

For inspection by interested parties

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**of the anti-dumping expiry review request submitted pursuant to Article 11(2) of Council regulation (EC) No 1225/2009 regarding the anti-dumping measures imposed on imports of ceramic tiles originating in the People's Republic of China by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 917/2011**

The expiry review request for the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of Ceramic Tiles originating in the People's Republic of China (hereinafter "China") is lodged by CET – the European Ceramic Tile Manufacturers' Federation. CET represents a large number of ceramic tiles manufacturers across the EU and has as members several national associations.

The product concerned is glazed and unglazed ceramic flags and paving, hearth or wall tiles; glazed and unglazed ceramic mosaic cubes and similar articles, whether or not rectangular, whether or not on a backing (jointly referred to as "ceramic tiles"), originating in China. Ceramic tiles are currently classified under the following CN codes: 6907 10 00, 6907 90 20, 6907 90 80, 6908 10 00, 6908 90 11, 6908 90 20, 6908 90 31, 6908 90 51, 6908 90 91, 6908 90 93 and 6908 90 99.

Since September 2011, ceramic tiles originating in China are subject to anti-dumping measures as per Council Regulation (EU) No 917/2011. The measures will expire on 15 September 2016. By the expiry review application, CET is requesting the extension of the measures. CET has submitted evidence to the European Commission that allowing the measures to lapse would lead to the continuation or the recurrence of dumping and material injury. Information submitted in the expiry review application demonstrates that ceramic tiles originating in China are still being exported to the EU in heavily dumped prices in the sense of Article 1 of Regulation (EC) 1225/2009; that there is very big structural overcapacity in China, including largely unutilized capacities, which pose an imminent threat to the Union industry, should the measures be allowed to lapse; and that, despite a slow recovery of the Union industry since definitive anti-dumping measures were imposed in 2011, the Union industry remains in a fragile state. The EU was China's most important export market before the imposition of anti-dumping measures in 2011. As unutilized capacities in China currently amount to approximately 5 times the entirety of the EU consumption of ceramic tiles, and ongoing dumping from China still causes, or threatens to cause, more injury, CET submits that an expiry review application, and the ensuing re-imposition of anti-dumping measures, are fully justified.

Union producers and importers have requested confidential treatment of their identity as the disclosure thereof would negatively affect their business interests. The list of known importers and users is not attached, as this information is by nature confidential and its disclosure would be of significant competitive advantage to competitors. A list of national ceramic tiles' associations that are members of CET is attached as Annex 1. The list of known Chinese exporting producers is too long, therefore interested parties are kindly requested to inspect it in Annex 6 to the Application in the European Commission's non-confidential file of the investigation.

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**Annex 1: National Associations Members of CET**

- APICER, Associação Portuguesa da Indústria de Cerâmica (PT)
- ASCER (ES)
- VKO – VERENIGDE KERAMISCHE ORGANISATIE (NL)
- CHAMBRE SYNDICALE DU CARREAU CERAMIQUE (FR)
- CONFINDUSTRIA CERAMICA - Ceramic Tiles (IT)
- INDUSTRIEVERBAND KERAMSICHEN FLIESEN + PLATTEN e.V. (DE)
- OY PUKKILA Ab (FI)
- THE TILE ASSOCIATION (GB)