

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0739/07

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to the Commission

Subject: Imports of fluorescent lamps originating in the People's Republic of China

Council Regulation (EC) No 1470/2001¹ imposes antidumping duties on imports of fluorescent lamps originating in the People's Republic of China.

The European Commission announced on 19 July 2006 the initiation of an expiry review of the antidumping measures applicable to imports of integrated electronic compact fluorescent lamps originating in the People's Republic of China². This was in response to a request presented in the by producers accounting for over 25% of the overall Community production of this product. The enquiry into the expiry of the antidumping duties is set to conclude in October 2007.

Against this backdrop, and pending conclusion of the enquiry, the industry is making added-value investments in the design and quality of the materials used and promoting the production and sale of low electricity consumption lamps, with a view also to modernising and technologically adapting itself in order to resist the imports from China.

Does the Commission already have any results or indications from the expiry review of the antidumping measures applicable to imports of integrated electronic compact fluorescent lamps originating in the People's Republic of China?

What will the timetable and procedure be for the adoption of decisions on the possible extension of antidumping duties in this area?

Has the Commission considered proposing any response or alternative to the industry affected?

¹ OJ L 195, 19.7.2001, p. 8.

² OJ C 167, 19.7.2006, p. 13.