# AD 586 Anti-Dumping Investigation – Discussion paper

Response
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1072/2012















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# 1. PROCEEDING

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## 1.1 MISSING 25%-STATUS OF THE COMPLAINANTS ACCORDING **ARTICLE 5 (4) COUNCIL REGULATION**

#### 1. Proceeding

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EU27TOTALS (kg)					
PRCCODE/PERIOD	JanDec. 2008	JanDec. 2009	JanDec. 2010	JanDec. 2011	
23411130 Porcelain or china tableware and kitchenware (excluding electro-thermic	172.411.016	224.645.025	139.999.738	144.540.000	(CN 6911 10 00)
apparatus, coffee or spice mills with metal working parts)					(
23411210 Ceramic tableware, other household articles : common pottery	132.633.510	60.212.296	52.713.215	47.981.881	(CN 6912 00 10)
23411230 Ceramic tableware, other household articles: stoneware	48.580.164	43.308.985	34.453.858	40.030.620	(CN 6912 00 30)
23411250 Ceramic tableware, other household articles : earthenware or fine pottery	120.944.425	89.675.383	111.362.263	107.003.084	(CN 6912 00 50)
23411290 Ceramic tableware, other household articles : others	15.425.256	21.764.707	17.504.551	15.793.065	(CN 6912 00 90)
Total for codes equivalent to 6912 (23411210 + 23411230 + 23411250 +23411290)	317.583.355	214.961.371	216.033.887	210.808.650	
TOTAL equivalent to 6911+ 6912	489.994.371	439.606.396	356.033.625	355.348.650	
Total for codes equivalent to 6912 (23411210 + 23411230 + 23411250 +23411290) less 20%	254.066.684	171.969.097	172.827.110	168.646.920	
Total (6911 + 6912 less 20%) in Tonnes	426.478	396.614	312.827	313.187	
Total Prodcution Complaints 6911 + 6912 (t12 007557 10-I-02 07 2012-AD586-adps)	76.131	63.061	71.821	74.127	
Percentage Relation Total Production Complaints to Total 6912+6912 less 20%	17,85%	15,90%	22,96%	23,67%	

- PRODCOM/EUROSTAT data show a total EU production of 355.529t.
- Data of the complainants concerning their production amounts 74.126 t  $\rightarrow$  20,87% share of the EU complainants
- The EUROSTAT/PRDOCOM data customs classification (6912) does not correspond to the definition of the product concerned. The complainants adjusted the data by reducing the Eurostat data of 6912 by 20%.
- Following this only a comparable production of 313.187t is left over. Comparing to the production volume of the complainants (74.126 t) this leads to a share of 23,6%.
- Both numbers do not match to the minimum of required 25% according to Article 5 (4) of the council regulation 1225/2009.

## **ADJUSTMENT ANNEX B.3.3**

1. Proceeding

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#### Estimates on imports and exports of non porcelain ceramic tableware

The CN codes 69120010, 69120030, 69120050, 69120090 include non porcelain ceramic tableware and other household products of, respectively, common pottery, stoneware, earthenware or fine pottery, and others. For instance, other household products include ashtrays, vases, jars, etc. In order to determine imports and exports of non porcelain ceramic tableware, we applied the conservative estimate that these products represent 80% of the total official figures of the relevant 8-digit CN code.

### 1.2.1 INEFFICIENT CONSIDERATION OF THE REGIONAL STRUCTURE I



Macau Hong Kong

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- 386 companies Annex A
- 5 sampled factories
- 199 companies from Guangdong > none of them in the sampling
- This is remarkable especially due to the fact that more or less all durable the porcelain manufactured in the Guangdong area

### INEFFICIENT CONSIDERATION OF THE REGIONAL 1.2.1 **STRUCTURE II**

#### 1. Proceeding

4. Misleading information

Provinces sampled factories		not sampled interested parties according V announcement Nov. 15, 2012		% Volume	Average price per kg	Index Wages
HEBEI		7				80
BEIJING		1				163
TIANJIN (Tangshan)		22				131
SHANDONG	<b>5</b> (17,6 % B352)	16	8,17	12,84	\$ 1,13	84
HENAN		5				75
JIANGSU		2				100
SHANGHAI		1				178
ZHEJIANG		2				103
HUNAN	<b>4</b> (26,8% B349)	45	10,46	11,88	\$ 1,45	76
JIANGXI		5				72
FUJIAN		57				81
GUANGXI	<b>3</b> (23,0% B353)	18	8,06	12,84	\$ 1,04	79
GUANGDONG		199	53,96	47,55	\$ 1,87	100
HONGKONG		3				
TAIWAN		1				
N.N		2				
National Total						

#### Quellen:

- Almost **54%** of Chinese export volume (by price) or almost 48% of the volume by weight of the product concerned are exported to the EU from **Guangdong** province
- The average price per kg of the exports from **Guangdong** is significantly **higher** than the export prices from the other provinces (especially the provinces of the sampled companies)
- The average wages in the province Guangdong are significantly **higher** than in the provinces of the factories in the sample
- Product range differs in the provinces
- These facts alone show that the sample is not representative.

<sup>1:</sup> China chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Light Industrial Products and Arts-Crafts, CCCLA, Rest Sales and weight = other provinces

<sup>2:</sup> http://www.stats.gov.cn

<sup>3:</sup> Guandong, the region with the highest export volume to EU 2011 = 100

#### INEFFICIENT CONSIDERATION OF THE ON-GOING ANT-TRUST 1.2.2 INVESTIGATION AGAINST THE GERMAN PORCELAIN INDUSTRY

#### 1. Proceeding

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- The Commission failed to treat the data provided by the Complainant and the injury data collected during the investigation with the required caution. They particularly failed to give due account of the presence of collusive practices on the EU market (principally in Germany), which may have rendered the injury data collected throughout the investigation unreliable.
- The German Anti-Trust-Authority (Bundeskartellamt) is investigating collusive practices in the ceramics and porcelain market. In 2010, one of the major EU producers was fined by the Commission for its price-collusion in a sister market **segment** (ceramic bathroom fittings); this was disregarded in the analysis.
- As per the judgment in Mukand Ltd v. Council of the European Union, the Commission cannot consider data used in an injury analysis as reliable and consistent with normal market conditions, where the use of it disregards a known factor which might have been a cause of the injury sustained by the Community. Thus, the Commission's assessment of injury and causation are vitiated by a manifest error.

## 1.2.2 COUNCIL REGULATION 1072/2012

#### 1. Proceeding

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3.6. Anti-competitive practices on the Union market

(174) Several parties alleged that injury is caused by anticompetitive practices on the Union market and it was also stated that this anti-dumping proceeding was launched to recuperate losses produced by fines for illegal cartels. CCCLA stated that the presence of collusive practices on the Union market may render the injury data (namely sales prices, sales volumes, market share and profits) both in the complaint and collected throughout the investigation unreliable given that they do not represent a situation that reflects the normal operation of the market.

(175) On the one hand, it is noted that in 2010 the Commission fined seventeen bathroom fixtures and fittings undertakings for a price fixing cartel between 1992 and 2004 affecting six Member States: Germany, Austria, Italy, France, Kingdom of Belgium (Belgium) and the Kingdom of Netherlands (Netherlands) (1). The practices in question took place before the period considered and concerned other products. In addition, the only undertaking concerned which was also active in the ceramic tableware and kitchenware sector during the period considered filed an action for the annulment of that fine with the General Court of the European Union. This action remains pending. On the other hand, the German authorities launched a cartel investigation on some German tableware producers in February 2011. The outcomes of the investigation have not been made public by German authorities yet, so no conclusions can be drawn on this point. Moreover, that investigation concerns only one Member State, while the Union industry is quite widespread. The claims were therefore rejected.

# INJURY AND CAUSE **OF DAMAGE**

2. Injury and cause of damage

3. Union Interest > 4. Misleading information

# 2.1 ADDITIONAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST AN INJURY OF THE EU INDUSTRY

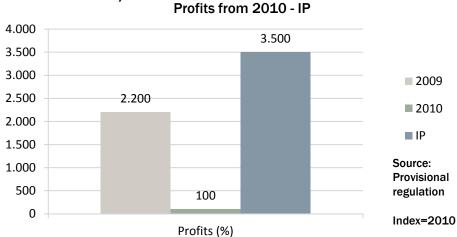
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- Chinese imports decreased by 30% more than Union industry sales
- From 2010 to the IP imports decreased by a staggering 8,892% compared to minor decrease by union producer sales
- Union industry profits are at a healthy level for the industry at 3,5% (IP) (they have increased by 60% compared to 2009)



- Comparison to Leather footwear is not meaningful (completely different product and market)
- Comparison should be with ceramic tiles (level of profit was concluded to be 3,9%)

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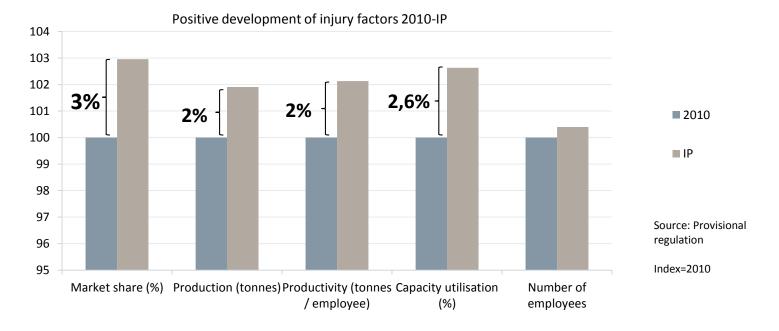
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Positive Development of the other injury factors from 2010 to IP:



The injury factors increased markedly since 2009, therefore these factors deserve closer scrutiny by the Commission Services.

#### 2.2 UNION CONSUMPTION

1. Proceeding

2. Injury and cause of damage

3. Union Interest > 4. Misleading information

#### Codex 6911 - 6912 Consumption of the Union Formula for consumption Production Export total + Import Total Information Origin Party Codex Unit Year 2011 Year 2010 Year 2009 Import China 6911 + 6912 Trade Statistics EU kg 539.127.500 574.618.100 502.034.400 Import non EU excl. China Addition EU 102.041.400 95.163.400 6911 + 6912 kg 94.566.900 EU EU Utilization of EU Production 355.584.296 Addition 6911 + 6912 kq 254.971.500 260.788.600 Year 2011 Year 2010 Origin Party Information Codex Unit Year 2009 Produktion (Prodcom 11/12) 355.259.000 Prodcom EU 6911 + 6912 kg 356.034.000 439.606.396 Trade Statistics EU Export non EU 6911 + 6912 kq 100.287.500 95.245.400 84.022.100 Import non EU Trade Statistics EU 6911 + 6912 kg 641.168.900 669.781.500 596.601.300 Consumption of EU Addition EU 6911 + 6912 kg 896.140.400 930.570.100 952.185.596 6911 + 6912 1072/2012 ΕU Consumption kg 726.614.000 750.830.000 687.609.000 Addition EU difference in ka 6911 + 6912 kg -179.740.100 -264.576.596 Addition FU difference in % 6911 + 6912 -23.9% -38.5%

- The union consumption identified by the EU Commission is 23,3% lower, as the addition of the relevant data of FUROSTAT.
- The Commission does not contravene a rule if it publishes the data and statistics used (concerning the general market data not including the specific data of the complainants).

#### 2.3 **IMPORTS I**

2. Injury and cause of damage

3. Union Interest > 4. Misleading information

Origin	Party	■ Information	▼ Codex ▼	Unit <b>▼</b>	Year 2011 🔻	Year 2010 🔻	Year 2009 🔻	Year 2008
Trade Statistic	s EU	Import China	6911	kg	313.072.600	326.492.000	282.553.800	348.902.000
Trade Statistic	s EU	Import China	6912	kg	226.054.900	248.126.100	219.480.600	249.088.000
Trade Statisti	ics EU	Import China	6911 + 6912	kg	539.127.500	574.618.100	502.034.400	597.990.000
Trade Statisti	ics EU	Import China	6911 + 6912	kg +- kg VJ	-35.490.600	72.583.700	-95.955.600	-56.899.400
Trade Statisti	ics EU	Import China	6911 + 6912	kg +- % VJ	-6,58	12,63	-19,11	-9,52
Trade Statistic	s EU	Import EXTRA-TRADE EUR27	6911	kg	362.273.300	369.672.700	324.180.700	399.658.600
Trade Statistic	s EU	Import EXTRA-TRADE EUR27	6912	kg	278.985.600	300.108.800	272.420.600	318.137.600
Trade Statistic	s EU	Import EXTRA-TRADE EUR27	6911 + 6912	kg	641.258.900	669.781.500	596.601.300	717.796.200
Trade Statistic	s EU	Import EXTRA-TRADE EUR27	6911 + 6912	kg +- kg VJ	-28.522.600	73.180.200	-121.194.900	-58.249.300
Trade Statistic	s EU	Import EXTRA-TRADE EUR27	6911 + 6912	kg +- % VJ	-4,45	10,93	-20,31	-8,12
1072/2012	EU	Import China	6911 + 6912	kg	485.814.000	516.618.000	449.346.000	535.593.000
1072/2012	EU	Import China	6911 + 6912	kg +-	-53.313.500	-58.000.100	-52.688.400	-62.397.000
1072/2012	EU	Import China	6911 + 6912	kg +- %	-10,97	-11,23	-11,73	-11,65
Addition	EU	Import China 1072 vs EXTRA TRADE EUR27	6911 + 6912	kg +-	-155.444.900	-153.163.500	-147.255.300	-182.203.200
Addition	EU	Import China 1072 vs EXTRA TRADE EUR27	6911 + 6912	kg +- %	-24,24	-22,87	-24,68	-25,38

- In Recital 114 the Commission states that the total imports from the PR of China decreased 9%.
- We compared the numbers of the Commission with the actual EUROSTAT data und found out that the values during the IP differ by 24,24%.
- While the sum of all EXTRA TRADE EUR27 imports only increased by 4,45% the imports of China decreased by 6,58%. Therefore, the imports of China have decreased more than the total import EXTRA TRADE EUR27.

#### 2.3 **IMPORTS II**

- 2. Injury and cause of damage 3. Union Interest > 4. Misleading information
- While the union consumption decreased by 3,84% the imports of the PR China deteriorated by **4,45**%.
- This shows that the PR of China imports and all relevant parameters are declining faster than other market participants.

Codex	6911	- 6912 Cons	umptic	n of t	he Union		I	
Formula for cor	sumption	Production - Export total + Import Total			1		1	
Origin	Party	Information	Codex	Unit	Year 2011	Year 2010	Year 2009	Year 2008
Trade Statistics	EU	Import China	6911 + 6912	kg	539.127.500	574.618.100	502.034.400	597.990.000
Addition	EU	Import non EU excl. China	6911 + 6912	kg	102.041.400	95.163.400	94.566.900	119.806.200
Addition	EU	EU Utilization of EU Production	6911 + 6912	kg	254.971.500	260.788.600	355.584.296	385.482.571
Origin	Party	Information	Codex	Unit	Year 2011	Year 2010	Year 2009	Year 2008
Prodcom	EU	Produktion (Prodcom 11/12)	6911 + 6912	kg	355.259.000	356.034.000	439.606.396	489.994.371
Trade Statistics	EU	Export non EU	6911 + 6912	kg	100.287.500	95.245.400	84.022.100	104.511.800
Trade Statistics	EU	Import EXTRA-TRADE EUR27	6911 + 6912	kg	641.168.900	669.781.500	596.601.300	717.796.200
Addition	EU	Consumption of EU	6911 + 6912	kg	896,140,400	930.570.100	952.185.596	1.103.278.771
Addition	EU	Consumption of EU	6911 + 6912	kg +- %	-3,84	-2,32	-15,87	-8,77

### PRODUCTION OF THE ECONOMIC SECTOR VERSUS 2.4 CHANGES IN THE CONSUMPTION

2. Injury and cause of damage 3. Union Interest 4. Misleading information

In Recital 123, the Commission states that the production of the branch didn't recover to the same degree as the consumption by **3,84%**.

Codex	6911	- 6912 Cons	umptic	on of t	he Union
Formula for con	sumption	Production - Export total			1
		+ Import Total			
Origin	Party	Information	Codex	Unit	Year 2011
Trade Statistics	EU	Import China	6911 + 6912	kg	539.127.500
<b>Trade Statistics</b>	EU	Import China	6911 + 6912	kg +- %	-6,58
Addition	ΈU	Import non EU excl. China	6911 + 6912	kg	102.041.400
Addition	EU	Consumption of EU	6911 + 6912	kg +- %	6,74
Addition	EU	EU Utilization of EU Production	6911 + 6912	kg	254.971.500
Addition	EU	EU Utilization of EU Production	6911 + 6912	kg +- %	-2,28
Origin	Party	Information	Codex	Unit	Year 2011
Prodcom	EU	Produktion (Prodcom 11/12)	6911 + 6912	kg	355.259.000
Prodcom	EU	Produktion (Prodcom 11/12)	6911 + 6912	kg +- %	-0,22
Trade Statistics	EU	Export non EU	6911 + 6912	kg	100.287.500
Trade Statistics	EU	Import EXTRA-TRADE EUR27	6911 + 6912	kg	641.168.900
Addition	EU	Consumption of EU	6911 + 6912	kg	896.140.400
Addition	EU	Consumption of EU	6911 + 6912	kg +- %	-3,84

- The manufacturing sector in the Union was the one least affected by the economic crisis.
- In the investigation period, the import of products from the People's Republic of China decreased by 6,58%, while the consumption decreased just by 3,84%.

### **FACTORS INFLUENCING PRODUCTION COSTS IN EU** 2.5 **INDUSTRY I**

1. Proceeding

2. Injury and cause of damage

3. Union Interest > 4. Misleading information

## Labour cost > 65% of total cost of production

- The hourly labour cost in the business economy (NACE Rev.2 sections B to N) for the EU-27 was € 23,1 in 2011 and EUR 22,5 in 2010.
- The highest labour costs per hour in the business economy were obtained for Belgium (€ 39,3), Sweden (€ 39,1), Denmark (€ 38,6), France (€ 34,2), Luxembourg (€ 33,7), the Netherlands ( $\in$  31,1) and **Germany** ( $\in$  30,1).
- The lowest labour cost per hour was estimated for Bulgaria (€ 3,5), Romania (€ 4,2) in 2010), Lithuania (€ 5,5), Latvia (€ 5,9).

	2008	2009	2010	IP
Cost of production (t)	3.578	3.583	3.514	3.230
Labour cost per t	2.293	2.330	2.292	2.176
Relation labour cost/cost of production	64,1%	65,0%	65,2%	67,4%

If we analyse the evolution of the labour cost per t, we notice that the labour cost percentage is increasing year after year, which does not confirm the statement of the Commission (142) that productivity increased.

# 2.5 FACTORS INFLUENCING PRODUCTION COSTS IN EU INDUSTRY II

1. Proceedin

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			Electrici	tv prices	S S		Gas prices					
	Но	usehold			ndustry	(2)	Но	usehold		•	Industry	(4)
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
EU-27	0.163	0.167	0.178	0.107	0.105	0.110	0.059	0.053	0.056	0.036	0.031	0.034
Euro area (5)	0.171	0.176	0.187	0.111	0.109	0.116	0.066	0.058	0.062	0.038	0.032	0.036
Belgium	0.192	0.196	0.214	0.111	0.106	0.110	0.061	0.053	0.057	0.033	0.029	0.032
Bulgaria	0.082	0.081	0.083	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.047	0.037	0.043	0.031	0.024	0.029
Czech Republic	0.132	0.135	0.150	0.107	0.103	0.111	0.049	0.047	0.054	0.033	0.031	0.031
Denmark	0.270	0.267	0.291	0.086	0.094	0.099	0.092	0.107	0.116	0.056	0.057	0.067
Germany	0.228	0.238	0.253	0.113	0.112	0.125	0.065	0.057	0.059	0.043	0.036	0.046
Estonia	0.092	0.097	0.097	0.064	0.069	0.072	0.039	0.036	0.042	0.027	0.029	0.028
Ireland	0.203	0.180	0.190	0.121	0.112	0.116	0.064	0.050	0.051	0.033	0.028	0.038
Greece	0.115	0.118	0.125	0.095	0.095	0.101	:	:	:	:	:	:
Spain	0.158	0.173	0.195	0.115	0.117	0.114	0.061	0.053	0.054	0.031	0.028	0.029
France	0.121	0.128	0.138	0.073	0.085	0.085	0.055	0.052	0.058	0.036	0.033	0.037
Italy	0.210	0.197	0.201	0.153	0.139	0.153	0.076	0.062	0.069	0.040	0.030	0.031
Cyprus	0.156	0.186	0.205	0.119	0.151	0.167	:	:	:	:	:	:
Latvia	0.105	0.105	0.117	0.090	0.089	0.098	0.052	0.031	0.039	0.039	0.026	0.029
Lithuania	0.095	0.116	0.121	0.092	0.100	0.105	0.042	0.038	0.043	0.031	0.032	0.035
Luxembourg	0.188	0.173	0.168	0.116	0.102	0.100	0.049	0.043	0.051	0.040	0.037	0.042
Hungary	0.148	0.170	0.168	0.124	0.106	0.095	0.048	0.054	0.056	0.037	0.030	0.033
Malta	0.171	0.170	0.170	0.151	0.180	0.180	:	:	:	:	:	:
Netherlands	0.190	0.170	0.174	0.113	0.104	0.103	0.083	0.070	0.072	0.038	0.032	0.033
Austria	0.191	0.197	0.199	:	:	:	0.065	0.062	0.069	:	:	:
Poland	0.113	0.134	0.147	0.090	0.098	0.101	0.039	0.043	0.046	0.028	0.030	0.033
Portugal	0.151	0.158	0.165	0.094	0.094	0.099	0.060	0.059	0.061	0.035	0.027	0.034
Romania	0.098	0.103	0.108	0.081	0.085	0.080	0.029	0.027	0.028	0.023	0.022	0.023
Slovenia	0.135	0.140	0.144	0.103	0.099	0.099	0.066	0.058	0.067	0.044	0.042	0.045
Slovakia	0.154	0.152	0.168	0.142	0.117	0.128	0.046	0.044	0.047	0.041	0.033	0.035
Finland	0.130	0.133	0.154	0.069	0.069	0.076	:	:	:	0.031	0.030	0.042
Sweden	0.160	0.184	0.209	0.067	0.081	0.089	0.089	0.103	0.122	0.039	0.044	0.052
United Kingdom	0.147	0.139	0.143	0.112	0.099	0.098	0.043	0.041	0.042	0.029	0.023	0.025
Norway	0.157	0.203	0.213	0.079	0.103	0.111		:		:	:	:
Croatia	0.115	0.115	0.114	0.087	0.094	0.091	0.032	0.038	0.038	0.026	0.034	0.040
FYR of Macedonia	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	0.038
Turkey	0.114	0.134	0.122	0.078	0.089	0.079	0.039	0.032	0.029	0.029	0.024	0.022
Bosnia and Herzegovina	:	0.074	0.075	:	0.062	0.061	:	0.038	0.045	:	0.042	0.048

## **Energy costs**

The development of energy costs in the FU has not contributed to a decrease in cost of production because the increase in electricity prices has been compensated by a decrease in gas prices.

<sup>(1)</sup> Annual consumption: 2 500 kWh < consumption < 5 000 kWh.

<sup>(2)</sup> Annual consumption: 500 MWh < consumption < 2 000 MWh; excluding VAT

<sup>(3)</sup> Annual consumption: 5 600 kWh < consumption < 56 000 kWh (20-200 GJ).

<sup>(4)</sup> Annual consumption: 2 778 MWh < consumption < 27 778 MWh (10 000-100 000 GJ); excluding VAT.

<sup>(5) 2009</sup> and 2010, EA-16.

### **FACTORS INFLUENCING PRODUCTION COSTS IN EU** 2.5 **INDUSTRY III**

1. Proceeding

2. Injury and cause of damage 3. Union Interest

> 4. Misleading information

## Relation cost of production – product portfolio – average sales prices

- The Commission stated that average sales prices for the industry have decreased by 12% since 2008-2011
- All other players in this market have been able to **increase** their prices

	2008	2009	2010	IP	2008	2009	2010	/ IP \	١
Average import price VCA (€/t)	1.274	1.307	1.473	1.499	100,0%	102,6%	115,6%	117,7%	\
Average sales price EU industry (€/t)	4.103	3.818	3.811	3.615	100,0%	93,1%	92,9%	88,1%	
Average import price Turkey (€/t)	2.027	2.014	2.171	2.058	100,0%	99,4%	107,1%	101,5%	
Average import price other countries (excl. Turkey) (€/t)	2.579	2.588	2.869	2.904	100,0%	100,4%	111,3%	112,6%	/

This fact shows that the price policy of the European industry is not influenced by the stated Chinese Dumping

#### **FACTORS INFLUENCING PRODUCTION COSTS IN EU** 2.5 **INDUSTRY III**

1. Proceeding

2. Injury and cause of damage

3. Union Interest > 4. Misleading information

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The EU industry was able to maintain their average export prices

		2008	2009	2010	IP
Average sales price EU industry at EU market (€/t)		4.103	3.818	3.811	3.615
Average export sales price EU industry (€/t)		3.136	2.983	3.462	3.125
Export % in total production volume		32%	32%	35%	37%
Relation between export sales price and average sale	!S				
price in EU		76%	78%	91%	86%

#### Conclusion

- The margin % of the EU industry is improving in the IP in comparison with the period 2008-2010. This is mainly because the costs of production decreased and export sale prices remained at almost the same level, taking a higher percentage of the overall sales.
- Various members have also announced these good results for 2011, such as Villeroy & Boch, Steelite International, BHS Tabletop AG.

### **FACTORS INFLUENCING PRODUCTION COSTS IN EU** 2.5 **INDUSTRY IV**

1. Proceeding

2. Injury and cause of damage

3. Union Interest > 4. Misleading information

	2008	2009	2010	IP
Sales	1.066.207.844	817.911.230	869.253.941	825.151.550
Cost of production	1.006.491.400	825.164.900	828.249.800	775.846.000
Margin	59.716.444	-7.253.670	41.004.141	49.305.550
Margin %	5,6%	-0,9%	4,7%	6,0%

(Remarkable to notice is the drop in 2009 which is mainly caused by a drop in volume, sales price and stable cost of production)

If we assume a situation where the EU industry had kept their prices at the 2008 level, the margin would improve from 6% to 13,8%, which would have reflected the improvement in productivity.

	2008	2009	2010	IP
Sales	1.066.207.844	873.844.466	886.728.103	900.343.065
Cost of production	1.006.491.400	825.164.900	828.249.800	775.846.000
Margin	59.716.444	48.679.566	58.478.303	<u>124.497.065</u>
Margin %	5,6%	5,6%	6,6%	13,8%

#### TURKEY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION PRINCIPLE 2.6

#### 2. Injury and cause of damage

3. Union Interest > 4. Misleading information

#### Disclosure No. 149

	2008	2009	2010	2011 / IP
Volume of imports from all other third countries (tonnes)	100.971	81.464	81.602	88.706
Index (2008 = 100)	100	81	81	88
Market Share	12,20%	11,80%	10,90%	12,20%
Average Import price (EUR/tonne)	2.378	2.354	2.591	2.522
Index (2008 = 190)	100	99	<del>109</del>	106
Volume of imports from <b>Turkey</b> (tonnes)	36.952	33275	32.887	40.553
Index (2008 = 100)	100	90	89	110
Warket Share	4,50%	4,80%	4,40%	5,60%
Average Import price (EUR/tonne)	2.027	2.014	2.171	2.058
Index (2008 = 190)	100	99	107	102

#### Disclosure No. 113

	2008	2009	2010	2011 / IP
Volume of imports from <b>PRC</b> (tonnes)	535.593	449.346	516.618	485.814
Index (2008 = 100)	100	84	96	91
Market share	64,80%	65,30%	68,80%	66,90%
Average import price (EUR/tonne)	1.274	1.307	1.473	1.499
Index (2008 = 100)	100	103	116	118

- Turkish imports to the EU increased by 10% from 2008-2011. Their market share increased during that period from 4,5% to 5,6%, which is over the de minimis limit.
- We appeal to the Commission to fulfil that obligation and to close the investigation against China, as there is no investigation against Turkey, the nondiscrimination principle leaves the Commission no other choice.

#### **CAUSATION** 2.7

2. Injury and cause of damage

3. Union Interest > 4. Misleading information

- **Chinese imports** have **decreased** by **30%** more than Union industry sales
- **Import prices** from China have **increased by 18%**
- From 2010 to the IP the imports decreased by a staggering 5,9% when compared to the relatively minor decrease experienced by Union producer sales in the same period.
- Since **2008 the Union Industry has been profitable**, and significantly so in the IP, increasing profit levels to 3,5%. Sales have remained stable since 2009 and allowed a higher EU sales price (compared to Chinese prices) to be set, which has contributed towards the Union industry's profits.
- The data on consumption provided by the Commission (in contrast to that concerning Chinese imports) demonstrates a clear correlation with important injury factors.
- The level of consumption decreased by 16% during 2008 and 2009 following the economic crisis. This was mirrored in almost an identical drop in sales (decreased by 17%), employment (decreased by 17%) and production (decreased by 18%). Recital 100, provisional regulation.

## 3. UNION INTEREST

1. Proceeding

2. Injury and cause of damage

3. Union interest

4. Misleading information

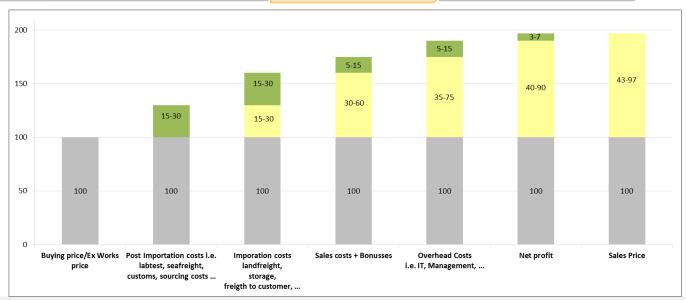
## 3.1 PRICE INCREASE FOR THE CONSUMERS

1. Proceeding

2. Injury and cause of damage

3. Union interest

4. Misleading information



- The Commission states that the unrelated importers have margins between 50-200% and therefore will be able to cover the duties without price increases for the consumer.
- It might be true that for individual articles the margins are in that range but for the majority of the articles the margin is much lower.
- During the audits at unrelated importers side it was proven that they have high import and post import costs between 50-70%.
- According to a basic understanding of business administration, margin and net profit are 2 different things. The Commission ignores that, mentioning only the margin at unrelated importers and only net profit on the industry side.

## 3.2 NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AT UNRELATED IMPORTER SIDE

1. Proceeding

2. Injury and cause of damage

3. Union interest

4. Misleading information

- In Recital 200 the Commission states that within the 5 sampled independent importers employ 350 people for sales and purchasing of the products concerned.
- In reality, there are more than 10.000 people working with the product concerned at the 5 sampled unrelated importers.
- Even if we follow the numbers (350) of the Commission we can make an easy calculation:
  - The independent importers sampled represent 6% of the import volume to the EU
  - If the 350 people are correct and we calculate the staff for 100% of the imports with the same ratio it means almost 6.000 people

MISLEADING INFORMATION IN THE COUNCIL REGULATION 1072/2012 OF THE EU COMMISSION

2. Injury and cause of damage

3. Union interest **4. Misleading information** 

#### PRICE DEVELOPMENT IMPORT PRICES CHINA I 4.1

1. Proceeding

2. Injury and cause of damage > 3. Union interest >

4. Misleading information

In Recital 114 the Commission calculated an import price increase from the PR of China of 17,7% of € 1,247 and 1,499 € per kg.

Origin -	Party •	Information	Codex -	Unit ▼	Year 2011 <b>▼</b>	Year 2010 <b>▼</b>	Year 2009 <b>▼</b>	Year 2008 <b>▼</b>
Trade Statistics	EU	Import China	6911 + 6912	kg	539.127.500	574.618.100	502.034.400	597.990.000
Trade Statistics	EU	Import China	6911 + 6912	€	818.570.170,00€	855.882.260,00 €	661.863.520,00€	767.338.880,00€
Addition	EU	Import China	6911 + 6912	€/kg	1,52€	1,49€	1,32€	1,28 €
Addition	EU	Import China	6911 + 6912	€ +- %	1,94	12,98	2,74	11,23

- The average price of imports from the PR of China based on the above-mentioned PRODCOM statistics 11/2012 amounts to € 1,52 per kg in the year 2011. In relation to the Index 100 in 2008 the price increase is € 0,24 and 18,32%, accordingly.
- The Commission stated in their statistical analysis that the price increase of the imports of the PR of China far exceeds the export prices of the Union producers. The prices of the union producers have decreased by € 0,03 from 2008-2011 and declined by 0,78%.

## 4.1 PRICE DEVELOPMENT IMPORT PRICES CHINA II

1. Proceeding 2. Injury and cause of damage 3. Union interest 4. Misleading information

Origin	Party	Information	Codex -	Unit 💌	Year 2011 <b>▼</b>	Year 2010 <b>▼</b>	Year 2009 <b>▼</b>	Year 2008 <b>▼</b>
Trade Statistics	EU	Export total	6911	Euro	948.440.370,00€	923.990.900,00€	853.515.200,00€	1.061.892.820,00 €
Trade Statistics	EU	Export total	6911	kg	195.935.600	189.121.600	172.106.300	196.587.500
Trade Statistics	EU	Export total	6911	Euro/kg	4,84€	4,89€	4,96€	5,40 €
Trade Statistics	EU	Export total	6912	Euro	557.142.130,00€	535.072.300,00€	474.420.860,00€	540.538.840,00€
Trade Statistics	EU	Export total	6912	kg	226.820.800	261.353.600	234.580.800	249.861.500
Trade Statistics	EU	Export total	6912	Euro/kg	2,46€	2,05€	2,02€	2,16€
Trade Statistics	EU	Export total	6911 + 6912	Euro	1.505.582.500,00€	1.459.063.200,00€	1.327.936.060,00€	1.602.431.660,00 €
Trade Statistics	EU	Export total	6911 + 6912	kg	422.756.400	450.475.200	406.687.100	446.449.000
Trade Statistics	EU	Export total	6911 + 6912	Euro/kg	3,56€	3,24 €	3,27€	3,59€
Trade Statistics	EU	Export total	6911 + 6912	Euro/kg +- €	0,32€	- 0,03€	- 0,32€	- 0,17€
Trade Statistics	EU	Export total	6911 + 6912	Euro/kg +- %	9,95	-0,81	-9,03	-4,47

- This explains also the assumption in Recital 115 of the disclosure that this trend could be influenced by a change in the product assortment.
- Obviously the Commission did not consider the current assortments and the price increase rates, which the products from the PR of China have to bear.
- This may be a clue to the conclusion of the Commission in Recital 202 that the supply chain could absorb the proposed antidumping duty without endangering the affected market participants.

#### PRICE UNDERCUTTING I 4.2

1. Proceeding

2. Injury and cause of damage

3. Union interest >4. Misleading information

- In Recital 116, the Commission determined a price cutting range from **26,3 to 47,6%** between the imports of the People's Republic of China and the products of Union producers.
- The following figures are based on the incorrectly estimated prices of the Commission, so that we do not distort the conclusion of the Commission.
- The average price of Chinese imports by weight is € 1,499/kg. This price undercuts the price of the Union producers by **47,6%**. Therefore the average price of the Union producers is € 2,84/kg.

#### PRICE UNDERCUTTING II 4.2

1. Proceeding

2. Injury and cause of damage > 3. Union interest > 4. Misleading information

- Without claiming that they are complete, we compiled the figures above from the current EUROSTAT statistics. According to the figures, there are Union producers which undercut the export price of € 1,499/kg estimated by the Commission.
- The relative average price of imports from the People's Republic of China was € 1,52. As a consequence the weighted Union price would have to be € 2,90.

Origin	Party	Information	Codex	Unit	Year 2011
Trade Statistics	Romania	EXPORT EXTRA EUR27	6912	€/kg	1,02€
Trade Statistics	Romania	<b>EXPORT INTRA EUR27</b>	6912	€/kg	1,08€
Trade Statistics	Spain	EXPORT INTRA EUR27	6912	€/kg	1,16€
Trade Statistics	Italy	<b>EXPORT INTRA EUR27</b>	6912	€/kg	1,19€
Trade Statistics	Portugal	EXPORT INTRA EUR27	6912	€/kg	1,61€
Trade Statistics	Romania	EXPORT EXTRA EUR27	6911	€/kg	1,86€
Trade Statistics	Romania	EXPORT INTRA EUR27	6911	€/kg	2,04€
Trade Statistics	Spain	<b>EXPORT INTRA EUR27</b>	6911	€/kg	2,04€
Trade Statistics	Germany	EXPORT INTRA EUR27	6912	€/kg	2,09€
Trade Statistics	Portugal	EXPORT EXTRA EUR27	6912	€/kg	2,52€

- This information proves that the external **similarity** of goods does not mean that the physical composition of the goods is similar as well.
- The Commission cannot ignore that goods from Union producers with the customs tariff number 6911 and 6912 achieve different prices on their own. The market attributes the product significant characteristics and the Commission does not consider this fact.



Donnerstag, 17. Januar 2013

Thema: AD586 Lagerbestände der EU – Teil II

Nach einer weiteren Querprüfung des vorliegenden Zahlenmaterial im Verfahren AD586 belegen die genannten LAGERBEBESTÄNDE der Unionshersteller ein drittes Mal erneut die Fehlerhaftigkeit der Ermittlungsarbeit.

In Absatz 130 bezeichnet die EU-Verordnung 1072/2012 in Abs. 130 die Lagerbestände der Unionshersteller mit 7.611 Tonnen für das Jahr 2010.

(130) Die Schlussbestände des Wirtschaftszweigs der Union nahmen im Bezugszeitraum in absoluten Zahlen um 14 % ab. Die Untersuchung ergab, dass diese Angabe keinen entscheidenden Indikator für diese Art von Wirtschaftszweig darstellt, in der im Wesentlichen auftragsabhängig gearbeitet wird.

Tabelle 8

	2008	2009	2010	UZ
Lagerbestände (in Tonnen)	7 754	6 647	7 611	6 647
Index (2008 = 100)	100	86	98	86

In der Antragsschrift zum Verfahren vom 24.01.2012 beziffern alleine die Antragsteller ihre Lagerbestände (gem. ANNEX-G-ARES797765 – Seite 3) auf 13.262.954 kg, also 13.263 Tonnen. Demnach beträgt die Summe der Lagerbestände aller Unionshersteller 5.652 Tonnen weniger, als die Vorräte der Antragsteller, die bekanntlich weniger als 20% der Unionshersteller ausmachen.

Mit Verlaub und allem gebührenden Respekt, aber die offizielle EU-Regulation Nr. 1072/2012 stützt sich auf nicht haltbare und vor allem nicht nachvollziehbare Daten und Fakten. Sämtlich daraus getroffene Schlussfolgerungen (Abs. 130 ff) sind als unzutreffend zu bewerten!

Halle (Westf.) den 17.01.2013

Knud Holst



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Nach einer weiteren Prüfung des vorliegenden Zahlenmaterial im Verfahren AD586 belegen die genannten LAGERBEBESTÄNDE der Unionshersteller erneut die Fehlerhaftigkeit der verwendeten Zahlen.

Mit Schriftsatz vom 14.12.2012 Abs. 3.6. haben wir die Kommission bereits darauf hingewiesen, dass sich die genannten Lagerbestände der Verordnung 1072/2012 (6.647 Tonnen für das Jahr 2011) keinesfalls auf die Unionshersteller in ihrer Gesamtheit, sondern vielmehr nur auf den Anteil der Antragssteller beziehen können.

Rechnet man jedoch die vorliegenden Zahlen des Verfahrens nach, ergeben sich eine Reihe von weiteren eklatanten Fehlern, die sicherlich nicht dem Juristen, aber dem Kaufmann sofort auffallen:

Liegen die Produktionszahlen höher als die verkaufte Menge, müssen sich zwangsläufig auch die Lagerbestände erhöhen!

Die EU-Verordnung 1072/2012 weist in <u>Abs. 130</u> jedoch sinkende Lagerbestände aus (Index 86 in 2011). <u>In Abs. 122</u> wiederholt sie die im Dokument t12.007557.6 und t12.007557.10-I-02.07.2012-AD586-adps genannten Produktionszahlen in Tonnen der Antragsteller vom 02.07.2012. Dass die Kommission diese Zahlen nicht geprüft hat, wird in einem weiteren Vortrag entsprechend gewürdigt.

Offensichtlich ist, dass mit einem Lagerbestand von 6.647 Tonnen lediglich die Vorräte der Antragsteller gemeint sein können. Dennoch hätte es der Kommission bei Analyse des Schriftsatzes t12.007557.10-I-02.07.2012-AD586-adps auffallen müssen, dass das vorgetragene Zahlenwerk fehlerhaft und falsch ist:

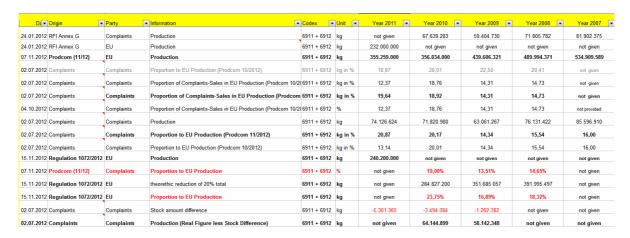
Date -	Origin	Party	Information	Codex	Unit ▼	Year 2011 ▼	Year 2010 ▼	Year 2009 🔻	Year 2008 🔻
24.01.2012	RFI Annex G	Complaints	Stock	6911 + 6912	kg	not given	13.262,954	19.650,590	23.672,205
07.11.2012	Prodcom (11/12)	EU	Production	6911 + 6912	kg	355.259.000	356.034.000	439.606.321	489.994.371
15.11.2012	Regulation 1072/2012	EU	Stock	6911 + 6912	kg	6.647.000	7.611.000	6.647.000	7.754.000
02.07.2012	Complaints	Complaints	Sales total	6911 + 6912	kg	69.789.259	67.362.596	62.905.885	72.170.454
02.07.2012	Complaints	Complaints	Production	6911 + 6912	kg	74.126.624	71.820.980	63.061.267	76.131.422
07.11.2012	Prodcom (11/12)	EU	Stock Shrae (arithmetical)	6911 + 6912	%	1,87%	2,14%	1,51%	1,58%
15.11.2012	Regulation 1072/2012	Complaints	Stock Shrae (arithmetical)	6911 + 6912	%	8,97%	10,60%	10,54%	10,19%
02.07.2012	Complaints	Complaints	Stock Surplus (Production ./. Sales)	6911 + 6912	kg	4.337.365	4.458.384	155.382	3.960.968
02.07.2012	Complaints	Complaints	Stock amount (arithmetical) (Opening balance + Surplus)	6911 + 6912	kg	11.948.365	11.105.384	7.909.382	
02.07.2012	Complaints	Complaints	Stock amount difference	6911 + 6912	kg	-5.301.365	-3.494.384	-1.262.382	
02.07.2012	Complaints	Complaints	Stock amount difference	6911 + 6912	%	-79,76%	-45,91%	-18,99%	

Im Jahr 2011 kumulieren sich die fehlerhaften Angaben der Antragsteller auf eine Abweichung des Lagerbestandes auf – 79,76%! Wir unterstellen den Antragstellern mit Nichtwissen, den Wert ihrer PRODUKTIONSMENGE weit oberhalb der Realität angegeben zu haben, um überhaupt in eine annehmbare Nähe der 25% Marktanteile der EU-Grundverordnung zu kommen.

In der logischen Konsequenz sind den im Antrag genannten Produktionsmengen der Antragsteller für das Jahr

2011 5.301.365 kg 2010 3.494.384 kg

abzuziehen, sodass der Anteil der Antragsteller an der Unionsmenge lediglich



64.144.899 kg im Jahr 2010 betrug.

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Date	Date Origin	Party	Information	Codex	Year 2011	Year 2010	Year 2009	Year 2008	Year 2007
24.01.2012	24.01.2012 RFI Annex G	Complaints	Production	6911 + 6912 kg	not given	67.639.283	59.404.730	71.805.782	81.902.375
24.01.2012	24.01.2012 RFI Annex G	EU	Production	6911 + 6912 kg	232.000.000	not given	not given	not given	not given
07.11.2012	07.11.2012 Prodcom (11/12)	EU	Production	6911 + 6912 kg	355.259.000	356.034.000	439.606.321	489.994.371	534.909.589
02.07.2012	02.07.2012 Complaints	Complaints	Proportion to EU Production (Prodcom 10/2012)	6911 + 6912 kg in %	18,87	28,01	22,50	20,41	not given
02.07.2012	02.07.2012 Complaints	Complaints	Proportion of Complaints-Sales in EU Production (Prodcom 10/201 6911 + 6912 kg in %	2016911 + 6912 kg in %	12,37	18,76	14,31	14,73	not given
02.07.2012	02.07.2012 Complaints	Complaints	Proportion of Complaints-Sales in EU Production (Prodcom 116911 + 6912	n 116911 + 6912 kg in %	19,64	18,92	14,31	14,73	not given
04.10.2012	04.10.2012 Complaints	Complaints	Proportion of Complaints-Sales in EU Production (Prodcom 10/201 6911 + 6912	2016911+6912 %	12,37	18,76	14,31	14,73	not provided
02.07.2012	02.07.2012 Complaints	Complaints	Production	6911 + 6912 kg	74.126.624	71.820.980	63.061.267	76.131.422	85.596.910
02.07.2012	02.07.2012 Complaints	Complaints	Proportion to EU Production (Prodcom 11/2012)	6911 + 6912 kg in %	20,87	20,17	14,34	15,54	16,00
02.07.2012	02.07.2012 Complaints	Complaints	Proportion to EU Production (Prodcom 10/2012)	6911 + 6912 kg in %	13,14	20,01	14,34	15,54	16,00
15.11.2012	15.11.2012 Regulation 1072/2012	EU	Production	6911 + 6912 kg	240.200.000	not given	not given	not given	not given
07.11.2012	07.11.2012 Prodcom (11/12)	Complaints	Proportion to EU Production	6911 + 6912 %	not given	19,00%	13,51%	14,65%	not given
15.11.2012	15.11.2012 Regulation 1072/2012	EU	theorethic reduction of 20% total	6911 + 6912 kg	not given	284.827.200	351.685.057	391.995.497	not given
15.11.2012	15.11.2012 Regulation 1072/2012 EU	EU	Proportion to EU Production	6911 + 6912 kg	not given	23,75%	16,89%	18,32%	not given
02.07.2012	02.07.2012 Complaints	Complaints	Stock amount difference	6911 + 6912 kg	-5.301.365	-3.494.384	-1.262.382	not given	not given
02.07.2012	02.07.2012 Complaints	Complaints	Production (Real Figure less Stock Difference)	6911 + 6912 kg	not given	64.144.899	58.142.348	not given	not given

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# ANNEX

			2007	2008	2009	2010	IP (2011)
1. Total Production capacity in the I		EU (in kilos)	442.046.064	371.539.689	361.253.280	326.573.339	324.072.263
			100	84	82	74	73
(a) complaining producers	cers		106.405.448	100.554.017	98.919.190	99.511.316	100.009.920
(b) non-complaining producers	oducers		335.640.617	270.985.673	262.334.089	227.062.023	224.062.343
2. Total Production in the EU (in kilo	he EU (in kilos)		355.600.000	281.300.000	230.300.000	235.700.000	240.200.000
			100	62	99	99	89
(a) complaining producers	cers		85.596.910	76.131.422	63.061.267	71.820.980	74.126.624
(b) non-complaining producers	oducers		270.003.090	205.168.578	167.238.733	163.879.020	166.073.376
3.1. Total Union Industry Sales on the EU market (in kilos)	ry Sales on the		260.674.440	190.332.000	156.798.360	152.609.260	152.094.620
			100	73	09	59	28
(a) complaining producers	cers		60.739.998	53.975.430	47.668.876	50.625.198	53.974.134
(b) non-complaining producers	oducers		199.934.442	136.356.570	109.129.484	101.984.062	98.120.486
3.2. Total Union Industry Sales on th EU market (in Euros)	ry Sales on the		1.464.503.377	1.114.866.702	909.140.603	861.233.583	802.660.956
			100	92	62	59	55
(a) complaining producers	cers	-	341.245.317	316.160.234	276.391.349	285.697.740	284.841.962
(b) non-complaining producers	oducers		1.123.258.060	798.706.469	632.749.254	575.535.843	517.818.994
4. Total Union Industry Sales outsid EU market (in kilos)	Sales outside t	e the	94.925.560	90.968.000	73.501.640	83.090.740	88.105.380
			100	96	77	88	93
(a) complaining producers	cers	1	20.066.246	18.195.024	15.237.009	16.737.398	15.815.125
(b) non-complaining producers	oducers.		74.859.314	72.772.976	58.264.631	66.353.342	72.290.255
5. Total Employment (FTE*) related to product under investigation in the EU	TE*) related to lation in the EU	to the EU	35.920	31.599	26.146	24.993	25.093
			100	88	73	70	70
(a) complaining producers	sers		8.111	7.664	908.9	606:9	7.023
(b) non-complaining producers	oducers		27.809	23.935	19.341	18.084	18.070
6. Total End of Year Stocks of EU production (in kilos)	ocks of EU prod	uction (in					
(a) complaining producers	cers						
(b) non-complaining producers	oducers						

<sup>\*</sup> Full Time Equivalent (FTE)

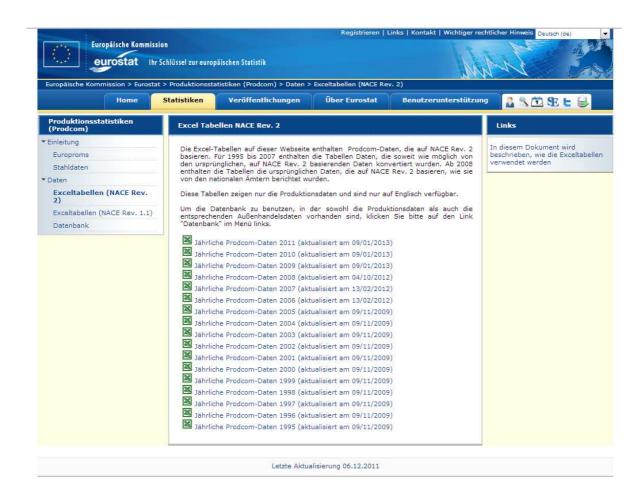


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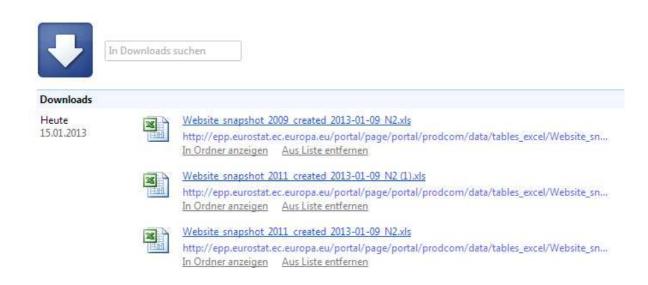
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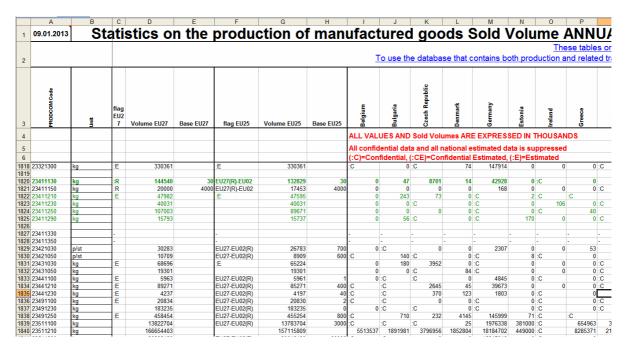
haben wir festgestellt, dass sich die Prodcom Zahlen erneut verändert haben und für die Jahre 2011 bis 2009 am 09.01.2013 neu eingespielt wurden.



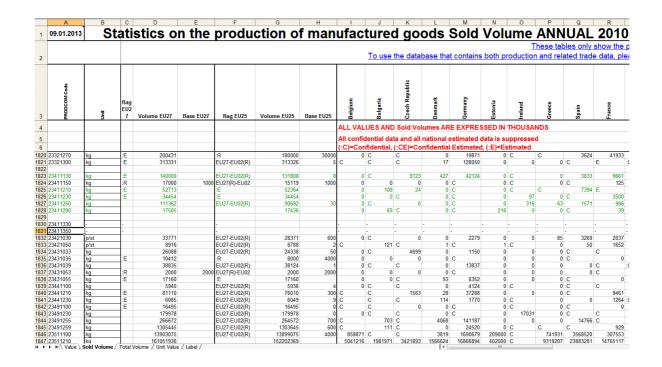
Darauf hin haben wir die Daten erneut für das Verfahren sichergestellt



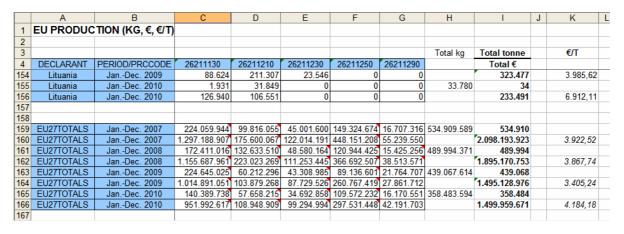
Die statistischen Zahlen für den Untersuchungszeitraum 2011 haben sich zu den bisherigen Angaben (Stand 1.11.2012) <u>nicht</u> verändert. Diese wurden zum besserten Verständnis hier grün gekennzeichnet



Ebenfalls haben sich nicht die statistischen Daten für das Kalenderjahr 2010 verändert.



Stuart Newman von der FTA hat den letzt verfügbaren Datenauszug der Prodcom am 20.03.2012 gespeichert. Die Werte für die Jahre 2010 bis 2007 stimmen mit den Daten der späteren Veröffentlichungen aus Oktober 2012 überein:



Demnach ist nunmehr bewiesen, dass die Verordnung 1072/2012 mit falschen Produktionszahlen die Quote der Antragsteller ermittelt hat.



Der Antrag der Antragsteller ist am 22.12.2011 bei der Europäischen Kommission eingereicht worden. Prodcom Daten für das laufende Kalenderjahr standen zu diesem Zeitpunkt nicht zur Verfügung. Demnach bezog sich die jüngste Statistik auf das Jahr 2010.

Gemäß Prodcom betrugen die Statistischen Werte für das Jahr 2010

am 20.03.2012	358.484 Tonnen
am 04.10.2012	358.983 Tonnen
am 07.11.2012	356.034 Tonnen
am 09.01.2013	356.034 Tonnen

Die von der Kommission für die Verordnung 1072/2012 verwendete Produktikonsmenge wird in Absatz 108 mit 24.200 Tonnen (wörtlich) für das Jahr 2011 "geschätzt". In Absatz 122 bezeichnet die Kommission die Produktionsmengen ihrer Ermittlungsarbeit wie folgt

- 4.2. Makroökonomische Indikatoren
- 4.2.1. Produktion, Produktionskapazität und Kapazitätsauslastung
- (122) Im Bezugszeitraum entwickelten sich die Produktion, die Produktionskapazität und die Kapazitätsauslastung des Wirtschaftszweigs der Union wie nachfolgend dargelegt.

Tabelle 3

	2008	2009	2010	UZ
Produktion (in Tonnen)	281 300	230 300	235 700	240 200
Index (2008 = 100)	100	82	84	85
Produktionskapazi- tät (in Tonnen)	371 540	361 253	326 573	324 072
Index (2008 = 100)	100	97	88	87
Kapazitätsauslas- tung	75,7 %	63,8 %	72,2 %	74,1 %
Index (2008 = 100)	100	84	95	98

(123) Die Produktion des Wirtschaftszweigs der Union sank im Bezugszeitraum um 15 %. Insgesamt betrachtet ist dieser Rückgang stärker ausgeprägt als der des Unionsverbrauchs im selben Zeitraum. Die Produktion erholte sich 2010 auch nicht im selben Maß, wie dies beim Verbrauch zu beobachten war.

Es ist daher als bewiesen anzusehen, dass die Kommission bei der Verwendung ihrer Hochrechnungen nicht die Daten der Prodcom verwendet hat, sondern sich lediglich auf die Angaben der Antragsteller gemäß Schreiben Nr. t12.007557.6 verlassen hat.

Das Verfahren ist aus den im unserem Schreiben vom 14.12.2012 genannten Gründen – siehe Punkt 1.1 einzustellen.

Die Kommission bestätigte im Hearing vom 14.01.2013 die Notwendigkeit der ausschließlichen Verwendung der PRODCOM Statistiken für die Ermittlung des Anteils der Antragsteller am Unionsvolumen.



Selbst bei einem vollständigen Abzug von 20% aus der Produktionsgesamtzahl (6911 + 6912) kämen die Antragsteller nicht auf die notwendigen 25%, das Verfahren fortzuführen.

Der guten Ordnung halber sei erwähnt, dass die Kommission selbst im Hearing vom 14.01.2013 bestätigte, dass nur der Codex 6912 um 20% zu reduzieren sei, um die konkrete Menge der untersuchten Ware herzustellen.

Halle (Westf.) den 15.01.2013

Knud Holst

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# FEDERATION EUROPEENNE DES INDUSTRIES DE PROCELAINE ET DE FAIENCE DE TABLE ET D'ORNEMENTATION

#### EU production of ceramic tableware and kitchenware

The following statement concerns the complaint against imports from China of Ceramic tableware and kitchenware currently falling within CN codes 6911 10 00, ex 6912 00 10, ex 6912 00 30, ex 6912 00 50 and ex 6912 00 90 (hereby "the product concerned").

Further to the initiation of the investigation, we have analysed the available public data as well as the internal information of the members. We provide below the updated figures of the EU production of the product concerned for the period 2007-2011. These figures are based on the best knowledge of the market developed with the support of the Prodcom database for porcelain tableware and the relevant national associations and/or producers in the following countries: Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain and the UK.

TOTAL TABLEWARE 1,000 tons	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
DE	57	49	42	42	41
IT	32	24	15	16	18
UK	60	38	34	36	38
PT	68	52	46	47	47
FR	26	25	21	20	20
PL	34	27	24	25	24
ES	21	15	10	8	8
CZ	16	16	8	9	8
RO	31	30	27	29	34
rest	12	6	4	4	5
total	355,6	281,3	230,3	235,7	240,2

Renaud BATIER Managing Director

Date: January 14<sup>th</sup> 2013 / 14:00-16:00

Participants: Mr Breker (WOB), Mr Christoph Fischer (CF), Mr Gielen (JG), Mr Holst (KH), Mr

Kremeyer (BK), Mr Kriessler (MKR), Mr Tognana (AT),

Participants EU-Commission: Mr Per Ake Aidemark (PAA), Mr Arthur Braam (AB), Mr Laurens Elsen (LE), Ms

Sonia Herrero-Rada (SHR), Ms Vanessa Peidro-Cid (VPC),

Reporter: Ms Morscher (VMO)

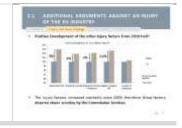
Who		Slide
CF	Welcome/Introduction; Round of introduction Clarifies the goal of the hearing which is to have a dialogue and discuss about the differences in the findings of the EU and the group. And may have/give an explanation.	
MKR	Presentation of the facts of the slide about the differences of PRODCOM data and the adjustments of the EU-Commission. Question: What adjustments did the EU-Commission made to calculate the numbers?	1.1 Method Pri Artist (1774 Ester A RAINT ACCASEN)  48703 1 (4) COARTI WILLIAM
AB	"Cannot answer the question, maybe afterwards some comments could be made"	And the second s
MKR	Presentation of the Annex B.3.3 and explanation the approach of the complainants: reduction of 20%.  Demonstration of the calculation with the current PRODCOM numbers and the same approach (CN Code 6912 -20%) of the complainants.  The Result is that the complainants only have a share of 23,67% of the EU Production (which does not correspond to the Article 5 (4) Council Regulation 1225/2009 → minimum share of 25%).	The company of the control of the co
SHR	Question: Which data (date) was used?	
KH	Current data (changes have been realized in October/November)	
JG	The data before October/November were even higher, and the share would be much smaller.	
АВ	Cannot retrospectively adjust the data (concerning the standing of the complainants). The date of construction of the data (of the complainants) and the valid numbers than count. The Commission has analysed this numbers in detail. The calculation must be wrong.	
MKR	There are two questions: the Numbers but also the estimations (adjustments) which have been made are not understandable.	
AB	The 20% deduction is correct. The same 20% estimation was used from the EU-Commission	
AT	But does the Commission started with the same data (EUROSTAT respectively PRODCOM)?	
ΛD	Used the data from the Complainants and statistical data. AB thinks it was from EUROSTAT.  AB confirms:	
AB	- 20% reduction of 6912 - PRODCOM data is the source (but date of construction)	

MKR	From where did the EU-Commission take the 240.200.000 (kg)? Part of the complainant? No numbers from PRODCOM!
AT	The numbers were estimated and cross checked with statistical sources.
ΑI	The numbers were estimated and cross checked with statistical sources.

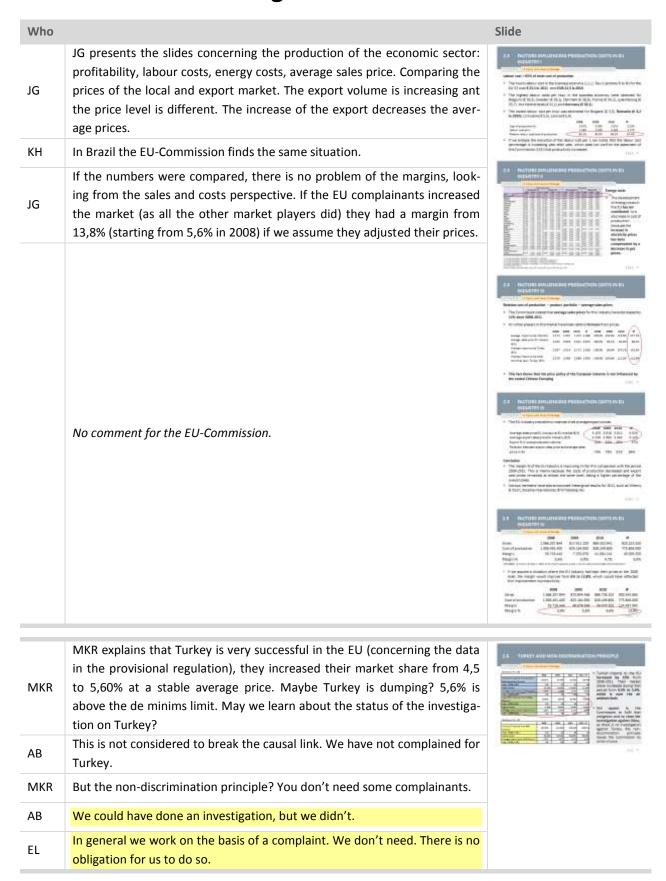
Who		Slide
WOB	The Sampling of the Chinese factories does not consider the province Guangdong. Although there are 199 manufacturers in Guangdong (more than in every other province in China). Why did the EU-Commission not consider one company from Guangdong? Another important aspect is that Guangdong manufacturer produce porcelain which is not produced in other provinces (i.e. Durable). Also the average export prices are much higher compared to the other provinces.	HIMITED CONTRIBUTION OF THE ADDRESS.      196 (Immunos/Map. 4     196 (Im
EL	The Commission choose those manufacturers for the sample, which have the largest exports. This is the common practice and applicable, not other criteria were used.	- The second sec
WOB	You now have the knowledge about the number of factories and the information concerning Guangdong. Do you use this now and change the sampling (make some adjustments to the sampling)?	The state of the s
EL	We do not consider this and make a new sampling.	
MKR	How did the Commission find out, which manufacturers are the largest exporters?	
EL	The numbers filled out in Annex B were the basis to find out the largest exporters.	
АТ	Makes remarks on the volume exported from Guangdong, the average export price, the produced products (bone china, durable) and points out that the sampling is not representative.	
EL	The Commission agrees. The point is taken. The Commission simply took the manufacturers with the largest volume. The number of companies which could be investigated was set up to 5. The volumes of the manufacturers as individual companies were taken. The province was not considered in the way presented.	
MKR	Mäser presented an alternative to the PCN where the provinces are considered. This could have been realized at an early stage.	
EL	It would be more accurate but this is very difficult and complicated.	
MKR	Difficult but fair.	
КН	KH asked the EU-Commission if they consider the differences between table- and kitchenware and simple cups, plates (with reference to the regulation). HK asked if the Commission did laboratory tests)	
PAA	No laboratory tests have been made. We compare tableware with plates.	
AT	<i>Excursus</i> : Complainants IPA (Italy) is not only producing in Europe but also importing from China (through a sister company). Therefore is should not be considered as a complaining party.	

AB Cannot answer the question, because the complainants are confidential. There is no problem if a company is importing from China, it depends on the range and volume of imports. The eventual imports are not included in the production.

Who		Slide
CF	Is presenting the slide with the on-going Anti-Trust-Investigation in Europe. There are still no final results. If there is a cartel this would be effective on several injury factors/indicators. It might be possible that (with the AD) a cartel is protected?	Travelle.  It was a second a s
AB	Do you have to add something new in this case?	<ul> <li>da per ser progresso es biologies las e Causal el tre Burgario Linco, ser commissos carest comitivo den sent la ser signe protegie se relação and considera en la travaria reportar producto, destroy est ser el seguir de propare a trava- tica de commisso para contrata de la companio de la travaria de la travariada de las del commissos parameter el travariamente de la travariada de la travariada.</li> </ul>
CF	No we have still the same information status than before. But we are talking about 41% of the porcelain industry in Europe.	-
EL	The investigation is not closed yet, and we don't know the details. We might change the regulation when the investigation is closed.	LE ECHANICE RESOLATION 1872/2011
CF	Is there a cartel or not?	
EL	No we don't assume.	1.0 (A. C. A. C. A
CF	So you waiting for the results from Germany and then might change?	ine «
AB	It is all in the Regulation	
CF	In the regulation is written that it the industry is wide spread, but 41% is not really wide spread. IF there is a cartel it would have an impact on the injury factors	
AB	It could only affect the injury factors.	
KH	V&B already had a penalty because of an anti-trust-investigation (sanitary products).	
CF	Repeats: Commission is waiting for a decision of the Bundeskartellamt.	
EL	In theory when confirming this, it might have an impact. This has to be examined. For the EU-Commission waiting is not the solution. On the basis of the results of the Bundeskartellamt we do analyses. If a cartel exists, than an assessment has to be done if this have impacts on the AD-investigation.	
PAA	At the moment there is no cartel (they assume).	
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AT	AT presents the figures on the slide concerning the profits of the EU industry (data taken out of the provisional regulation). The EU-industry do made profits in the IP (2011).	THE ADDITIONAL ADDITIO
AB	You have to consider the whole period: starting point and endpoint (2008-2011).	Companie to believe towards and prompted property offices probed and
АТ	Remarks that the balance sheets of the companies show good profit margins. Excursus: Saturnia and their specialisation of the pizza plates. The EU-Commission tries to protect an industry that doesn't exist anymore.	* Transmission and Belleville Commission (CDR)



Who		Slide
КН	KH explains that the union consumption mentioned in the regulation is different to the calculated union consumption. About 23,3%. KH questions if the trade statistics which are used for the calculation is the same basis as for the EU-Commission?	Cate WIT - SHE Commission of the Library
АВ	AB said that the commission will have a look on that. The Commission has their own source. But the formula (Consumption = Production — Export + Import) is the same.	The processing content of the Community of the same as the selection of the content of the Community of the content of the con
KH	So they way to reach the result is right. But the data is different?	
AB	Yes. We didn't use PRODCOM.	
MKR	You use PRODCOM but adjusted it?	
AB	We come to this later on.	
MKR	But this is important	
AB	For the Complaint we used PRODOCOM. But in the regulation we used different numbers.	
KH	How do you come back?	
AB	We will explain it to you.	
EL	We give a formal answer to all of the participants.	
КН	The same problem with the data also comes up by calculating the imports. We used trade statistics and PRODCOM. And we also have different numbers at the imports.	
AD	The Commission will have a look on it and may change the data if they need to do so.	Security of the Community of the Part of the Community



Who		Slide
CF	In our understanding not only the Chinese are responsible for the injury factors. There are other factors like the Financial crisis, influence of Turkey, missing adaption of the EU producers to the changing consumer behaviour. We miss these factors in the regulation.	CONTRACTOR      The Contractor and Contractor
	No comment from the EU-Commission.	
MKR	3 out of 5 sampled companies are here today. We all presented our papers, figures, balance sheets. We discussed long about the importation-, post-importation costs. (VPC nods in agreement) It is simply wrong that we could absorb the measures, or that we have margins from 50-200%. The wording of the provisional regulation is misleading, the comparison with gross margins (importer side) and net profit (EU producer).	AND AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY AND ADDRESS OF THE PROPERTY AD
AB	I could understand if you are upset (wrong wording). But this is an approximate estimation	1. In Spring 1986 the Commission Makes (See width) the S
AT	Refers to recital 201, 202, 203 and 219 and the contradictive statements.	complete independent maneries analysis 100 people for sales and partitioning of the products concerned.  * to reality, there are made then 10,000 people working with the product associated at the 5 campled constant important.
CF	The EU-Commission received all the balance sheets of the sampled unrelated importers and could see that such margins are not realistic. Customers are coming to the companies and what is written in the provisional regulation is causing problems in the porcelain business.	Elsery E yes follow the numbers (1905) of the Commission we can reach as notice that the control of a follows:  The independent inquiries a compare incomed: the of the transit various property of the following the control of a following the control of the following the control of the c
АВ	There is nothing wrong with the 50-200%. The fast majority of the sampled companies proof this. If somebody reads it wrong it is not the problem of the EU Commission.	
MKR	That is not fair. Because it is misleading also the same thing with the mentioned employees. The EU commission on one hand speaks about the employees in the whole industry and the employees of the sampled importers. This is no fair comparison.	
AB	AB refers to recital 203/204 where it is stated that all interested parties are invited to give further information/inputs on this issue.  Concerning the numbers of employees we estimate a total of people working with the product concerned of app. 7.000 (importer).	
MKR	But this is a misleading presentation of the facts in the provisional regulation.	
	No comment of the EU-Commission.	
KH, AT	Additional remarks to the margin, profit	

Who		Slide
КН	KH presents the slides and states that also in the average price, the price development and the prices from China are different in the regulation and the own calculation.	** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** **
AB	Compared the numbers. They are more or less the same (Recital 117).	<ul> <li>The entropy price of imposes have the MI of Experiment in the phresenments (MISCOM streets), ELECT, process or if EAS are type for one SEE, in entropy come materials in (MISCOM process required by East EASTS, increasing).</li> </ul>
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MKR, KH	We double check this again.	Proceedings of the processor of the control of
CF	Asks for the further approach and when we could expect an answer of the	The second secon
AB	EU-Commission.  The Commission asks for a Hearing submission (the presentation) in two versions: limited and non-limited.  The Commission will analyse the comments (send in the statement from 17.12.2012) and prepare the findings for a final position which will then be send to all interested parties. This final position could be expected until mid/end February.	
PAA	The Commission will look at the arguments of every party. Eventually the findings will be revised. The interested parties will see that some things will be addressed or not. But there is no answer point by point.	
AT	Admits that this measure does already have consequences (damages) on the market. The market is confused and the importers have difficulties. The beneficiaries of the AD-Duty will not be the European companies.	
AB	We take note of the comments.	