COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2022/624

of 12 April 2022

terminating the partial interim review of anti-dumping measures applicable to imports of certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel originating in Russia

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Union ([1]), and in particular Article 9(1) thereof,

Whereas:

1. PROCEDURE

1.1. Measures in force

(1) By Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1795 ([2]) ('the original Regulation') the European Commission ('the Commission') imposed, a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain flat-rolled products of iron, non-alloy steel or other alloy steel, whether or not in coils (including 'cut-to-length' and 'narrow strip' products), not further worked than hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated ('HRF') originating in, inter alia, Russia ('the product under review').

1.2. Request for a review

(2) The Commission received a request for a partial interim review pursuant to Article 11(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 ('the basic Regulation'). The request for review was lodged by Eurofer ('the applicant'), on behalf of Union producers and was limited in scope to the examination of dumping as far as one Russian exporting producer, PAO Severstal ('Severstal'), is concerned.

(3) The duty imposed by the original Regulation is a fixed duty ranging between 17,6 EUR/tonne and 96,5 EUR/tonne on imports from individually named exporting producers in Russia, with a residual duty rate of 96,5 EUR/tonne on imports from all other companies in Russia. The definitive anti-dumping duty imposed on imports from Severstal, is 17,6 EUR/tonne.

1.3. Initiation of a partial interim review

(4) The Commission decided to initiate a partial interim review in accordance with Article 11(3) of the basic Regulation, limited in scope to the examination of dumping as far as Severstal is concerned. The Commission published, on 18 January 2021, a notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union* ([3]) ('Notice of Initiation').

(5) The review investigation period was from 1 January to 31 December 2020.

([1]) OJ L 176, 30.6.2016, p. 21.

([2]) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1795 of 5 October 2017 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel originating in Brazil, Iran, Russia and Ukraine and terminating the investigation on imports of certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel originating in Serbia (OJ L 258, 6.10.2017, p. 24).

([3]) OJ C 18, 18.1.2021, p. 36.

1.4. **Interested parties**

(6) In the Notice of Initiation, the Commission invited Severstal and its related companies to submit a Questionnaire response within a specified deadline. It specifically informed the applicant and the authorities of the exporting country of the initiation of the investigation and invited them to participate. The Commission also invited other parties to make themselves known and to make their views known provided that there is an objective link between their activities and the product under review.

2. **WITHDRAWAL OF THE REQUEST AND TERMINATION OF THE PROCEEDING**

(7) On 18 March 2022, the applicant informed the Commission of its withdrawal of the request for a partial interim review.

(8) In accordance with Article 9(1) of the basic Regulation, proceedings may be terminated where the request is withdrawn, unless such termination would not be in the Union interest.

(9) The investigation had not brought to light any considerations showing that a termination of the review investigation would not be in the Union interest.

(10) The Commission concluded that the partial interim review limited in scope to the examination of dumping as far as Severstal is concerned should be terminated without amending the measures in force.

3. **DISCLOSURE**

(11) The Commission informed interested parties of its intention terminate the investigation due to the withdrawal of the request and invited interested parties to comment. No interested party objected to the termination.

(12) This Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 15(1) of the basic Regulation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The partial interim review of the dumping duty applicable to imports of certain flat-rolled products of iron, non-alloy steel or other alloy steel, whether or not in coils (including 'cut-to-length' and 'narrow strip' products), not further worked than hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated currently falling under CN codes 7208 10 00, 7208 25 00, 7208 26 00, 7208 27 00, 7208 36 00, 7208 37 00, 7208 38 00, 7208 39 00, 7208 40 00, 7208 52 10, 7208 52 99, 7208 53 10, 7208 53 90, 7208 54 00, 7211 13 00, 7211 14 00, 7211 19 00, ex 7225 19 10 (TARIC code 7225 19 10 90), 7225 30 90, ex 7225 40 60 (TARIC code 7225 40 60 90), 7225 40 90, ex 7226 19 10 (TARIC codes 7226 19 10 91 and 7226 19 10 95), 7226 91 91 and 7226 91 99, originating in Russia, is terminated.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 12 April 2022.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN