Trade Defence Instruments Committee

The role of this committee is to assist the Commission in the exercise of the implementing powers in the area of trade defence instruments, by giving opinions on draft implementing acts. The committee is composed of representatives of all the Member States and chaired by a representative of the Commission.

The committee delivers its opinion via two types of procedures: advisory (e.g. imposition of provisional measures, initiation of expiry reviews) or examination (e.g. imposition of definitive measures, amendments/extension of existing measures).

Under the advisory procedure, the committee’s opinion, delivered by simple majority, is not binding on the Commission. Nevertheless, it is an important element in the decision-making process, as it allows the Commission to seek the views of Member States.

Where the examination procedure applies, the committee’s opinion is delivered by qualified majority. There is a possibility of referral to an appeal committee, which also consists of Member States and is chaired by the Commission. Member States can only block the adoption of a draft implementing act by qualified majority. The appeal committee is not a permanent body, but gives Member States the opportunity to have a second discussion on the draft implementing act at a higher level.

All aspects of the consultations are confidential.

List of summary records

- **Summary record of the Appeal Committee**, 17 September 2020

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**Given the pandemic of COVID-19, the Trade Defence Instruments Committee is, for the time being, consulted in writing in accordance with Article 3(5) of the Comitology Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 and Article 15(5) of the basic anti-dumping Regulation or Article 25(5) of the basic anti-subsidy Regulation.**