Law 27/75 on tax reductions (C 11/91)

This law provides for a tax exemption of up to six years for vessels registered under the Greek flag, provided that the vessels are built, converted or repaired in Greek yards. The law has a supralegislative power according to Article 107 of the Greek Constitution and therefore cannot be amended in accordance with the normal procedures of the present Parliament. However, the Greek Government has rendered the provisions of the law on this point inoperative and since 1 January 1992 the tax exemptions cannot be granted any more to ship repair. The Ministry of Finance has, for this purpose, issued a circular to the parties concerned that the exemptions will not henceforth be granted, since they are contrary to Community law. A copy of the circular letter dated 12 October 1992 is submitted to the Commission.

Decree 747/62 on the reduction of social contributions (C 12/91)

There has been a Ministerial decision, issued on 30 March 1992 by the three responsible Ministers concerned, that no aid to ship repair will be granted on the basis of this law after 1991.

On the basis of this information the Commission takes note of the facts that the Greek Government has abolished all schemes providing for operating aid to ship repair that existed before the accession of Greece to the Community in 1981, that the privatization has been accomplished in the case of the Elefsis yard, that Neorion, Hellenic and Nafsi will either be privatized or closed down (Hellenic for commercial shipbuilding, conversions and repair) by 31 March 1993, and that the closures are irreversible as required by Article 7 of Directive 90/684/EEC.

The Commission has therefore decided to:

— consider that the aid granted in the form of debt write-offs, namely:

  — Elefsi: Drs 43,6 billion,
  — Neorion: Drs 16,5 billion,
  — Hellenic: Drs 44,0 billion,
  — Nafsi: Drs 4,2 billion,

  is compatible with the provisions of Article 10 of Directive 90/684/EEC and can replace all other aid granted to the four yards since 1987;

— close the procedures under Article 93 (2) in respect of aid schemes to provide operating aid for repairs, namely:

  — C 10/91: Decision 85/75 of the Monetary Committee,
  — C 11/91: Law 27/75 on tax reductions,
  — C 12/91: Decree 747/62 on the reduction of social security contributions on salaries

  and C 18/90 on aid for the Neorion yard 1987 to 1991.

The Commission would, however, request the Greek Government to inform the Commission on the final disposal of the two yards not yet sold.'.

Non-opposition to a notified concentration

(Case No IV/M.272 — Matra/Cap Gemini Sogeti)

(93/C 88/05)

On 17 March 1993 the Commission decided not to oppose the above notified concentration and to declare it compatible with the common market. This decision is based on Article 6 (1) (b) of Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89. Third parties showing a sufficient interest can obtain a copy of the decision by making a written request to:

Commission of the European Communities,
Directorate-General for Competition (DG IV),
Merger Task Force,
avenue de Cortenberg, 150,
B-1049 Brussels.
