

Council imposes definitive anti-dumping duties on plastic sacks and bags from China and Thailand - Brussels, 29 September 2006

- The Council has imposed definitive anti-dumping duties on plastic sacks and bags from China and Thailand. At the same time the proceeding concerning Malaysia was terminated since no significant dumping was found.
- This anti-dumping proceeding was initiated on 30 June 2005, based on a complaint lodged by 29 EU producers. The Council acted on a proposal by the Commission, reflecting the finding of both dumping and injury to EU producers.
- This investigation has been characterised by a particularly broad range of diverging interests, but the Commission is convinced that the final outcome strikes a fair balance. The investigation was thorough and exhaustive, despite its inherent complexity and the large number of parties involved, in particular the number of Chinese exporters.
- It is worth noting that the vast majority of Chinese exporters, having cooperated in the investigation, will face a duty of 8.4%. The moderate level of duties will allow Chinese businesses to continue their exports to Europe. The objective of the anti-dumping duties is not to block imports from China but to offset the unfair element of such trade that was discovered as a result of the investigation.
- The duty will merely add an average 0.086 eurocents to each bag subject to the duty.
- The imports subject to proposed duties represent 307 000 tonnes (i.e. 18 %) of the EU market totalling 1 674 000 tonnes. The value of the EU market is approximately 2,4 billion euros.