Community's anti-dumping and anti-subsidy activities: monitoring of third country cases. 19th annual report 2000

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PURPOSE : to present the nineteenth annual report from the Commission on the Community's Anti-Dumping and Anti-Subsidy activities. CONTENt : This report is submitted to the European Parliament following its resolution of 16 December 1981 on the Community's anti-dumping activities. It summarises the development in general policy and contains a commentary on each anti-dumping and anti-subsidy case initiated, the provisional and definitive measures adopted, the reviews undertaken and each case terminated without the imposition of measures. It also provides an overview of the Court cases relating to these trade policy instruments. The report also contains an overview of activities in relation to measures adopted by third countries and actions under the dispute settlement procedure of the WTO. The year 2000 shows a remarkable increase in the number of provisional (48 against 17 for the whole of 1999) and definitive measures adopted (51 against 21 for the whole of 1999). The number of terminations shows an increase in comparison with previous years (32 in 2000 against 22 in 1999 and 16 in 1998.) All this is a direct consequence of the exceptional increase in the number of new investigations initiated during 1999. The number of new investigations initiated during 2000 significantly decreased (31 against 86 in 1999.) Hence 2000 can be described as a return to normality with regard to initiations of investigations. It should be noted, however, that due to the large number of review investigations, the year 2000 was a record year in terms of the investigations carried out. In 2000, 11 countries initiated a total of 31 anti-dumping and anti-subsidy investigations against imports from Community Member States. The increasing trend of investigations targeting the Community as a whole rather than individual Member States has been confirmed in 2000. Of the total measures in force targeting the Community or its Member States, more than 50% were imposed by the USA. The Commission has continued its efforts in order to have measures imposed by third countries comply with WTO agreements. In a number of cases, it initiated dispute settlement procedures which had a positive outcome.