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COMPETITIVENESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS



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Anti-dumping duties

COM(2009) 165 - Proposal for a Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain pre- and post-stressing wires and wire strands of nonalloy steel (PSC wires and strands) originating in the People's Republic of China

In February 2008, the Commission initiated an anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of certain pre- and post-stressing wires and wire strands of nonalloy steel ('PSC wires and strands') originating in the People's Republic of China. By Regulation (EC) N° 1129/2008, the Commission imposed provisional anti-dumping duties on these imports.

This proposal is based on the definitive findings on dumping, injury, causation and Community interest. As far as dumping is concerned, it was found that two exporting producers to whom individual treatment was granted omitted essential information during the course of the investigation. Consequently, and in accordance with Article 18 of Council Regulation (EC) No 2117/2005, their claim for individual treatment was rejected. Another exporting producer to whom individual treatment was not granted at provisional stage could clarify the composition of its management and their voting rights and thus show that there was no significant State interference within the meaning of Article 9(5)(c) of Regulation (EC) No 2117/2005. A specific duty rate was therefore calculated for this exporting producer. With regard to other aspects of the investigation the provisional findings were confirmed while introducing some changes to the calculation of the dumping margins and the injury margins and consequently the duties. It is therefore proposed that the Council adopt the proposal imposing a *definitive* anti-dumping duty.



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Interview with UN's business and human rights envoy

The UN's top expert on business and human rights, Harvard Professor John Ruggie, was in Parliament on Thursday for a hearing which looked at improving business ethics. He was asked about the economic crises and how EU companies should act in the developing world or in places where human rights abuses take place. He said the area of business and human rights was 'very fluid' and the EU needs to work hard to catch up with the debate. He also warned against unsustainable 'over-eager philanthropy'.

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COMMISSION CONSULTATION

State aid: Commission launches new consultation on revised rules for state funding of public service broadcasting

The European Commission has launched a public consultation on a revised draft for a new Communication laying down the rules that it intends to apply to state funding of public service broadcasting. Member States and stakeholders have the opportunity to submit their views on the proposed text by 8 May 2009 at the latest. On the basis of the comments received, the Commission intends to adopt a modernised Broadcasting Communication later this year. Main changes compared to the previous draft concern clarifications on the principles of technology neutrality and editorial independence, an increased focus on the key principles with enhanced flexibility for implementation at Member State level and more clarity on holding public service reserves.

The second draft for a modernised Broadcasting Communication and an explanatory note are available at:
http://ec.europa.eu/competition/consultations/2009_broadcasting_review/index.html

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COMMISSION CONSULTATION

The Retail Market monitoring exercise

The European Commission has launched a questionnaire to Member States and stakeholders in the framework of the Retail Market Monitoring exercise

The questionnaire seeks to collect qualitative information about problems arising from current national regulatory conditions that apply to retail services across the Member States, and the efficiency of these rules in meeting their underlying public interest objectives.

The aim of this questionnaire is to collect information that will be used by the Commission's services to prepare a Communication on Market Monitoring for the Retail trade sector in the EU. The Commission has decided to focus its attention on five generic supply chains. These are those for grocery, pharmacy, textiles, electronic goods and recreational goods. It is an open questionnaire addressed to Member States authorities as well as to European and national stakeholders.

The questionnaire is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/consultations/2009/retail_en.htm

Responses should be sent at the latest on 5th June 2009 to DG Internal Market and Services, European Commission, B-1049 Brussels, Belgium or to MARKT-RMM-Questionnaire@ec.europa.eu