,
- the turnover in local currency and the sales volume in tonnes of the product concerned sold on the domestic market during the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006,
- the turnover in local currency and the sales volume in tonnes of the product concerned sold on other third countries during the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006,
- the precise activities of the company with regard to the production of the product concerned and the production volume in tonnes of the product concerned, the production capacity and the investments in production capacity during the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006,

- the names and the precise activities of all related companies ⁽¹⁾ involved in the production and/or selling (export and/or domestic) of the product concerned,
- any other relevant information that would assist the Commission in the selection of the sample,
- by providing the above information, the company agrees to its possible inclusion in the sample. If the company is chosen to be part of the sample, this will imply replying to a questionnaire and accepting an on-the-spot investigation of its response. If the company indicates that it does not agree to its possible inclusion in the sample, it will be deemed to not have cooperated in the investigation. The consequences of non-cooperation are set out in point 8 below.

In order to obtain the information it deems necessary for the selection of the sample of exporters/producers, the Commission will, in addition, contact the authorities of the exporting country, and any known associations of exporters/producers.

(ii) Sampling for importers

In order to enable the Commission to decide whether sampling is necessary and, if so, to select a sample, all importers, or representatives acting on their behalf, are hereby requested to make themselves known to the Commission and to provide the following information on their company or companies within the time limit set in point 6(b)(i) and in the formats indicated in point 7:

- name, address, e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers and contact person,
- the total turnover in EUR of the company during the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006,
- the total number of employees,
- the precise activities of the company with regard to the product concerned,
- the volume in tonnes and value in EUR of imports into and resales made in the Community market during the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 of the imported product concerned originating in Russia,
- the names and the precise activities of all related companies ⁽¹⁾ involved in the production and/or selling of the product concerned,

⁽¹⁾ For guidance on the meaning of related companies, please refer to Article 143 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code (OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1).

- any other relevant information that would assist the Commission in the selection of the sample,
- by providing the above information, the company agrees to its possible inclusion in the sample. If the company is chosen to be part of the sample, this will imply replying to a questionnaire and accepting an on-the-spot investigation of its response. If the company indicates that it does not agree to its possible inclusion in the sample, it will be deemed to not have cooperated in the investigation. The consequences of non-cooperation are set out in point 8 below.

In order to obtain the information it deems necessary for the selection of the sample of importers, the Commission will, in addition, contact any known associations of importers.

(iii) Sampling for Community producers

In view of the large number of Community producers supporting the request, the Commission intends to investigate injury to the Community industry by applying sampling.

In order to enable the Commission to select a sample, all Community producers are hereby requested to provide the following information on their company or companies within the time limit set in point 6 (b)(i):

- name, address, e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers and contact person,
- the total turnover in EUR of the company during the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006,
- the precise activities of the company with regard to the production of the product concerned and the volume in tonnes of the product concerned during the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006,
- the value in EUR of sales of the product concerned made in the Community market during the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006,
- the volume in tonnes of sales of the product concerned made in the Community market during the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006,
- the volume in tonnes of the production of the product concerned during the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006,

- the names and the precise activities of all related companies ⁽¹⁾ involved in the production and/or selling of the product concerned,
- any other relevant information that would assist the Commission in the selection of the sample,
- by providing the above information, the company agrees to its possible inclusion in the sample. If the company is chosen to be part of the sample, this will imply replying to a questionnaire and accepting an on-the-spot investigation of its response. If the company indicates that it does not agree to its possible inclusion in the sample, it will be deemed to not have cooperated in the investigation. The consequences of non-cooperation are set out in point 8 below.

(iv) Final selection of the samples

All interested parties wishing to submit any relevant information regarding the selection of the sample must do so within the time limit set in point 6(b)(ii).

The Commission intends to make the final selection of the samples after having consulted the parties concerned that have expressed their willingness to be included in the sample.

Companies included in the samples must reply to a questionnaire within the time limit set in point 6(b)(iii) and must cooperate within the framework of the investigation.

If sufficient cooperation is not forthcoming, the Commission may base its findings, in accordance with Articles 17(4) and 18 of the basic Regulation, on the facts available. A finding based on facts available may be less advantageous to the party concerned, as explained in point 8.

(b) Questionnaires

In order to obtain the information it deems necessary for its investigation, the Commission will send questionnaires to the sampled Community industry and to any association of producers in the Community, to the sampled exporters/producers in Russia, to any association of exporters/producers, to the sampled importers, to any association of importers named in the request or which cooperated in the investigation leading to the measures subject to the present review, and to the authorities of the exporting country concerned.

⁽¹⁾ For guidance on the meaning of related companies, please refer to Article 143 of Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2454/93 laying down provisions for the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/92 establishing the Community Customs Code (OJ L 253, 11.10.1993, p. 1).

5.2. Procedure for the assessment of Community interest

In accordance with Article 21 of the basic Regulation and in the event that the likelihood of a continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury is confirmed, a determination will be made as to whether to maintain, or repeal the anti-dumping measures would not be against the Community interest. For this reason the Community industry, importers, their representative associations, representative users and representative consumer organisations, provided that they prove that there is an objective link between their activity and the product concerned, may, within the general time limits set in point 6(a)(ii), make themselves known and provide the Commission with information. The parties which have acted in conformity with the previous sentence may request a hearing, setting the particular reasons why they should be heard, within the time limit set in point 6(a)(iii). It should be noted that any information submitted pursuant to Article 21 will only be taken into account if supported by factual evidence at the time of submission.

6. Time limits

(a) General time limits

(i) For parties to request a questionnaire

All interested parties who did not cooperate in the investigation leading to the measures subject to the present review should request a questionnaire as soon as possible, but not later than 15 days after the publication of this notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

(ii) For parties to make themselves known, to submit questionnaire replies and any other information

All interested parties, if their representations are to be taken into account during the investigation, must make themselves known by contacting the Commission, present their views and submit questionnaire replies or any other information within 40 days of the date of publication of this notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, unless otherwise specified. Attention is drawn to the fact that the exercise of most procedural rights set out in the basic Regulation depends on the party's making itself known within the aforementioned period.

Companies selected in a sample must submit questionnaire replies within the time limit specified in point 6(b)(iii).

(iii) Hearings

All interested parties may also apply to be heard by the Commission within the same 40-day time limit.

(b) Specific time limit in respect of sampling

- (i) The information specified in paragraph 5.1(a)(i), 5.1(a)(ii) and 5.1(a)(iii) should reach the Commission within 15 days of the date of publication of this notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, given that the Commission intends to consult parties concerned that have expressed their willingness to be included in the sample on its final selection within a period of 21 days of the publication of this notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
- (ii) All other information relevant for the selection of the sample as referred to in 5.1(a)(iv) must reach the Commission within a period of 21 days of the publication of this notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
- (iii) The questionnaire replies from sampled parties must reach the Commission within 37 days from the date of the notification of their inclusion in the sample.

7. Written submissions, questionnaire replies and correspondence

All submissions and requests made by interested parties must be made in writing (not in electronic format, unless otherwise specified) and must indicate the name, address, e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers of the interested party. All written submissions, including the information requested in this notice, questionnaire replies and correspondence provided by interested parties on a confidential basis shall be labelled as 'Limited' ⁽¹⁾ and, in accordance with Article 19(2) of the basic Regulation, shall be accompanied by a non-confidential version, which will be labelled 'FOR INSPECTION BY INTERESTED PARTIES'.

Commission address for correspondence:

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8. 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, findings, affirmative or negative, may be made in accordance with Article 18 of the basic Regulation, on the basis of the facts available.

⁽¹⁾ This means that the document is for internal use only. It is protected pursuant to Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43). It is a confidential document pursuant to Article 19 of the basic Regulation and Article 6 of the WTO Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the GATT 1994 (Anti-dumping Agreement).

Where it is found that any interested party has supplied false or misleading information, the information shall be disregarded and use may be made, in accordance with Article 18 of the basic Regulation, of the facts available. If an interested party does not cooperate or cooperates only partially, and use of facts available is made, the result may be less favourable to that party than if it had cooperated.

9. Schedule of the investigation

The investigation will be concluded, according to Article 11(5) of the basic Regulation within 15 months of the date of the publication of this notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

10. Possibility to request a review under Article 11(3) of the basic Regulation

As this expiry review is initiated in accordance with the provisions of Article 11(2) of the basic Regulation, the findings

thereof will not lead to the level of the existing measures being amended but will lead to those measures being repealed or maintained in accordance with Article 11(6) of the basic Regulation. The partial interim review based on Article 11(3) of the basic Regulation, which is initiated in parallel, is limited to the form of the measure and can therefore not lead to the level of the measures being amended either.

If any party to the proceeding considers that a review of the level of the measures is warranted so as to allow for the possibility to amend (i.e. increase or decrease) the level of the measures, that party may request a review in accordance with Article 11(3) of the basic Regulation.

Parties wishing to request such a review, which would be carried out independently of the expiry and partial interim review mentioned in this notice, may contact the Commission at the address given above.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ON SOCIAL SECURITY
FOR MIGRANT WORKERS**

Rates for conversion of currencies pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No 574/72

(2006/C 105/08)

Article 107(1), (2), (3) and (4) of Regulation (EEC) No 574/72

Reference period: April 2006

Application period: July, August and September 2006

avr-06	EUR	CZK	DKK	EEK	CYP	LVL	LTL	HUF	MTL
1 EUR =	1	28,5008	7,46177	15,6466	0,576128	0,696044	3,45280	265,471	0,429300
1 CZK =	0,0350867	1	0,261809	0,548987	0,0202144	0,0244219	0,121147	9,31450	0,0150627
1 DKK =	0,134017	3,81958	1	2,09690	0,0772106	0,0932815	0,462732	35,5775	0,0575333
1 EEK =	0,0639116	1,82154	0,476894	1	0,0368213	0,0444853	0,220674	16,9667	0,0274373
1 CYP =	1,73573	49,4696	12,9516	27,1582	1	1,20814	5,99311	460,785	0,745147
1 LVL =	1,43669	40,9469	10,7202	22,4793	0,827717	1	4,96060	381,400	0,616771
1 LTL =	0,289620	8,25441	2,16108	4,53157	0,166858	0,201588	1	76,8857	0,124334
1 HUF =	0,00376689	0,107359	0,0281076	0,0589390	0,00217021	0,00262192	0,0130063	1	0,00161713
1 MTL =	2,32937	66,3891	17,3812	36,4468	1,34202	1,62135	8,04286	618,381	1
1 PLN =	0,255254	7,27494	1,90464	3,99385	0,147059	0,177668	0,881340	67,7625	0,109580
1 SIT =	0,00417355	0,118950	0,0311420	0,0653018	0,00240450	0,00290497	0,0144104	1,10796	0,0017917
1 SKK =	0,0267563	0,762577	0,199649	0,418645	0,0154150	0,0186236	0,0923841	7,10302	0,0114865
1 SEK =	0,107129	3,05326	0,799369	1,67620	0,0617198	0,0745663	0,369894	28,4396	0,0459904
1 GBP =	1,43962	41,0304	10,7421	22,5252	0,829405	1,002040	4,97072	382,178	0,618029
1 NOK =	0,127530	3,63471	0,951597	1,99541	0,0734735	0,0887664	0,440335	33,8555	0,0547485
1 ISK =	0,0108766	0,309992	0,0811586	0,170182	0,00626631	0,00757059	0,0375547	2,88742	0,00466932
1 CHF =	0,634988	18,0977	4,73813	9,93540	0,365834	0,441980	2,19249	168,571	0,272600

avr-06	PLN	SIT	SKK	SEK	GBP	NOK	ISK	CHF
1 EUR =	3,91767	239,604	37,3744	9,33457	0,694628	7,84131	91,9406	1,57483
1 CZK =	0,137458	8,40693	1,31134	0,327519	0,0243722	0,275125	3,22589	0,0552557
1 DKK =	0,525033	32,1110	5,00879	1,25099	0,0930916	1,05086	12,3216	0,211054
1 EEK =	0,250385	15,3135	2,38866	0,596588	0,0443948	0,501151	5,87607	0,100650
1 CYP =	6,80001	415,888	64,8717	16,2023	1,20568	13,6104	159,584	2,73348
1 LVL =	5,62848	344,237	53,6954	13,4109	0,997965	11,2655	132,090	2,26255
1 LTL =	1,13464	69,3942	10,8244	2,70348	0,201178	2,27100	26,6278	0,456103
1 HUF =	0,0147574	0,902563	0,140785	0,0351623	0,00261659	0,0295373	0,346330	0,00593222
1 MTL =	9,12572	558,128	87,0589	21,7437	1,61805	18,2653	214,164	3,66837
1 PLN =	1	61,1599	9,53995	2,38268	0,177306	2,00152	23,4682	0,401982
1 SIT =	0,0163506	1	0,155984	0,0389582	0,00289906	0,0327260	0,383718	0,00657264
1 SKK =	0,104822	6,41093	1	0,249758	0,0185857	0,209804	2,45999	0,0421367
1 SEK =	0,419695	25,6685	4,00387	1	0,0744146	0,840029	9,84947	0,168710
1 GBP =	5,63996	344,939	53,8049	13,4382	1	11,2885	132,359	2,26716
1 NOK =	0,499620	30,5567	4,76635	1,19044	0,0885857	1	11,72520	0,200838
1 ISK =	0,0426109	2,60608	0,406506	0,101528	0,00755518	0,085287	1	0,0171288
1 CHF =	2,48767	152,146	23,7323	5,92734	0,441080	4,97913	58,3811	1

1. Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 determines that the rate for the conversion into a currency of amounts denominated in another currency shall be the rate calculated by the Commission and based on the monthly average, during the reference period specified in paragraph 2, of reference rates of exchange of currencies published by the European Central Bank.
2. The reference period shall be:
 - the month of January for rates of conversion applicable from 1 April following,
 - the month of April for rates of conversion applicable from 1 July following,
 - the month of July for rates of conversion applicable from 1 October following,
 - the month of October for rates of conversion applicable from 1 January following.

The rates for the conversion of currencies shall be published in the second *Official Journal of the European Union* ('C' series) of the months of February, May, August and November.
