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**EUROPEAN FEDERATION FOR TABLE AND
ORNAMENTALWARE**

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AND COMPLETE

☐ LIMITED VERSION¹

☒ VERSION OPEN FOR CONSULTATION

**Subject: Possible initiation of an anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of
tableware and kitchenware originating in the People's Republic of China**

Dear Madam,

Dear Sir,

In order to assess whether a formal anti-dumping investigation concerning imports into the EU² of tableware and kitchenware originating in the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as "the product concerned"³) may be initiated, EU law⁴ requires the Commission to verify whether the EU producers presenting a complaint are sufficiently representative. In this context, the Commission is contacting your association. The grounds for this request can be found in Article 5.4 of the basic Anti-dumping Regulation (see attachment II).

Please find enclosed a copy of an urgent letter which was sent to all known producers of tableware and kitchenware in the EU. Could you please urgently forward this letter and its attachments to any of your members who are producers of tableware and kitchenware and are not listed in attachment III, and answer the following questions:

¹ Please note that confidential information falls under the term 'limited' according to the internal rules of the European Commission. Hence, only documents labelled 'limited' are considered confidential documents pursuant to Article 19 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009 (OJ L 343 of 22.12.2009, p.51) and Article 6 of the WTO Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the GATT 1994 (Anti-dumping Agreement). Documents, which do not contain this label, are considered to be non-confidential documents pursuant to these provisions. **Therefore, any replies which contain confidential information must be labelled 'Limited'.**

² Member States of the EU are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

³ For a definition of the product concerned, please see attachment 1.

⁴ Article 5.4 of the basic Anti-dumping Regulation (see attachment II)

Which companies in the EU are producing tableware and kitchenware aside from those mentioned in attachment III? (Please provide us with the name, address, fax and telephone number of those companies below)

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1. To your knowledge, who are the other associations representing producers of tableware and kitchenware in the EU, aside from those mentioned in attachment III? (Please provide us with the name, address, fax and telephone number of those associations below)

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2. To your knowledge, what is the total production of tableware and kitchenware in the EU (in tonnes) in 2011 (please give separate figures for this period, if possible, per producer)? Please specify the source of this information.

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Please bear in mind that all the information submitted may be subject to verification by the Commission Services.

Please note that any personal data provided will be treated in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 45/2001⁵ of the European Parliament and the Council on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data.

⁵ Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data (OJ L 8, 12.1.2001, p.1)

8 February 2012
Date

[Signature]
Signature of authorised official

ADOLFO AIELLO
CLIMATE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
Name and title of authorised official
MANAGER

Please return your reply **both in a limited version and in a version open for consultation** (see footnote 1) by fax (0032-2-295 65 05) no later than **7 February 2012**. Replies which reach the Commission services after this date will not be taken into account in the Commission's analysis of the representativeness mentioned in the first paragraph of this letter.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any further information you might need or questions you might have (tel.: 0032-2-298.77.92).

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Piet Chalmet
Head of Section

Enclosure: Letter sent to known producers and its attachments.