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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/196 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 February 2018 on additional customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the United States of America[(1)], and in particular Article 3 thereof,

Whereas:

(1) As a result of the United States' failure to bring the Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act (CDSOA) in compliance with its obligations under the World Trade Organization (WTO) agreements, Regulation (EU) 2018/196 imposed a 4,3 % *ad valorem* additional customs duty on imports of certain products originating in the United States of America. In conformity with the WTO authorisation to suspend the application of concessions to the United States, the Commission is to adjust the level of suspension annually to the level of nullification or impairment caused by the CDSOA to the European Union at that time.

(2) The CDSOA disbursements for the most recent year for which data are available relate to the distribution of anti-dumping and countervailing duties collected during the Fiscal Year 2018 (1 October 2017 – 30 September 2018) as well as the additional distribution anti-dumping and countervailing duties collected during the Fiscal Years 2015, 2016 and 2017. On the basis of the data published by the United States' Customs and Border Protection, the level of nullification or impairment caused to the Union is calculated at USD 3 355,82.

(3) The level of nullification or impairment and consequently of suspension has decreased. However, the level of suspension cannot be adjusted to the level of nullification or impairment by adding or removing products from the list in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2018/196. As a consequence, in accordance with Article 3(1)(e) of that Regulation, the Commission should keep the list of products in Annex I unchanged and amend the rate of the additional duty in order to adjust the level of suspension to the level of nullification or impairment. The four products listed in Annex I should therefore be maintained on the list and the rate of additional import duty should be amended and set at 0,001 %.

(4) The effect of a 0,001 % *ad valorem* additional import duty on imports from the United States of the products in Annex I represents, over one year, a value of trade that does not exceed USD 3 355,82.

(5) To make sure that there are no delays in the application of the amended rate of additional import duty, this Regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication.

(6) Regulation (EU) 2018/196 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2018/196 is replaced by the following:

Article 2

An *ad valorem* duty of 0,001 % additional to the customs duty applicable under Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council[2] shall be imposed on the products originating in the United States listed in Annex I to this Regulation.

Article 2

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

It shall apply from 1 May 2019.

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

Done at Brussels, 27 February 2019.

For the Commission

The President

Jean-Claude JUNCKER