

COMMISSION DECISION

of 28 January 1998

exempting imports of certain bicycle parts originating in the People's Republic of China from the extension by Council Regulation (EC) No 71/97 of the anti-dumping duty imposed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2474/93

(Only the German, Greek, French, Italian, Dutch and Portuguese texts are authentic)

(98/115/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 384/96 of 22 December 1995 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Community ⁽¹⁾, as amended by Regulation (EC) No 2331/96 ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 71/97 of 10 January 1997 extending the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by Regulation (EEC) No 2474/93 on bicycles originating in the People's Republic of China to imports of certain bicycle parts from the People's Republic of China, and levying the extended duty on such imports registered pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 703/96 ⁽³⁾,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EC) No 88/97 of 20 January 1997 on the authorisation of the exemption of imports of certain bicycle parts originating in the People's Republic of China from the extension by Council Regulation (EC) No 71/97 of the anti-dumping duty imposed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2474/93 ⁽⁴⁾, and in particular Article 7 thereof,

After consulting the Advisory Committee,

Whereas:

A. REQUESTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 3 OF REGULATION (EC) No 88/97

- (1) After the entry into force of Regulation (EC) No 88/97 a number of bicycle assemblers submitted requests pursuant to Article 3 of that Regulation for exemption from the extension to imports of certain bicycle parts from the People's Republic of China by Council Regulation (EC) No 71/97 (hereinafter referred to as 'the extended anti-dumping duty') of the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed on bicycles originating in the People's Republic of

China by Regulation (EEC) No 2474/93. The Commission published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* a list of applicants ⁽⁵⁾ for which payment of the extended anti-dumping duty in respect of their imports of essential bicycle parts declared for free circulation was suspended pursuant to Article 5(1) of that Regulation.

- (2) The Commission requested and received the necessary information from the parties listed in the Annex to this Decision and found their requests admissible pursuant to Article 4(1) of Regulation (EC) No 88/97. The information provided was examined and verified where necessary at the premises of the parties concerned.
- (3) The facts as finally ascertained by the Commission show that the assembly operations of the applicants concerned do not fall within the scope of Article 13(2) of Regulation (EC) No 384/96. It was found that for all the applicants' bicycle assembly operations, the value of the parts originating in the People's Republic of China which were used in their assembly operations was lower than 60 % of the total value of the parts used in these assembly operations. In addition, for some of them, the value-added to the parts brought in exceeded 25 % of the manufacturing costs of the finished bicycles.
- (4) For the above reasons, and in accordance with Article 7(1) of Regulation (EC) 88/97, the parties listed in the Annex to this Decision should be exempted from the extended anti-dumping duty. The parties concerned were informed accordingly and given an opportunity to comment.
- (5) In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 88/97 the parties listed in the Annex to this Decision should be exempted from the extended anti-dumping duty as from the date of receipt of their request and their customs debt in respect of

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 56, 6. 3. 1996, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 317, 6. 12. 1996, p. 1.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 16, 18. 1. 1997, p. 55.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 17, 21. 1. 1997, p. 17.

⁽⁵⁾ OJ C 45, 13. 2. 1997, p. 3 and OJ C 112, 10. 4. 1997, p. 9.

the extended anti-dumping duty is to be considered void as from that date.

B. INFORMATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES

- (6) Following the adoption of this Decision, an updated list of parties exempted pursuant to Article 7 of Regulation (EC) No 88/97 and of parties whose requests pursuant to Article 3 of that Regulation are under examination should be published in the 'C' series of the *Official Journal of the European Communities* in accordance with Article 16(2) of that Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The parties listed in the Annex to this Decision are hereby exempted from the extension by Regulation (EC) No 71/97, of the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed

by Regulation (EC) No 2474/93 on bicycles originating in the People's Republic of China, to imports of certain bicycle parts from the People's Republic of China.

The exemptions shall take effect in relation to each party as from the relevant date shown in the column headed 'Date of effect'.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States and to the parties listed in the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels, 28 January 1998.

For the Commission

Leon BRITTAN

Vice-President

ANNEX

EXEMPTED PARTIES

| Name | City | Country | Exemption pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 88/97 | Date of effect | Taric additional codes |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|--|----------------|------------------------|
| Velo Schauff | D-53424 Remagen | Germany | Article 7 | 24.1.1997 | 8973 |
| WSB Hi-Tech Bicycle Europe BV | NL-9206 AG Drachten | The Netherlands | Article 7 | 5.2.1997 | 8979 |
| Mara Srl | I-21052 Busto Arsizio (VA) | Italy | Article 7 | 12.2.1997 | 8983 |
| SFG Sachsen-Anhalt Fahrradbau GmbH | D-06526 Sangerhausen | Germany | Article 7 | 21.2.1997 | 8009 |
| Bike Systems | D-97493 Bergtheimfeld | Germany | Article 7 | 1.4.1997 | 8034 |
| Field SA | G-57009 Kalochori | Greece | Article 7 | 1.4.1997 | 8034 |
| Starway | F-37230 Luynes | France | Article 7 | 18.4.1997 | 8055 |
| Confersil | P-3751 Águeda Codex | Portugal | Article 7 | 23.4.1997 | 8037 |
| José Ferreira & Almeida, Lda | P-3770 Oliveira do Bairro | Portugal | Article 7 | 23.4.1997 | 8037 |
| Union BV | NL-7711 GP Nieuwleusen | The Netherlands | Article 7 | 2.5.1997 | 8056 |
| Portosa Srl | I-35030 Rubano (PD) | Italy | Article 7 | 28.5.1997 | 8090 |
| Azor Bikes | NL-7707 AB Balkbrug | The Netherlands | Article 7 | 30.6.1997 | 8091 |
| Fonlupt SA | F-71600 Paray-le-Monial | France | Article 7 | 2.7.1997 | 8332 |
| NV Minerva | B-3580 Beringen | Belgium | Article 7 | 9.7.1997 | 8330 |
| Ghost Mountain Bikes GmbH | D-95652 Waldsassen | Germany | Article 7 | 19.9.1997 | 8523 |
| Kurt Gudereit | D-33607 Bielefeld | Germany | Article 7 | 22.9.1997 | 8524 |
| Flanders NV | B-9550 Herzele | Belgium | Article 7 | 30.9.1997 | 8522 |
| All Bikes Srl | I-12020 Villar San Costanzo (CN) | Italy | Article 7 | 28.10.1997 | 8748 |