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(Acts whose publication is obligatory)

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 149/96

of 22 December 1995

extending the provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of certain tube or pipe fittings, of iron or steel, originating in the People's Republic of China, Croatia and Thailand

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 3283/94 of 22 December 1994 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members to the European Community [1], and in particular Article 23 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 2423/88 of 11 July 1988 on protection against dumped or subsidized imports from countries not members of the European Economic Community [2], and in particular Article 11 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Commission Regulation (EC) No 2318/95 [3] imposed a provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of certain tube or pipe fittings, of iron or steel, originating in the People's Republic of China, Croatia and Thailand;

Whereas examination of the facts has not yet been completed and the Commission has informed the exporters known to be concerned of its intention to propose an extension of the validity of the provisional anti-dumping duty for an additional period of two months;

Whereas the exporters have raised no objections,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The validity of the provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of certain tube or pipe fittings, of iron or steel, originating in the People's Republic of China, Croatia and Thailand, imposed by Regulation (EC) No 2318/95 is hereby extended for a period of two months and shall expire on 4 April 1996. It shall cease to apply if, before this date the Council adopts definitive measures or the proceedings are terminated pursuant to Article 9 of Regulation (EEC) No 2423/88.

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.

Done at Brussels, 22 December 1995.

For the Council

The President

L. ATIENZA SERNA

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[1] OJ No L 349, 31. 12. 1994, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1251/95 (OJ No L 122, 2. 6. 1995, p. 1).

[2] OJ No L 209, 2. 8. 1988, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 522/94 (OJ No L 66, 10. 3. 1994, p. 10).

[3] OJ No L 234, 3. 10. 1995, p. 4.