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AD586 - Anti-dumping proceedings concerning imports of ceramic tableware and kitchenware originating in the People's Republic of China

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are a retail business of significant size located and operating in(country).

We have successfully distributed ceramic tableware originating in China for many years.

Our business, therefore, is likely to be affected by the outcome of the proceedings referred to above.

Having said this, please note the following:

We operate in a market segment which is entirely different from the one the established European producers serve. We provide our customers with the opportunity to purchase low cost products at local supply facilities in their close neighbourhood, something the European producers are unable to do. The products the European producers sell do not serve the purpose of easily replaceable tableware for the consumers' day by day use at affordable prices.

Any price increase, which is not the result of the mere operation of market forces, but which is the result of artificial interferences by the authorities (eg. introduction of anti-dumping duties), would unavoidably lead to severe decreases of our sales, possibly dropping down to nil in some of the product areas, which would not only put a considerable number of jobs at risk, but would also cause considerable harm to our end customers by depriving them, once and for all, of the opportunity to purchase ceramic tableware at prices they can afford.

We, therefore, strongly oppose the introduction of anti-dumping duties on ceramic tableware originating in China.

Yours sincerely