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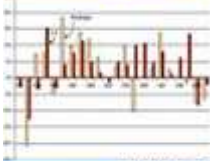
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**COM(2010)220 - Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of South Africa, of the other part, amending the Agreement on Trade, Development and Cooperation**

The Agreement on Trade, Development and Cooperation between the European Community and its Member States and the Republic of South Africa (the 'TDCA'), was signed in Pretoria on 11 October 1999 and entered into force on 1 May 2004. Articles 18 and 103 of the TDCA call for a review of the Agreement within five years of its entry into force.

The revision of the TDCA covers the further liberalisation of trade, contains minor adjustments to the Title on Development Cooperation, updates the wording of several provisions concerning economic cooperation and cooperation in other areas, and includes the addition of new provisions on such matters as terrorism, the International Criminal Court, weapons of mass destruction, mercenaries and small arms.

Negotiations on the revision of the Agreement were concluded on 10 October 2007. On 1 April 2008 the Council adopted a decision on signing the amending agreement. The agreement was subsequently signed on behalf of the Community and the Member States on 11 September 2009 in Kleinmond, South Africa. The current proposal is for a Council Decision concluding the amending agreement.

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**COM(2010)227 - Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) No .../2010 amending Regulation (EC) No 1412/2006 concerning certain restrictive measures in respect of Lebanon**

Council Regulation (EC) No 1412/2006 imposes certain restrictive measures in respect of Lebanon in accordance with Common Position 2006/625/CFSP and UN Security Council Resolution 1701 (2006).

This proposal is for the amendment of the Regulation which needs to be aligned with recent developments in sanctions practice regarding the identification of competent authorities and liability for certain infringements.

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**COM(2010)231 - Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the signing and provisional application of an Agreement between the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway on an EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014, an Agreement between the European Union and Norway on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2009-2014, an Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Iceland concerning special provisions applicable to imports into the European Union of certain fish and fisheries products 2009-2014 and an Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Norway concerning special provisions applicable to imports into the European Union of certain fish and fisheries products 2009-2014**

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**COM(2010)234 - Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION of [...] on the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway on an EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014, an Agreement between the European Union and Norway on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2009-2014, an Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Iceland concerning special provisions applicable to imports into the European Union of certain fish and fisheries products 2009-2014 and an Additional Protocol to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and Norway concerning special provisions applicable to imports into the European Union of certain fish and fisheries products 2009-2014**

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Since the entry into force of the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA) in 1994, the EEA EFTA States (now Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) have contributed to alleviating economic and social disparities in the EEA. These contributions have always been agreed for periods of five years. The most recent five-year-period of financial contributions, covering 2004-2009, expired on 30 April 2009.



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Moreover, The Union had concluded two bilateral agreements/protocols with Iceland and Norway granting certain concessions with regard to market access for fish and fisheries products. The deadline of these two bilateral agreements coincided with the expiry of the 2004-2009 financial mechanisms.

Thus negotiations with Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway were initiated which resulted in:

- An agreement between the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway on an EEA Financial Mechanism for the period 2009-2014;
- An agreement between the EU and Norway on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2009-2014;
- An additional protocol concerning certain fisheries concessions for Iceland for the period 2009-2014; and
- An additional protocol concerning certain fisheries concessions for Norway for the period 2009-2014.

As the negotiations suffered unfortunate delays and were not concluded until 18 December 2009, it was necessary for the smooth functioning of the EEA to ensure that the above agreements could enter into force on a provisional basis, pending their final conclusion. Hence, by means of COM(2010)231 the Commission is proposing that the Council adopt a Decision on the on the signing and provisional application of the above mentioned agreements and protocols; whilst by means of COM (2010) 234 it is proposing that the Council adopt a Decision to conclude the agreements and protocols.



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**COM(2010)232 - Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the signing of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco on the general principles for the participation of Morocco in Union programmes**

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**COM(2010)233 - Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco on the general principles for the participation of Morocco in Union programmes**

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One of the many measures of promoting reform, modernisation and transition in the countries neighbouring on the European Union is the gradual opening-up under the European Neighbourhood Policy of certain Union programmes and agencies to the participation of ENP partner countries

In June 2007 the Commission started negotiations with various countries. It has completed negotiations with Morocco, which has expressed interest in taking part in certain programmes, in particular: the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP), Customs 2013, SESAR and Marco Polo.

In COM (2010) 233 the Commission is submitting a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the protocol, whilst in COM (2010) 232 it is submitting a proposal for a Council Decision on the signature of the protocol. The proposals contain a Framework Agreement on the general principles for Morocco's participation in Union programmes, and standard clauses for application to all ENP partner countries with which such protocols are to be concluded.

The European Parliament will be asked to give its consent to the conclusion of this protocol.



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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.

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**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.

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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.

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