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INITIATION OF AN EXPIRY REVIEW OF ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES ON IMPORTS OF CERAMIC TILES FROM CHINA

The European Union <u>published</u> today the notice of initiation of an expiry review of the anti-dumping duties applicable on imports of ceramic tiles originating from China. CET/Cerame-Unie welcomes the opening of the investigation and calls on the Commission to extend the necessary measures to redress the injury caused by unfair trading practices in China.

The Expiry review of anti-dumping measures on imports of ceramic tiles from China has been initiated today by the European Commission Directorate-General for Trade (DG TRADE), following the request submitted by the European Ceramic Tile Manufacturers' Federation (CET) on 30 June 2022.

Imports of ceramic tiles from China are subject to anti-dumping measures since 2011, when the original investigation took place. The measures were extended for an additional 5 years in 2017, at the time of the first expiry review. The measures take the form of an ad valorem duty ranging from 13.9% to 69.7%.

The industry provided the Commission with prima facie evidence of recurrence of dumping and injury and "we greatly welcome the Commission's decision to initiate the expiry review based on these elements" stated Roman Blažíček, President of CET.

The EU ceramic tiles industry represents an annual turnover of EUR 11 billion, with manufacturers in 25 EU countries providing 55,000 direct jobs. 80% of the industry is composed of SMEs playing an essential role in employment at local level. The EU industry is globally renowned for its quality, advanced production technologies and innovation & design.

The European Commission will investigate the dumping allegations covering the period 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022. The EU industry looks forward to the next steps in the investigation and to cooperating in the proceedings.

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