COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 176/2000

of 24 January 2000

amending Regulation (EC) No 1015/94 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of television camera systems originating in Japan

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 Community [1],

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 1015/94 [2], imposed a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of television camera systems (hereinafter 'TCS') originating in Japan.

(2) The Council specifically excluded from the scope of the anti-dumping duty the professional camera systems listed in the Annex to that Regulation (hereinafter referred to as 'the Annex'), representing high-end professional camera systems technically falling within the product definition under Article 1(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1015/94, but which cannot be regarded as broadcast cameras.

(3) In October 1995, the Council, by Regulation (EC) No 2474/95 [3], amended the abovementioned Regulation (EC) No 1015/94, in particular as regards the like product definition and as regards certain models of professional camera systems explicitly exempted from the scope of the definitive anti-dumping duty.

(4) In October 1997, the Council, by Regulation (EC) No 1952/97 [4] amended the rates of the definitive anti-dumping duty for two companies concerned, namely for Sony Corporation and Ikegami Tsushinki in accordance with Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 384/96. Furthermore, the Council specifically excluded from the scope of the anti-dumping duty certain new models of professional camera systems adding them to the Annex.

(5) In January 1999, the Council, by Regulation (EC) No 193/1999 [5] amended Regulation (EC) No 1015/94 adding certain successor models of professional camera systems to its Annex and thus excluding those from the application of the definitive anti-dumping duty.

B. INVESTIGATION CONCERNING NEW MODELS OF PROFESSIONAL CAMERA SYSTEMS

1. Procedure

(6) Subsequently, a number of Japanese exporting producers informed the Commission that they intended to introduce new models of professional camera systems into the Community market and requested to add these new models of professional camera systems and their accessories to the Annex and thus exempt them 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 products under consideration fall within the scope of the anti-dumping duties and whether the operational part of Regulation 1015/94 should be amended accordingly.

2. Models under investigation

(8) Applications were received for the following models of professional camera systems, supplied with the relevant technical information:

(i) *Hitachi Denshi, Ltd.* (hereinafter 'Hitachi')

— Camera head V-21, which was presented as a successor model of camera head Z-ONE.DA, and which was sold without a triax adaptor;

— new accessories to V-21:

— 1.5 inch viewfinder GM-9, which was presented as the standard viewfinder for camera head model V-21;

— camera adaptor CA-Z31 and CA-Z32, which were presented as successor models of camera adaptors CA-Z1A and CA-Z2 already included in the Annex, and which are to be connected with the camera head model V-21;

— camera control panel RC-Z2A and RC-Z21A, which were presented as successor models of camera control panels RC-Z2 and RC-Z21, already included in the Annex;

[1] OJ L 56, 6.3.1996, p. 1. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 905/98 (OJ L 128, 30.4.1998, p. 18).
[2] OJ L 111, 30.4.1994, p. 106. Regulation as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 193/1999. (OJ L 22, 29.1.1999, p. 10).
[3] OJ L 255, 25.10.1995, p. 11.
[4] OJ L 276, 9.10.1997, p. 20.
[5] OJ L 22, 29.1.1999, p. 10.

— Camera head V-21 W, which was presented as the wide screen version of camera head V-21;
— 5 inch viewfinder GM-51, which was presented as the standard viewfinder for camera head model V-21W;

All above models are sold without a corresponding triax system or triax adaptor.

(ii) *Olympus Winter & IBE GmbH* (hereinafter 'Olympus')
— camera control unit OTV-S6, which was represented as a model used in the medical sector and as a successor model of OTV-S5, already included in the Annex.

(iii) *Matsushita*
— camera head AW-F575HE, which was presented as a successor model of camera head WV-F565HE already included in the Annex;
— camera adaptor AW-AD500AE and AW-AD700BSE, which were presented as successor models of camera adaptor WV-AD500E and WV-AD700ASE already included in the Annex.

(iv) *Ikegami Tsushinki Co, Ltd* (hereinafter 'Ikegami')
— camera head HC-400 and HC-400W, which were presented as successor models of camera head HC 390 already included in the Annex.
— new accessories to camera head HC-400 and HC-400W
  — viewfinders VF 15-46;
  — operational control panel RCU-390;
  — camera adaptor CA-400;
  — camera control unit MA-200A;

All above models are sold without a corresponding triax system or triax adaptor.

(v) *Victor Company of Japan, Ltd* (hereinafter 'JVC')
— camera head KY-D29WECH, which was presented as a wide-screen version of the predecessor model KY-D29ECH already included in the Annex;
— viewfinders VF-P116WE and VF-PSSOWE, which can be connected to the abovementioned new camera head KY-D29WECH and which are successor models of the viewfinders VF-P116, respectively VF-P550BE, already included in the Annex;

All above models are sold without a corresponding triax system or triax adaptor;

3. **Findings**

(9) The Commission carried out a technical examination including a detailed comparison of the models concerned with their predecessor models listed in the Annex and found that they were almost completely identical. The small differences found are the result of the technical development in the TCS sector but did not affect the classification of these TCS as professional camera systems. Therefore, it was concluded that all models concerned should be excluded from the scope of the existing anti-dumping measures.

(10) The Commission informed the Community producers and the exporters of TCS of its findings and provided them with an opportunity to present their views. On this basis and in the light of the fact that the interested parties did not object to the Commission's conclusions, all models and related equipment listed in recital (8) are professional camera systems. It follows that they should be exempted from the application of the anti-dumping duty applicable to certain television camera systems originating in Japan, and that the Annex should be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Annex of Regulation (EC) No 1015/94 shall be replaced by the Annex hereto.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 24 January 2000.

For the Council
The President
J. GAMA

ANNEX

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List of professional camera systems not qualified as broadcast camera systems which are exempted from the measures

Company name	Camera heads	Viewfinder	Camera control unit	Operational control unit	Master control unit (*)	Camera adaptors
Sony	DXC-M7PK	DXF-3000CE	CCU-M3P	RM-M7G	—	CA-325P
	DXC-M7P	DXF-325CE	CCU-M5P			CA-325AP
	DXC-M7PH	DXF-501CE	CCU-M7P			CA-325B
	DXC-M7PK/1	DXF-M3CE				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					
	DXC-537PH					
	DXC-537APK					
	DXC-537APL					
	DXC-537APH					
	EVW-537PK					
	EVW-327PK					
	DXC-637P					
	DXC-637PK					
	DXC-637PL					
	DXC-637PH					
	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)					

Company name	Camera heads	Viewfinder	Camera control unit	Operational control unit	Master control unit (*)	Camera adaptors
Ikegami	HC-340 HC-300 HC-230 HC-240 HC-210 HC-390 LK-33 HDL-30MA HDL-37 HC-400 (1) HC-400W (1)	VF15-21/22 VF-4523 VF15-39 VF15-46 (1) VF5040 (1) VF5040W (1)	MA-200/230 MA-200A (1)	RCU-240 RCU-390 (1)	—	CA-340 CA-300 CA-230 CA-390 CA-400 (1)
Hitachi	SK-H5 SK-H501 DK-7700 DK-7700SX HV-C10 HV-C11 HV-C10F Z-ONE (L) Z-ONE (H) Z-ONE Z-ONE A (L) Z-ONE A (H) Z-ONE A (F) Z-ONE A Z-ONE B (L) Z-ONE B (H) Z-ONE B (F) Z-ONE B Z-ONE B (M) Z-ONE B (R) FP-C10 (B) FP-C10 (C) FP-C10 (D) FP-C10 (G) FP-C10 (L) FP-C10 (R) FP-C10 (S) FP-C10 (V) FP-C10 (F) FP-C10 FP-C10 A FP-C10 A (A) FP-C10 A (B)	GM-5 (A) GM-5-R2 (A) GM-5-R2 GM-50 (1) GM-8A (1) GM-9 (1) GM-51 (1)	RU-C1 (B) RU-C1 (D) RU-C1 RU-C1-S5 RU-C10 (B) RU-C10 (C) RC-C1 RC-C10 RU-C10 RU-Z1 (B) RU-Z1 (C) RU-Z1 RC-C11 RU-Z2 RC-Z1 RC-Z11 RC-Z2 RC-Z21 RC-Z2A (1) RC-Z21A (1)	—	—	CA-Z1 CA-Z2 CA-Z1SJ CA-Z1SP CA-Z1M CA-Z1M2 CA-Z1HB CA-C10 CA-C10SP CA-C10SJA CA-C10M CA-C10B CA-Z1A (1) CA-Z31 (1) CA-Z32 (1)

Company name	Camera heads	Viewfinder	Camera control unit	Operational control unit	Master control unit (*)	Camera adaptors
	FP-C10 A (C) FP-C10 A (D) FP-C10 A (F) FP-C10 A (G) FP-C10 A (H) FP-C10 A (L) FP-C10 A (R) FP-C10 A (S) FP-C10 A (T) FP-C10 A (V) FP-C10 A (W) Z-ONE C (M) Z-ONE C (R) Z-ONE C (F) Z-ONE C 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)					
Matsushita	WV-F700 WV-F700A WV-F700SHE WV-F700ASHE WV-F700BHE WV-F700ABHE WV-F700MHE WV-F350 WV-F350HE WV-F350E WV-F350AE WV-F350DE WV-F350ADE WV-F500HE (*) WV-F565HE AW-F575HE	WV-VF65BE WV-VF40E WV-VF39E WV-VF65BE (*) WV-VF40E (*) WV-VF42E	WV-RC700/B WV-RC700/G WV-RC700A/B WV-RC700A/G WV-RC36/B WV-RC36/G WV-RC37/B WV-RC37/G WV-CB700E WV-CB700AE WV-CB700E (*) WV-CB700AE (*) WV-RC700/B (*) WV-RC700/G (*) WV-RC700A/B (*) WV-RC700A/G (*) WV-RC550/G WV-RC550/B	—	—	WV-AD700SE WV-AD700ASE WV-AD700ME WV-AD250E WV-AD500E (*) AW-AD500AE AW-AD700BSE

Company name	Camera heads	Viewfinder	Camera control unit	Operational control unit	Master control unit (*)	Camera adaptors
JVC	KY-35E KY-27ECH KY-19ECH KY-17FITECH KY-17BECH KY-F30FITE KY-F30BE KY-27CECH KH-100U KY-D29ECH KYD29WECH (1)	VF-P315E VF-P550E VF-P10E VP-P115E VF-P400E VP-P550BE VF-P116 VF-P116WE (1) VF-P550WE (1)	RM-P350EG RM-P200EG RM-P300EG RM-LP80E RM-LP821E RM-LP35U RM-LP37U RM-P270EG	—	—	KA-35E KA-B35U KA-M35U KA-P35U KA-27E KA-20E KA-P27U KA-P20U KA-B27E KA-B20E KA-M20E KA-M27E
Olympus	MAJ-387N MAJ-387I		OTV-SX2 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-adaptor is not sold on the EC-market.'