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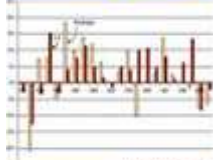
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**COM (2010) 109 - Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted in the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms**

Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement contains specific provisions on the cooperation between the European Union and the EEA States outside the four freedoms. The EEA Joint Committee has drafted a Decision to modify this Protocol with the objective of having the Contracting Parties encourage appropriate cooperation between the competent organizations, institutions and other bodies in their respective territories so as to provide for the participation of stakeholders from EEA States in the SESAR (Single European Sky ATM Research) project, including activities of the SESAR Joint Undertaking as set up in Council Regulation No 219/2007.

The EEA Agreement specifies that the Council must adopt a Decision, upon a proposal from the Commission, on the position of the EU as regards any EEA Joint Committee Decision. Hence this proposal lays down the position to be taken by the Union on the EEA Joint Committee Decision to amend Protocol 31 of the EEA Agreement which must be adopted by Council.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2010:0109:FIN:EN:PDF>

**COM (2010) 115 - Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION amending Regulation (EC)No 1001/2008 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain tube and pipe fittings, of iron or steel originating, inter alia, in Malaysia**

This proposal concerns the application of Council Regulation No 1225/2009 of 30 November 2009 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Community in this case concerning imports of certain tube and pipe fittings of iron or steel originating from Malaysia.

A request was lodged by Pantech Steel Industries Sdn Bhd (the applicant), an exporting producer in Malaysia. The Commission conducted an investigation which showed that the applicant demonstrated that it fulfils the requirement to be granted new exporter status. Therefore, an individual margin of dumping must be



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determined within the framework of the law for the applicant and its related companies, hence this proposal for the adoption of the Regulation by the Council.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2010:0115:FIN:EN:PDF>

**COM 2010(123) Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION amending Regulation (EC) No 1487/2005 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and definitively collecting the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain finished polyester filament fabrics originating in the People's Republic of China**

Council Regulation (EC) No 1487/2005 imposes a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain finished polyester filament fabrics originating in China. Article 2 of the Regulation gives the possibility to Chinese exporting producers which meet certain criteria to be granted new exporting producer treatment.

A group of companies consisting of two companies involved in the production and sales of the product concerned have requested new exporting producer treatment and their claims have been examined. By means of this proposal the Commission is requesting the Council to adopt a Regulation setting out the names and duty rates of the companies to which new exporting producer treatment is granted.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2010:0123:FIN:EN:PDF>

**COM (2010) 135 - Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Commission Work Programme 2010 - Time to act**

The European Commission has presented its Annual Policy Strategy which paves the way for establishing a policy agenda for 2010. It will be for the Commission to review the policy priorities at the start of its mandate, and to turn them into an operational programme when it draws up its Work Programme for 2010. The impact of the current financial and economic crisis is likely to be significant both in 2009 and in 2010 and can be expected to remain the focus of the Commission's work.



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The Annual Policy Strategy is the first step of the European Commission's planning system. It aims to launch the inter-institutional dialogue on the priorities for next year and to prepare for the Preliminary Draft Budget which the Commission will be presenting in April. The Annual Policy Strategy for 2010 outlines policy objectives in four areas: economic and social recovery, climate change and sustainable Europe, putting the citizen first, and Europe as a world partner. These priorities will be subject to a dialogue with the other institutions before being confirmed by the new Commission.

The Commission will review its Work Programme every year, setting new annual strategic initiatives and adapting the multi-annual strand where appropriate in the light of new circumstances, including results from preparatory work and review of implementation.

The Commission will now work closely with the European Parliament and the Council, as well as stakeholders, to ensure a broad ownership on the overall approach and on individual initiatives. The Commission would like its Work Programme to act as a central building block for the common inter-institutional programming proposed under Article 17(1) of the Treaty of Lisbon.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2010:0135:FIN:EN:PDF>

### **Serbia receives a further €70 million of EU assistance**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> March the Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia, Mr Vincent Degert and Serbian Deputy Prime Minister Mr Bozidar Djelic signed the Financing Agreement for the implementation of the EU assistance package for Serbia. The assistance, part of the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance is worth over €70 million and will complement the 100 million already received in 2009 for budget support.



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