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Proposal for a

**COUNCIL REGULATION**

**amending Regulation (EC) No 1015/94 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty  
on imports of television camera systems originating in Japan**

(presented by the Commission)

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

By Council Regulation (EC) No 1015/94 (as subsequently amended)<sup>1</sup> a definitive anti-dumping duty was imposed on imports of certain television camera systems originating in Japan. The Council specifically excluded from the scope of the anti-dumping duty the professional camera systems listed in the Annex to that Regulation, representing high-end professional camera systems technically falling within the product definition of the above-mentioned Regulation, but which cannot be regarded as broadcast camera systems.

Subsequently, the Commission received requests from five Japanese producers of television camera systems to add certain successor models of camera systems already exempted from the duty to the Annex to Council Regulation (EC) No 1015/94 and thus exempt them from the application of the duty.

The attached Council Regulation contains more detailed information, showing that the concerned models are almost identical with their predecessor models and thus should be included in the above mentioned Annex.

It is consequently proposed to amend the Annex to Council Regulation 1015/94 (as subsequently amended) and approve the publication of the attached Regulation in the *Official Journal of the European Community*.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 111, 30.4. 1994, p. 106, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 193/1999 (OJ L 22, 29.1.1999, p. 10)

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## **COUNCIL REGULATION**

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 384/96 of 22 December 1995 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Community<sup>2</sup>,

Having regard to the proposal submitted by the Commission after consulting the Advisory Committee,

Whereas:

#### **A. PREVIOUS PROCEDURES**

- (1) The Council, by Regulation (EC) No 1015/94<sup>3</sup>, imposed a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of television camera systems (hereinafter “TCS”) originating in Japan.
- (2) The Council specifically excluded from the scope of the anti-dumping duty the professional camera systems listed in the Annex to that Regulation (hereinafter referred to as “the Annex”), representing high-end professional camera systems technically falling within the product definition under Article 1 (2) of Regulation (EC) No 1015/94, as amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 2474/95<sup>4</sup> but which cannot be regarded as broadcast cameras.
- (3) In October 1995, the Council, by Regulation (EC) No 2474/95, amended the above-mentioned Regulation (EC) No 1015/94, in particular as regards the like product definition and as regards certain models of professional camera systems explicitly exempted from the scope of the definitive anti-dumping duty.

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<sup>2</sup> OJ L 56, 6.3.1996, p.1. as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 905/98 (OJ L 128, 30.4.1998, p. 18.)

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 111, 30.4.1994, p. 106.

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 255, 25.10.1995, p. 11.

- (4) In October 1997, the Council, by Regulation (EC) No 1952/97<sup>5</sup> amended the rates of the definitive anti-dumping duty for two companies concerned, namely for Sony Corporation and Ikegami Tsushinki in accordance with Article 12 of the Basic Regulation. Furthermore, the Council specifically excluded from the scope of the anti-dumping duty certain new models of professional camera systems adding them to the Annex of the above-mentioned Regulation (EC) No 1015/94.
- (5) In January 1999, the Council, by Regulation (EC) No 193/1999<sup>6</sup> amended Regulation (EC) No 1015/94 adding certain successor models of professional camera systems to its Annex and thus excluding those from the application of the definitive anti-dumping duty.

## **B. INVESTIGATION CONCERNING NEW MODELS OF PROFESSIONAL CAMERA SYSTEMS**

### **1. Procedure**

- (6) Subsequently, a number of Japanese exporting producers informed the Commission that they intended to introduce new models of professional camera systems into the Community market and requested to add these new models of professional camera systems and their accessories to the Annex and thus exempt them from the scope of the anti-dumping duties.
- (7) The Commission informed the Community industry accordingly and commenced an investigation limited to the determination of whether the products under consideration fall within the scope of the anti-dumping duties and whether the operational part of Regulation 1015/94 should be amended accordingly.

### **2. Models under investigation**

- (8) Applications were received for the following models of professional camera systems, supplied with the relevant technical information:

*(i) Hitachi Denshi, Ltd. (hereinafter "Hitachi")*

- Camera head V-21, which was presented as a successor model of camera head Z-ONE.DA, and which was sold without a triax adaptor
- new accessories to V-21:
  - 1.5 inch viewfinder GM-9, which was presented as the standard viewfinder for camera head model V-21
  - camera adaptor CA-Z31 and CA-Z32, which were presented as successor models of camera adaptors CA-Z1A and CA-Z2 already included in the Annex , and which are to be connected with the camera head model V-21

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<sup>5</sup> OJ L 276, 9.10.1997, p. 20.

<sup>6</sup> OJ L 22, 29.1.1999, p. 10

- camera control panel RC-Z2A and RC-Z21A, which were presented as successor models of camera control panels RC-Z2 and RC-Z21, already included in the Annex.

- Camera head V-21W, which was presented as the wide screen version of camera head V-21
- 5 inch viewfinder GM-51, which was presented as the standard viewfinder for camera head model V-21W

All above models are sold without a corresponding triax system or triax adaptor.

*(ii) Olympus Winter & IBE GmbH (hereinafter "Olympus")*

- camera control unit OTV-S6, which was represented as a model used in the medical sector and as a successor model of OTV-S5, already included in the Annex.

*(iii) Matsushita*

- camera head AW-F575HE, which was presented as a successor model of camera head WV-F565HE already included in the Annex
- camera adaptor AW-AD500AE and AW-AD700BSE, which were presented as successor models of camera adaptor WV-AD500E and WV-AD700ASE already included in the Annex.

*(iv) Ikegami Tsushinki Co, Ltd (hereinafter "Ikegami")*

- camera head HC-400 and HC-400W, which were presented as successor models of camera head HC 390 already included in the Annex.
- new accessories to camera head HC-400 and HC-400W
  - viewfinders VF15-46
  - operational control panel RCU-390
  - camera adaptor CA-400
  - camera control unit MA-200A

All above models are sold without a corresponding triax system or triax adaptor.

*(v) Victor Company of Japan, Ltd (hereinafter "JVC")*

- camera head KY-D29WECH, which was presented as a wide-screen version of the predecessor model KY-D29ECH already included in the Annex
- viewfinders VF-P116WE and VF-P550WE, which can be connected to the above-mentioned new camera head KY-D29WECH and which are successor models of the viewfinders VF-P116, respectively VF-P550BE, already included in the Annex.

All above models are sold without a corresponding triax system or triax adaptor.

### **3. Findings**

- (9) The Commission carried out a technical examination including a detailed comparison of the models concerned with their predecessor models listed in the Annex and found that they were almost completely identical. The small differences found are the result of the technical development in the TCS sector but did not affect the classification of these TCS as professional camera systems. Therefore, it was concluded that all models concerned should be excluded from the scope of the existing anti-dumping measures.
- (10) The Commission informed the Community producers and the exporters of TCS of its findings and provided them with an opportunity to present their views. On this basis and in the light of the fact that the interested parties did not object to the Commission's conclusions, all models and related equipment listed in recital 8 are professional camera systems. It follows that they should be exempted from the application of the anti-dumping duty applicable to certain television camera systems originating in Japan, and that the Annex should be amended accordingly.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

#### *Article 1*

The Annex of Regulation (EC) No 1015/94 shall be replaced by the Annex hereto.

#### *Article 2*

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

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council*  
*The President*

## ANNEX

### List of professional camera systems not qualified as broadcast camera systems which are exempted from the measures

Company name	Camera heads	Viewfinder	Camera control unit	Operational control unit	Master control unit (*)	Camera adaptors
Sony	DXC-M7PK	DXF-3000CE	CCU-M3P	RM-M7G	—	CA-325P
	DXC-M7P	DXF-325CE	CCU-M5P			CA-325AP
	DXC-M7PH	DXF-501CE	CCU-M7P			CA-325B
	DXC-M7PK/1	DXF-M3CE				CA-327P
	DXC-M7P/1	DXF-M7CE				CA-537P
	DXC-M7PH/1	DXF-40CE				CA-511
	DXC-327PK	DXF-40ACE				CA-512P
	DXC-327PL	DXF-50CE				CA-513
	DXC-327PH	DXF-601CE				VCT-U14 <sup>(1)</sup>
	DXC-327APK	DXF-40BCE				
	DXC-327APL	DXF-50BCE				
	DXC-327AH	DXF-701CE				
	DXC-537PK	DXF-WSCE <sup>(1)</sup>				
	DXC-537PL					
	DXC-537PH					
	DXC-537APK					
	DXC-537APL					
	DXC-537APH					
	EVW-537PK					
	.../...					

(1) Models exempted under the condition that the corresponding triax system or triax adaptor is not sold in the EC-market.



Company name	Camera heads	Viewfinder	Camera control unit	Operational control unit	Master control unit (*)	Camera adaptors
	.../... EVW-327PK DXC-637P DXC-637PK DXC-637PL DXC-637PH PVW-637PK PVW-637PL DXC-D30PF DXC-D30PK DXC-D30PL DXC-D30PH DSR-130PF DSR-130PK DSR-130PL PVW-D30PF PVW-D30PK PVW-D30PL DXC-327BPF DXC-327BPK DXC-327BPL DXC-327BPH DXC-D30WSP <sup>(1)</sup>					
(1) Models exempted under the condition that the corresponding triax system or triax adaptor is not sold in the EC-market.						

Company name	Camera heads	Viewfinder	Camera control unit	Operational control unit	Master control unit (*)	Camera adaptors
Ikegami	HC-340	VF15-21/22	MA-200/230	RCU-240	—	CA-340
	HC-300	VF-4523	MA-200A <sup>(1)</sup>	RCU-390 <sup>(1)</sup>		CA-300
	HC-230	VF15-39				CA-230
	HC-240	VF15-46 <sup>(1)</sup>				CA-390
	HC-210	VF5040 <sup>(1)</sup>				CA-400 <sup>(1)</sup>
	HC-390	VF5040W <sup>(1)</sup>				
	LK-33					
	HDL-30MA					
	HDL-37					
	HC-400 <sup>(1)</sup>					
	HC-400W <sup>(1)</sup>					
	Hitachi	SK-H5	GM-5 (A)	RU-C1 (B)	—	—
SK-H501		GM-5-R2 (A)	RU-C1 (D)			CA-Z2
DK-7700		GM-5-R2	RU-C1			CA-Z1SJ
DK-7700SX		GM-50 <sup>(1)</sup>	RU-C1-S5			CA-Z1SP
HV-C10		GM-8A <sup>(1)</sup>	RU-C10 (B)			CA-Z1M
HV-C11		GM-9 <sup>(1)</sup>	RU-C10 (C)			CA-Z1M2
HV-C10F		GM-51 <sup>(1)</sup>	RC-C1			CA-Z1HB
Z-ONE (L)			RC-C10			CA-C10
Z-ONE (H)			RU-C10			CA-C10SP
Z-ONE			RU-Z1 (B)			CA-C10SJA
Z-ONE A (L)			RU-Z1 (C)			CA-C10M
.../...			.../...			.../...
(1) Models exempted under the condition that the corresponding triax system or triax adaptor is not sold in the EC-market.						

Company name	Camera heads	Viewfinder	Camera control unit	Operational control unit	Master control unit (*)	Camera adaptors
	.../...		.../...			.../...
	Z-ONE A (H)		RU-Z1			CA-C10B
	Z-ONE A (F)		RC-C11			CA-Z1A <sup>(1)</sup>
	Z-ONE A		RU-Z2			CA-Z31 <sup>(1)</sup>
	Z-ONE B (L)		RC-Z1			CA-Z32 <sup>(1)</sup>
	Z-ONE B (H)		RC-Z11			
	Z-ONE B (F)		RC-Z2			
	Z-ONE B		RC-Z21			
	Z-ONE B (M)		RC-Z2A <sup>(1)</sup>			
	Z-ONE B (R)		RC-Z21A <sup>(1)</sup>			
	FP-C10 (B)					
	FP-C10 (C)					
	FP-C10 (D)					
	FP-C10 (G)					
	FP-C10 (L)					
	FP-C10 (R)					
	FP- C10 (S)					
	FP-C10 (V)					
	FP-C10 (F)					
	FP-C10					
	FP-C10 A					
	FP-C10 A (A)					
	FP-C10 A (B)					
	.../...					
(1) Models exempted under the condition that the corresponding triax system or triax adaptor is not sold in the EC-market						

Company name	Camera heads	Viewfinder	Camera control unit	Operational control unit	Master control unit (*)	Camera adaptors
	.../... FP-C10 A (C) FP-C10 A (D) FP-C10 A (F) FP-C10 A (G) FP-C10 A (H) FP-C10 A (L) FP-C10 A (R) FP-C10 A (S) FP-C10 A (T) FP-C10 A (V) FP-C10 A (W) Z-ONE C (M) Z-ONE C (R) Z-ONE C (F) Z-ONE C HV-C20 HV-C20M Z-ONE-D Z-ONE-D (A) Z-ONE-D (B) Z-ONE-D (C) .../...					
(1) Models exempted under the condition that the corresponding triax system or triax adaptor is not sold in the EC-market						

Company name	Camera heads	Viewfinder	Camera control unit	Operational control unit	Master control unit (*)	Camera adaptors
	.../... Z-ONE.DA <sup>(1)</sup> V-21 <sup>(1)</sup> V-21W <sup>(1)</sup>					
Matsushita	WV-F700 WV-F700A WV-F700SHE WV-F700ASHE WV-F700BHE WV-F700ABHE WV-F700MHE WV-F350 WV-F350HE WV-F350E WV-F350AE WV-F350DE WV-F350ADE WV-F500HE (*) WV-F-565HE AW-F575HE	WV-VF65BE WV-VF40E WV-VF39E WV-VF65BE (*) WV-VF40E (*) WV-VF42E	WV-RC700/B WV-RC700/G WV-RC700A/B WV-RC700A/G WV-RC36/B WV-RC36/G WV- RC37/B WV-RC37/G WV-CB700E WV-CB700AE WV-CB700E (*) WV-CB700AE (*) WV-RC700/B (*) WV-RC700/G (*) WV-RC700A/B (*) WV-RC700A/G (*) WV-RC550/G WV-RC550/B	—	—	WV-AD700SE WV-AD700ASE WV-AD700ME WV-AD250E WV-AD500E (*) AW-AD500AE AW-AD700BSE
(1) Models exempted under the condition that the corresponding triax system or triax adaptor is not sold in the EC-market						

Company name	Camera heads	Viewfinder	Camera control unit	Operational control unit	Master control unit (*)	Camera adaptors
JVC	KY-35E	VF-P315E	RM-P350EG	—	—	KA-35E
	KY-27ECH	VF-P550E	RM-P200EG			KA-B35U
	KY-19ECH	VF-P10E	RM-P300EG			KA-M35U
	KY-17FITECH	VP-P115E	RM-LP80E			KA-P35U
	KY-17BECH	VF-P400E	RM-LP821E			KA-27E
	KY-F30FITE	VP-P550BE	RM-LP35U			KA-20E
	KY-F30BE	VF-P116	RM-LP37U			KA-P27U
	KY-27CECH	VF-P116WE <sup>(1)</sup>	RM-P270EG			KA-P20U
	KH-100U	VF-P550WE <sup>(1)</sup>				KA-B27E
	KY-D29ECH					KA-B20E
	KY-D29WECH <sup>(1)</sup>					KA-M20E KA-M27E
Olympus	MAJ-387N MAJ-387I		OTV-SX 2 OTV-S5 OTV-S6			
	Camera OTV-SX					
<p>(*)Also called master set up unit (MSU) or master control panel (MCP).</p> <p>(1) Models exempted under the condition that the corresponding triax system or triax-adaptor is not sold on the EC market</p>						