COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2020/1051

of 16 July 2020

terminating the absorption reinvestigation concerning imports of certain cast iron articles originating in the People's Republic of China

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Union [1] (the 'basic Regulation'), and in particular Articles 9(1) and 12 thereof,

Whereas:

1. PROCEDURE

(1) On 18 December 2019, the Commission announced the reopening of the anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of certain cast iron articles originating in the People's Republic of China by publishing a Notice of Reopening in the *Official Journal of the European Union* [2] (the 'Notice of Reopening').

(2) The Commission reopened the investigation following a request lodged by eight Union producers (the 'Applicants') representing more than 25 % of the total Union production of certain cast iron articles. The request contained evidence showing that, after the original investigation period and following the imposition of the provisional anti-dumping duties, Chinese export prices of certain cast iron articles had decreased and that there had been insufficient movement in the resale prices on the Union market. That evidence was considered sufficient to justify reopening the investigation.

(3) In the Notice of Reopening, the Commission invited interested parties to contact it in order to participate in the reinvestigation. In addition, the Commission specifically informed the Applicants, the known exporting producers, the known importers and the authorities of the People's Republic of China about the absorption reinvestigation and invited them to participate.

2. WITHDRAWAL OF THE COMPLAINT AND TERMINATION OF THE PROCEEDING

(4) By letter of 15 May 2020, the Applicants informed the Commission that they withdrew their request.

(5) Under Article 9(1) of the basic Regulation, proceedings may be terminated where the request is withdrawn, unless such termination would not be in the Union interest.

(6) The absorption reinvestigation had not brought to light any considerations demonstrating that a termination of the absorption reinvestigation would not be in the Union interest.

(7) The Commission therefore concluded that the absorption reinvestigation concerning imports into the Union of certain cast iron articles originating in the People's Republic of China should be terminated without amending the measures in force.

(8) Interested parties were informed accordingly and were given an opportunity to comment. However, no comments were received from interested parties that would lead to the conclusion that a termination of the absorption reinvestigation would not be in the Union interest.

(9) This Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 15(1) of the basic Regulation,

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[1] OJ L 176, 30.6.2016, p. 21.

[2] Notice of reopening the anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of certain cast iron articles originating in the People's Republic of China (OJ C 425, 18.12.2019, p. 9).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The absorption reinvestigation concerning imports of certain cast iron articles, currently falling under CN codes ex 7325 10 00 (TARIC code 7325 10 00 31) and ex 7325 99 90 (TARIC code 7325 99 90 80), originating in the People's Republic of China, is hereby terminated.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 16 July 2020.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN