

Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 397/1999 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of bicycles originating in Taiwan

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

By Regulation (EC) No 397/1999 the Council imposed a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of bicycles originating in Taiwan. The investigation, which led to the imposition of the abovementioned duty, used sampling in accordance with Article 17 of Council Regulation (EC) No 384/96 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Community (the 'basic Regulation').

Article 11(4) of the basic Regulation provides that when sampling has been used in the investigation, a new exporter review cannot be initiated. However, in order to ensure equal treatment between any genuine new exporting producer and the cooperating companies not included in the sample used in the abovementioned investigation, Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 397/1999 established that where any new exporting producer provides sufficient evidence to the Commission that it meets the three basic requirements set out therein (i.e. no exports during the investigation period, no relations with exporting producers subject to the measures and actual exports or contractual obligations to export after the investigation period), then the Council may grant to such new exporting producer the weighted average duty applicable to the cooperating companies not included in the sample. This would be done with an amendment of Article 1(3) of Regulation (EC) No 397/1999 by adding the new exporting producer to the list annexed to that Regulation.

In August 2001, the Commission received one request from Taiwan for new exporter status. The examination of the request together with the additional evidence provided, where necessary, by the applicant company, showed that the company fulfilled all the relevant requirements.

The Commission accordingly proposes that the Council adopts the attached proposal for a Regulation which amends Article 1(3) of Regulation (EC) No 397/1999 by adding the new exporting producer to the list annexed to that Regulation.

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the proposal submitted by the Commission after consulting the Advisory Committee,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Whereas:

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 384/96 of 22 December 1995 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Community ⁽¹⁾,

A. PREVIOUS PROCEDURE

- (1) By Regulation (EC) No 397/1999 the Council imposed a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports into the Community of bicycles falling within CN codes 8712 00 10, 8712 00 30 and 8712 00 80 originating in Taiwan. Sampling was applied to Taiwanese exporting producers and individual duty rates ranging from 2,4 % to 18,2 % were imposed on the companies in the sample, while other cooperating companies not included in the sample were attributed a weighted average duty rate of 5,4 %. A duty rate of 18,2 % was imposed on companies which either did not make themselves known or did not cooperate in the investigation.

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 397/1999 of 22 February 1999 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of bicycles originating in Taiwan and collecting definitely the provisional duty imposed ⁽²⁾, and in particular to Article 2 thereof,

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 56, 6.3.1996, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2238/2000 (OJ L 257, 11.10.2000, p. 2).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 49, 25.2.1999, p. 1.

(2) Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 397/1999 stipulates that where any new exporting producer in Taiwan provides sufficient evidence to the Commission that:

- it did not export to the Community the products described in Article 1(1) of that Regulation during the investigation period (1 November 1996 to 31 October 1997),
- it is not related to any of the exporters or producers in Taiwan which are subject to the anti-dumping measures imposed by that Regulation,
- it has actually exported to the Community the products concerned after the investigation period on which the measures are based, or it has entered into an irrevocable contractual obligation to export a significant quantity to the Community,

then Article 1(3) of Regulation (EC) No 397/1999 may be amended by granting that exporting producer the duty rate applicable to cooperating producers which were not included in the sample, namely 5,4 %.

B. NEW EXPORTING PRODUCERS' REQUEST

(3) One new Taiwanese exporting producer, after having applied to be treated like the companies which cooperated

in the original investigation but were not included in the sample, has provided on request, evidence showing that it meets the requirements set out in Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 397/1999. The evidence provided by the applicant company is considered sufficient to allow that Regulation to be amended by adding the applicant to the Annex thereto. That Annex specifies the Taiwanese exporting producers which are subject to the weighted average duty rate of 5,4 %,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The following company shall be added to the list of exporting producers from Taiwan listed in the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 397/1999:

- Oyama Industrial Co., Ltd, Taiwan.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.
