

Executive Summary of the *ex officio* file concerning the possible circumvention of anti-dumping measures imposed by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/186 of 7 February 2018 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of certain corrosion resistant steels originating in the People's Republic of China, and making such imports subject to registration.

This document summarises the decision of the Commission, pursuant to Articles 13(3) and 14(5) the basic Regulation, to investigate on its own initiative the possible circumvention of the anti-dumping measures imposed on imports of certain corrosion resistant steels originating in the People's Republic of China and to make such imports subject to registration.

The product under investigation for possible circumvention is certain corrosion resistant steels. These are flat-rolled products of iron or alloy steel or non-alloy steel; plated or coated by hot dip galvanisation with zinc and/or aluminium and/or magnesium, whether or not alloyed with silicon; chemically passivated; with or without any additional surface treatment such as oiling or sealing; containing by weight: not more than 0,5 % of carbon, not more than 1,1 % of aluminium, not more than 0,12 % of niobium, not more than 0,17 % of titanium and not more than 0,15 % of vanadium; presented in coils, cut-to-length sheets and narrow strips, currently falling under CN codes ex 7210 41 00, ex 7210 49 00, ex 7210 61 00, ex 7210 69 00, ex 7210 90 80, ex 7212 30 00, ex 7212 50 61, ex 7212 50 69, ex 7212 50 90, ex 7225 92 00, ex 7225 99 00, ex 7226 99 30, ex 7226 99 70 (TARIC codes: 7210 41 00 30, 7210 49 00 30, 7210 61 00 30, 7210 69 00 30, 7210 90 80 92, 7212 30 00 30, 7212 50 61 30, 7212 50 69 30, 7212 50 90 14, 7212 50 90 92, 7225 92 00 30, 7225 99 00 23, 7225 99 00 41, 7225 99 00 93, 7226 99 30 30, 7226 99 70 13, 7226 99 70 93), originating in the People's Republic of China ('the product under investigation').

The following products are excluded:

- of stainless steel, of silicon-electrical steel, and of high-speed steel,
- not further worked than hot-rolled or cold-rolled (cold-reduced),
- the product concerned as defined in recital 2 above.

The product is mainly used in the construction sector for various cladding building materials but also for manufacturing domestic appliances, deep-drawing and stamping processes and small welded pipes.

3. The circumventing practices are slight product modifications that serve no other purpose than avoiding the duty and false customs declarations. The change in the pattern of trade is clearly visible in the statistics. There seems insufficient due cause or economic justification for this change in the pattern of trade. In addition EUROFER submitted information about misclassification and customs fraud by the Chinese exporters and importers.

List of known parties to the investigation without contact details

Union producers:

ArcelorMittal Poland S.A., ArcelorMittal Romania, ArcelorMittal Belgium, ArcelorMittal France, ArcelorMittal Germany, ArcelorMittal Italy, ArcelorMittal Spain, Tata Steel

Netherlands, Tata Steel UK, Voestalpine and Salzgitter AG., Dunafer, SSAB Tunplat (including Ruukki), Lusosider, NLMK Europe, ThyssenKrupp Steel Europe AG, Marcegaglia

The Exporting Producers

Benxi Iron & Steel (Group) Co. Ltd, Panzihua Iron & Steel (Group) Co., Shanghai Baosteel Group Corp., Shunde Posco Coated Steel (Shunpo), Tangshan Iron & Steel Group Co. Ltd, Wuhan Iron & Steel (Group) Corp, Zhanjigang Pohang Stainless Steel Co. Ltd., TAGAL, Baotou Steel Union, LNM Yingkou, Guangzhou JFE Steel Sheet, Bayi Iron & Steel Co., Changshu Everbright Material Technology, Guanggang Steel Group/JFE Holdings (Guangzhou JFE Steel Sheet Co. LTD(GJSS)), Gunsan Iron & Steel Co., Handan Iron & Steel Co., Maanshan Iron Sc Steel Co., Union Steel China, Yieh Phui Enterprise Co., YIEH PHUI (CHINA), Changshu Huaye Strip, Huamei Flat Company, Jiuquan Iron & Steel, Shougang.