COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES



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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION

amending the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 2042/2000 imposing a definitive antidumping duty on imports of television camera systems originating in Japan

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1) CONTEXT OF THE PROPOSAL Grounds for and objectives of the proposal • This proposal concerns the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 384/96 of 22 December 1995 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Community, as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 2117/2005 ("the basic Regulation") and aims at including television camera systems in an Annex to Regulation (EC) No 2042/2000. This annex contains a list of television camera systems which, although falling in the product description, cannot be regarded as broadcast camera systems and therefore have to be exempted from the anti-dumping duty. **General context** This proposal is made in the context of the implementation of the basic Regulation and is the result of an investigation which was carried out in line with the substantive and procedural requirements laid out in the basic Regulation. Existing provisions in the area of the proposal • There are no existing provisions in the area of the proposal. Consistency with other policies and objectives of the Union • Not applicable. 2) CONSULTATION OF INTERESTED PARTIES AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT **Consultation of interested parties** Interested parties concerned by the proceeding have already had the possibility to defend their interests during the investigation, in line with the provisions of the basic Regulation. **Collection and use of expertise** • There was no need for external expertise. **Impact assessment** This proposal is the result of the implementation of the basic Regulation. The basic Regulation does not foresee a general impact assessment but contains an exhaustive list of conditions that have to be assessed.

3) LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSAL

• Summary of the proposed action

The Commission received a request from a Japanese exporting producer of television camera systems to add a model of professional camera systems to the Annex to Council Regulation (EC) No 2042/2000 and thus exempt it from the application of the duty.

This model was considered as a professional camera system which should be exempted from the application of the duty. It is therefore proposed to exempt this model exported by Hitachi under Article 1(3)(e) of Regulation (EC) No 2042/2000 and consequently add it to the Annex.

It is therefore proposed that the Council adopt the attached proposal for a Regulation.

• Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC) No 384/96 of 22 December 1995 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Community, as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 2117/2005 of 21 December 2005.

• Subsidiarity principle

The proposal falls under the exclusive competence of the Community. The subsidiarity principle therefore does not apply.

• Proportionality principle

The proposal complies with the proportionality principle for the following reason(s).

The form of action is described in the above-mentioned basic Regulation and leaves no scope for national decision.

Indication of how financial and administrative burden falling upon the Community, national governments, regional and local authorities, economic operators and citizens is minimized and proportionate to the objective of the proposal is not applicable.

• Choice of instruments

Proposed instruments: regulation.

Other means would not be adequate for the following reason(s).

The above-mentioned basic Regulation does not foresee alternative options.

4) BUDGETARY IMPLICATION

The proposal has no implication for the Community budget.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

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 Community¹, ('the basic Regulation'),

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

Whereas:

A. PREVIOUS PROCEDURES

- (1) The Council, by Regulation (EC) No 1015/94², imposed a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of television camera systems ('TCS') originating in Japan.
- (2) In September 2000, the Council, by Regulation (EC) No 2042/2000³ confirmed the definitive anti-dumping duties imposed by Regulation (EC) No 1015/94 (as subsequently amended) pursuant to Article 11(2) of the basic Regulation.
- (3) In Article 1(3)(e) of Regulation (EC) No 2042/2000, the Council specifically excluded from the scope of the anti-dumping duty camera systems listed in the Annex to that Regulation ('the Annex'), representing high-end professional camera systems technically falling within the product definition under Article 1(2) of that Regulation, but which cannot be regarded as television camera systems.
- (4) The Commission, by notice of 29 September 2005^4 , initiated a review, pursuant to Article 11(2) of the basic Regulation, of Regulation (EC) No 2042/2000 which imposed the existing anti-dumping measures on imports of TCS originating in Japan.

¹ OJ L 56, 6.3.1996, p.1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 2117/2005 (OJ L L 340, 23.12.2005, p. 17).

² OJ L 111, 30.4.1994, p. 106. Regulation as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1754/2004 (OJ L 313, 12.10.2004, p. 1).

³ OJ L 244, 29.9.2000, p. 38. Regulation as last amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 1454/2005 (OJ L 231, 8.9.2005, p. 1).

⁴ OJ C 239, 29.9.2005, p. 9.

(5) The Commission, by notice of 18 May 2006, initiated an anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of certain camera systems originating in Japan pursuant to Article 5 of the basic Regulation. Given that the product scope of this proceeding includes the products subject to measures by Regulation (EC) No 2042/2000, the Commission also initiated by this notice of 18 May 2006, a review, under Article 11(3) of the basic Regulation, of the existing measures. The investigations mentioned in recitals (4) and (5) above are still ongoing.

B. INVESTIGATION CONCERNING NEW MODELS OF PROFESSIONAL CAMERA SYSTEMS

1. Procedure

- (6) One Japanese exporting producer, Hitachi Denshi (Europa) GmbH ('Hitachi') informed the Commission that it intended to introduce a new model of professional camera systems into the Community market and requested the Commission to add this new model of professional camera systems to the Annex of Council Regulation (EC) No 2042/2000 and thus exempt it from the scope of the anti-dumping duties.
- (7) The Commission informed the Community industry accordingly and commenced an investigation limited to the determination of whether the product under consideration falls within the scope of the anti-dumping duties and whether the operative part of Council Regulation (EC) No 2042/2000 should be amended accordingly.

2. Model under investigation

(8) The request for exemption was received for the following model of camera systems, supplied with the relevant technical information:

Hitachi:

– Camera head V-35W.

This model was presented as a successor model of the already exempted V-35 camera head.

3. Findings

- (9) Camera head V-35W fall within the product description of Article 1(2)(a) of Council Regulation (EC) No 2042/2000. However, as with its predecessor model, it is mainly used for professional applications and it is not sold with the corresponding triax system or adaptor on the EC market.
- (10) Therefore, it was found that it qualifies as a professional camera system within the meaning of Article 1(3)(e) of Regulation (EC) No 2042/2000. As a result, it should be excluded from the scope of the existing anti-dumping measures and added to the Annex of Regulation (EC) No 2042/2000.
- (11) In accordance with the established Community institutions' practice, the new model should be exempted from the anti-dumping duty from the date of receipt by the Commission services of the relevant request for exemption. Therefore, all imports of

the following camera model imported on or after 11th April 2006 should be exempted from the anti-dumping duty from this date:

Hitachi:

– Camera head V-35W

4. Information of the interested parties and conclusions

- (12) The Commission informed the Community industry and the exporting producer of TCS concerned of its findings and provided them with an opportunity to present their views. None of the parties objected to the Commission's findings.
- (13) In view of the above, it is proposed to amend the Annex of Council Regulation (EC) No 2042/2000 accordingly.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex of Council Regulation (EC) No 2042/2000 shall be replaced by the Annex hereto.

Article 2

- 1. This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
- 2. This Regulation shall apply to imports of the following model produced and exported to the Community by the following exporting producer:

Hitachi from 11th April 2006

– Camera head V-35W.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council The President

<u>ANNEX</u>

List of professional camera systems not qualified as television camera systems (broadcast camera systems), which are exempted from the measures

Company name	Camera heads	Viewfinder	Camera control unit	Operational control unit	Master control unit	Camera adapters
Sony	DXC-M7PK	DXF-3000CE	CCU-M3P	RM-M7G	_	CA-325P
	DXC-M7P	DXF-325CE	CCU-M5P	RM-		CA-325AP
	DXC-M7PH	DXF-501CE	CCU-M7P	M7E(1)		CA-325B
	DXC-M7PK/1	DXF-M3CE	CUU-M5AP ⁽¹⁾			CA-327P
	DXC-M7P/1	DXF-M7CE				CA-537P
	DXC-M7PH/1	DXF-40CE				CA-511
	DXC-327PK	DXF-40ACE				CA-512P
	DXC-327PL	DXF-50CE				CA-513
	DXC-327PH	DXF-601CE				VCT-U14 ⁽¹⁾
	DXC-327APK	DXF-40BCE				
	DXC-327APL	DXF-50BCE				
	DXC-327AH	DXF-701CE				
	DXC-537PK	DXF-WSCE ⁽¹⁾				
	DXC-537PL	DXF-801CE ⁽¹⁾				
	DXC-537PH	HDVF-C30W				
	DXC-537APK					
	DXC-537APL					
	DXC-537APH					
	EVW-537PK					
	EVW-327PK					
	DXC-637P					
	DXC-637PK					
	DXC-637PL					

	PVW-637PK				
	PVW-637PL				
	DXC-D30PF				
	DXC-D30PK				
	DXC-D30PL				
	DXC-D30PH				
	DSR-130PF				
	DSR-130PK				
	DSR-130PL				
	PVW-D30PF				
	PVW-D30PK				
	PVW-D30PL				
	DXC-327BPF				
	DXC-327BPK				
	DXC-327BPL				
	DXC-327BPH				
	DXC-D30WSP ⁽¹⁾				
	DXC-D35PH ⁽¹⁾				
	DXC-D35PL ⁽¹⁾				
	DXC-D35PK ⁽¹⁾				
	DXC-D35WSPL ⁽¹⁾				
	DSR-135PL ⁽¹⁾				
Ikegami	HC-340	VF15-21/22	MA-200/230	RCU-240	 CA-340
	HC-300	VF-4523	MA-200A ⁽¹⁾	RCU-390 ⁽¹⁾	CA-300
	HC-230	VF15-39	MA-400 ⁽¹⁾	RCU-400 ⁽¹⁾	CA-230
	HC-240	VF15-46 ⁽¹⁾	CCU-37	RCU-240A	CA-390

	HC-210	VF5040 ⁽¹⁾	CCU-10		CA-400 ⁽¹⁾
	HC-390	VF5040W ⁽¹⁾			CA-450 ⁽¹⁾
	LK-33				
	HDL-30MA				
	HDL-37				
	HC-400 ⁽¹⁾				
	HC-400W ⁽¹⁾				
	HDL-37E				
	HDL-10				
	HDL-40				
	HC-500 ⁽¹⁾				
	HC-500W ⁽¹⁾				
Hitachi	SK-H5	GM-5 (A)	RU-C1 (B)	_	 CA-Z1
	SK-H501	GM-5-R2 (A)	RU-C1 (D)		CA-Z2
	DK-7700	GM-5-R2	RU-C1		CA-Z1SJ
	DK-7700SX	GM-50	RU-C1-S5		CA-Z1SP
	HV-C10	GM-8A ⁽¹⁾	RU-C10 (B)		CA-Z1M
	HV-C11	GM-9 ⁽¹⁾	RU-C10 (C)		CA-Z1M2
	HV-C10F	GM-51 ⁽¹⁾	RC-C1		CA-Z1HB
	Z-ONE (L)		RC-C10		CA-C10
	Z-ONE (H)		RU-C10		CA-C10SP
	Z-ONE		RU-Z1 (B)		CA-C10SJA
	Z-ONE A (L)		RU-Z1 (C)		CA-C10M
	Z-ONE A (H)		RU-Z1		CA-C10B
	Z-ONE A (F)		RC-C11		CA-Z1A ⁽¹⁾
	Z-ONE A		RU-Z2		CA-Z31 ⁽¹⁾
	Z-ONE B (L)		RC-Z1		CA-Z32 ⁽¹⁾

	Z-ONE B (H)	RC-Z11	CA-ZD1 ⁽¹⁾
	Z-ONE B (F)	RC-Z2	CA-Z35 ⁽¹⁾
	Z-ONE B	RC-Z21	EA-Z35 ⁽¹⁾
	Z-ONE B (M)	RC-Z2A ⁽¹⁾	
	Z-ONE B (R)	RC-Z21A ⁽¹⁾	
	FP-C10 (B)	RU-Z3 ⁽¹⁾	
	FP-C10 (C)	RC-Z3 ⁽¹⁾	
	FP-C10 (D)	RU-Z35 ⁽¹⁾	
	FP-C10 (G)	RU-3300N ⁽¹⁾	
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	FP-C10 A (B)		
	FP-C10 A (C)		
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	FP-C10 A (W)				
	Z-ONE C (M)				
	Z-ONE C (R)				
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	HV-C20				
	HV-C20M				
	Z-ONE-D				
	Z-ONE-D (A)				
	Z-ONE-D (B)				
	Z-ONE-D (C)				
	Z-ONE.DA ⁽¹⁾				
	V-21 ⁽¹⁾				
	V-21W ⁽¹⁾				
	V-35 ⁽¹⁾				
	DK-H31 ⁽¹⁾				
	V-35W ⁽¹⁾				
Matsushita	WV-F700	WV-VF65BE	WV-RC700/B	_	 WV-AD700SE
	WV-F700A	WV-VF40E	WV-RC700/G		WV-AD700ASE
	WV-F700SHE	WV-VF39E	WV-RC700A/B		WV-AD700ME
	WV-F700ASHE	WV-VF65BE (*)	WV-RC700A/G		WV-AD250E
	WV-F700BHE	WV-VF40E (*)	WV-RC36/B		WV-AD500E (*)
	WV-F700ABHE	WV-VF42E	WV-RC36/G		AW-AD500AE
	WV-F700MHE	WV-VF65B	WV-RC37/B		AW-AD700BSE
	WV-F350	AW-VF80	WV-RC37/G		

	WV-F350HE		WV-CB700E		
	WV-F350E		WV-CB700AE		
	WV-F350AE		WV-CB700E (*)		
	WV-F350DE		WV-CB700AE (*)		
	WV-F350ADE		WV-RC700/B (*)		
	WV-F500HE (*)		WV-RC700/G (*)		
	WV-F-565HE		WV-RC700A/B (*)		
	AW-F575HE		WV-RC700A/G (*)		
	AW-E600		WV-RC550/G		
	AW-E800		WV-RC550/B		
	AW-E800A		WV-RC700A		
	AW-E650		WV-CB700A		
	AW-E655		WV-RC550		
	AW-E750		WV-CB550		
	AW-E860L		AW-RP501		
	AK-HC910L		AW-RP505		
	AK-HC1500G		AK-HRP900		
			AK-HRP150		
JVC	KY-35E	VF-P315E	RM-P350EG	 	KA-35E
	KY-27ECH	VF-P550E	RM-P200EG		KA-B35U
	KY-19ECH	VF-P10E	RM-P300EG		KA-M35U
	KY-17FITECH	VP-P115E	RM-LP80E		KA-P35U
	KY-17BECH	VF-P400E	RM-LP821E		KA-27E
	KY-F30FITE	VP-P550BE	RM-LP35U		KA-20E
	KY-F30BE	VF-P116E	RM-LP37U		KA-P27U
	KY-F560E	VF-P116WE ⁽¹⁾	RM-P270EG		KA-P20U
		VF-P550WE ⁽¹⁾			

	KY-27CECH		RM-P210E			KA-B27E	
	KH-100U					KA-B20E	
	KY-D29ECH					KA-M20E	
	KY-D29WECH ⁽¹⁾					KA-M27E	
Olympus	MAJ-387N		OTV-SX 2				
	MAJ-387I		OTV-S5				
			OTV-S6				
	Camera OTV-SX						
(*)Also called master set up unit (MSU) or master control panel (MCP).							
(1) Models exempted under the condition that the corresponding triax system or triax-adapter is not sold on the EC market.							