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COM(2010)230 - Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Budget lines)

Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement contains specific provisions on the cooperation between the European Union and the EEA EFTA States outside the four freedoms.

An amendment to Protocol 31 is needed so as to ensure the continuing, beyond 31 December 2009, the cooperation of the Contracting Parties to the Agreement in Union actions funded from the General Budget of the Union regarding the implementation, operation and development of the Internal Market.

The amendment concerns the follow budget lines:

- 12.01.04.01 → Implementation and development of the internal market - Expenditure on administrative management.
- 12.02.01 → Implementation and development of the internal market.
- 02.03.01 → Operation and development of the internal market, particularly in the fields of notification, certification and sectoral approximation.
- 02.01.04.01 → Operation and development of the internal market, particularly in the fields of notification, certification and sectoral approximation - Expenditure on administrative management.

According to Article 1(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 2894/94 concerning arrangements for implementing the EEA Agreement, the Council must, upon a proposal from the Commission, establish the position to be adopted on the Union's behalf on such Decisions.

The Commission is thus submitting this proposal, which is based on the draft Decision of the EEA Joint Committee, for adoption by the Council as the Union's position.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2010:0230:FIN:EN:PDF>



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COM(2010)236 - Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain molybdenum wires originating in the People's Republic of China

In April 2009 the Commission initiated an anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of certain molybdenum wires originating in the China.

The investigation found dumping of the product concerned, which caused injury to the Union industry. The investigation also found that it was not against the Union interest to impose anti-dumping measures. On this basis, provisional measures were imposed by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1247/2009.

The investigation following the imposition of provisional measures confirmed the main provisional findings. Thus the Commission adopted this proposal for a Council Regulation based on the definitive findings on dumping, injury, causation and Community interest.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2010:0236:FIN:EN:PDF>

COM(2010)237 - Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) No .../.. imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain cargo scanning systems originating in the People's Republic of China

In March 2009, the Commission initiated an anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of certain cargo scanning systems originating in China.

The investigation found dumping of the product concerned, which caused injury to the Union industry. The investigation also found that it was not against the Union interest to impose anti-dumping measures. On this basis, provisional measures were imposed by Commission Regulation (EU) No 1242/2009. The continuation of the investigation confirmed the essential provisional findings.

Therefore, the Commission adopted this proposal for a Council Regulation in order to impose definitive measures on imports of certain cargo scanning systems originating in China.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2010:0237:FIN:EN:PDF>



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COM (2010) 244 - Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of ammonium nitrate originating in Ukraine following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009

In April 2009 the Commission initiated an expiry review of the anti-dumping measures in force in respect of imports of ammonium nitrate ('AN') originating in Ukraine. The purpose of this investigation was to examine whether there is continuation or recurrence of dumping regarding imports of AN originating in Ukraine, thereby causing a continuation or recurrence of injury to the Union industry.

The investigation showed that imports of AN originating in Ukraine were dumped, and a likelihood of continuation of dumping as well as a likelihood of recurrence of injury was established. However, the investigation also showed that the price of gas in Ukraine showed an increasing trend during the review investigation period ('RIP') and even if it was on average 40% below international market prices, it reached international levels in the end of the RIP. Based on data available it is however uncertain whether the trend observed in gas prices can be considered as lasting.

The Commission concluded that anti-dumping measures have to be maintained on imports from Ukraine and has thus adopted this proposal for a Council Regulation to impose a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of ammonium nitrate originating in Ukraine.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2010:0244:FIN:EN:PDF>



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Competitiveness Council - 25/26 May 2010

The EU Competitiveness Council will meet in Brussels on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th May under the chairmanship of the Spanish Presidency. The European Commission will be represented by Vice-President Antonio Tajani¹, Vice-President Neelie Kroes², Commissioner Michel Barnier³ and Commissioner Máire Geoghegan-Quinn⁴.

Items on the agenda include:

- Green vehicles
- Construction products
- Relaunch of the internal market (Monti report)
- Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES)
- Services Directive - state of play
- Future revision of EU trade mark system
- Legal framework for gambling and betting in the Member States of the European Union
- The Digital Agenda for Europe
- Research

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_Data/docs/pressdata/en/intm/114581.pdf

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