

Notice of initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of ethanolamine originating in the United States of America

(92/C 201/07)

The Commission has received a complaint alleging that imports of ethanolamine originating in the United States of America (USA) are being dumped, thereby causing injury to the Community industry. The complaint was lodged by the European Council of Chemical Manufacturers' Federations (Cefic) on behalf of Community producers representing, it is claimed, all Community production of the product in question.

Product

The product concerned is ethanolamine, which is formed as a result of successive reactions of ammonia with ethylene oxide. It is used in the manufacture of several products of the textile, chemical, pharmaceutical, cosmetic and construction materials industries (¹).

Dumping

The complaint about ethanolamine imports originating in the USA alleges sufficient evidence to show that dumping margins are significant. Dumping is calculated on the basis of the comparison at ex-works level between the price for the domestic market and the price for exports to the Community.

Injury

The complaint alleges that dumped imports originating in the USA have caused material injury to the Community industry.

It is alleged that imports into the Community of ethanolamine originating in the USA have increased by 38 %, rising from 40 660 tonnes in 1988 to 56 197 tonnes in 1991. As Community consumption of the product has only increased by 10 %, the US-producers have increased their market share by 7,9 % between 1988 and 1991, thus taking a total of 39,2 % of the Community market.

According to the complaint, the price at which ethanolamine from the USA was sold in the Community was considerably lower than Community producers' prices between 1988 and 1991.

The complaint also alleges that, on account of the dumped imports, Community industry has registered a 7 % fall in production and a decline in the use of its production capacity of 14,1 % between 1988 and 1991, despite a simultaneous 10 % increase in domestic demand.

It is alleged that these imports have led to a fall in the Community industry's sales, with the market share of Community producers going down from 62,5 to 54,1 % between 1988 and 1991, a drop of 8,4 %. The combination of a loss of market share with a more than 40 % fall in prices between 1989 and 1991 has resulted in reduced profits and even financial losses for Community producers.

The level of imports from other countries is insignificant and their market share has remained practically stable within the range from 6 to 8 % between 1988 and 1991.

Procedure

Having decided, after consultation, that there is sufficient evidence to warrant the initiation of a proceeding, the Commission has commenced an investigation in accordance with Article 7 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2423/88 (¹).

Interested parties may make known their views in writing, in particular by replying to the questionnaire addressed to the parties known to be concerned and by providing supporting evidence. Furthermore, the Commission will hear parties who so requests when making their views known, provided they can show that they are likely to be affected by the result of the proceeding.

This notice is published in accordance with Article 7 (1) (a) of the abovementioned Regulation.

Time limit

Information relating to the matter, submissions concerning the allegation of dumping and injury resulting therefrom and requests for a hearing should be sent in writing to reach the Commission of the European Communities, Directorate-General for External Relations (Division I-C-1), 200, rue de la Loi, B-1049 Brussels (²) not later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice or, for parties known to be

(¹) The product is stated to fall within CN codes 2922 11 00, 2922 12 00 and 2922 13 00.

(¹) OJ No L 209, 2. 8. 1988, p. 1.

(²) Telex COMEU B 21877, telefax (32-2) 235 65 05.

concerned, the date on which the letter accompanying the abovementioned questionnaire was received, whichever date is the later. The said letter shall be deemed to have been received seven days after the date of its dispatch.

Any party which has not received the questionnaire may apply for a copy within two weeks of the date of publication of this notice. Any questionnaires so requested, or

requested thereafter, must be returned, duly completed, to the address given above not later than 45 days after the date of publication of this notice.

If the necessary information and submissions are not sent in a suitable form by the above deadline, the Community authorities may make preliminary or final findings on the basis of the facts available, in accordance with Article 7 (7) (b) of Regulation (EEC) No 2423/88.

Standing invitation to tender pursuant to Commission Regulation (EEC) No 570/88 of 16 February 1988 on the sale of butter at reduced prices and the granting of aid for butter and concentrated butter for use in the manufacture of pastry products, ice-cream and other foodstuffs

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(See notice in Official Journal of the European Communities No L 55 of 1 March 1988, page 31)

Tender No: 96

Date of Commission Decision: 31 July 1992

(ECU/100 kg)

Formula		A/C-D		B		
Incorporation procedure		With tracers	Without tracers	With tracers	Without tracers	
Minimum price	Butter \geq 82 %	Unaltered	117	120	—	—
		Concentrated	105	108	119	—
	Butter < 82 %	Unaltered	—	—	—	—
		Concentrated	—	—	—	—
Processing security		Unaltered	194		—	
		Concentrated	206		192	
Maximum aid amount	Butter \geq 82 %		145	142	—	130
	Butter < 82 %		141	138	—	—
	Concentrated butter		188	183	172	169
	Cream		—	—	55	—
Processing security	Butter		160	—	—	—
	Concentrated butter		207	—	189	—
	Cream		—	—	61	—