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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE ANTI-DUMPING COMPLAINT
INTO HOT ROLLED FLAT PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN THE
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION,
UKRAINE, THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA AND BRAZIL**

A. THE PRODUCT CONCERNED

1. The product concerned is certain flat rolled products of iron, non-alloy steel or other alloy steel (not including stainless steel), whether or not in coils (including products cut-to-length and "narrow strip"), not further worked than hot-rolled ("Hot rolled flat" or "HRF"), not clad, plated or coated, excluding grain-oriented silicon electrical steel. The product concerned is classified 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 99, 7208 53 90, 7208 54 00, 7211 14 00, 7211 19 00, 7225 19 10, 7225 30 10, 7225 30 30, 7225 30 90, 7225 40 12, 7225 40 15, ex 7225 40 60, 7225 40 90, 7226 19 10, ex 7226 20 00, 7226 91 20, 7226 91 91, and 7226 91 99.¹
2. Hot-rolled flat products are produced by first casting steel with a specific steel grade specification. Subsequently, hot steel will pass through many consecutive sets of rolls. Hot-rolled flat products are made by continuously rolling the slab in the rolling mills. HRF will often be coiled up at the end of the rolling for easier transportation.
3. HRF is produced both as a feedstock (e.g., for cold rolled coil and coated coil), and for direct use in a variety of industrial applications including, e.g. steel tubes used in construction, shipbuilding, gas containers, pressure vessels and energy pipelines, among others.
4. Union producers of HRF normally sell these products directly to end-users/fabricators or via own or third-party steel service centers (SSCs).

B. CASE SUMMARY

5. **Standing:** This complaint is brought by The European Steel Association (Eurofer) on behalf of the complainant Union producers of HRF products, which represent the overwhelming majority (around 90%) of EU HRF production.
6. The complaint demonstrates that dumped imports of HRF products from Iran, Russia, Ukraine, Serbia, and Brazil cause material injury to the Union industry producing the like product.
7. **Injury:** The Complainant EU HRF industry is suffering material injury and is faced with further material injury due to the surging dumped imports unless measures are imposed. Long-term trends now show that the Complainant EU HRF industry is

¹ The product concerned covers, *inter alia*, all the hot-rolled flat products sold in coils, and for the hot-rolled flat products not in coils, (1) those of a thickness less than 4,75 mm regardless of width, (2) those of a thickness of 4,75 mm or more but not exceeding 10 mm and of a width of less than 2 050 mm, (3) those of a width of less than 600 mm regardless of thickness (e.g. CN Code 7211 14 00), and (4) those with patterns in relief regardless of thickness or width (i.e. CN Code 7208 40 00). The product under investigation also covers other alloy hot-rolled flat steel products, including tool steel and high-speed steel, irrespective of thickness or width.

suffering present material injury. This long-term trend reflects the Complainant EU HRF industry's deteriorating situation in later 2015 and Q1 2016. Already many jobs have been lost in the EU HRF industry, including thousands of job losses in Q4 2015 and Q1 2016.

8. **Imports surged:** Imports from Iran, Russia, Ukraine, Serbia and Brazil surged, just as the EU industry became lossmaking. The imports in the first quarter of 2016 were over 30% higher than those in the fourth quarter of 2015. Total 2015 imports were more than double those in 2014.
9. **Underselling:** The prices of the imports fell in the same period, underselling the Complainants by up to 30%.
10. **Dumping:** The imports from the five countries were dumped by considerable margins, ranging from 20% to 50% in the complaint IP (Q2 2015 – Q1 2016) and even higher in the final months of the year and Q1 2016.
11. **Union interest:** Imposing antidumping measures on unfairly traded Iranian, Russian, Ukrainian, Serbian and Brazilian imports of HRF Products is in the Union's interest. HRF is the basic finished steel product and the situation of the HRF industry also reflects the broader EU steel picture. Low HRF prices impact the competitiveness of the integrated flat steel production including downstream cold-rolled, coated and galvanized steel. So if measures are not taken in this case to prevent dumped imports causing material injury, not only will injury (including job losses) around Europe, but it will have negative consequences downstream as well. Each job lost in the steel sector means a further four jobs lost in industries directly dependent upon it for business -- and the indirect economic impact on the broader community around steel production sites is bigger still. Downstream users and consumers have a clear interest in a healthy Union industry, which will continue to meet their needs with innovation and environmental responsibility, and will not suffer if measures are imposed on HRF imports. There is no problem of shortage of supply given the numerous other sources of HRF around the world, and the fact that the EU HRF industry has significant available capacity.

C. INTERESTED PARTIES

a. THE COMPLAINANTS

12. The Complainants are: ThyssenKrupp Steel Europe AG, Voestalpine Stahl GmbH, ArcelorMittal Czech Republic, ArcelorMittal Poland S.A., ArcelorMittal Romania, ArcelorMittal Belgium, ArcelorMittal France, ArcelorMittal Eisenhüttenstadt GmbH, ArcelorMittal Piombino S.p.a., ArcelorMittal Espana, Tata Steel Netherlands, Tata Steel UK, United States Steel Kosice, ILVA, Salzgitter AG, Hoesch Hohenlimburg

b. THE EXPORTING PRODUCERS

13. The exporting producers in Iran, Russia, Ukraine, Serbia and Brazil are:

Exporting Producers	Country
Mobarakeh Steel Company (MSC)	Iran
Ilyich Iron and Steel Works (Ilyich)	Ukraine
Zaporizhstal Iron and Steel Works	Ukraine
Zelezara Smederevo	Serbia

OAO Severstal	Russia
Novolipetsk Steel (NLMK)	Russia
Magnitogorsk Iron & Steel Works OJSC (MMK)	Russia
Companhia Nacional Siderurgica (CSN)	Brazil
Usiminas (formerly known as Usinas Siderurgicas de Minas Gerais SA)	Brazil
ArcelorMittal Tubarão	Brazil