

**Executive Summary** of the *ex officio* file concerning the possible circumvention of anti-dumping measures imposed by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1267 of 26 July 2019 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of tungsten electrodes 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 tungsten electrodes originating in the People's Republic of China via transshipment via Laos, Thailand and India and to make such imports subject to registration.

The product concerned by the possible circumvention is tungsten welding electrodes, including tungsten bars and rods for welding electrodes, containing 94% or more by weight of tungsten, other than those obtained simply by sintering, whether or not cut to length, currently falling under CN codes ex 8101 99 10 and ex 8515 90 80 (TARIC codes 8101 99 10 10 and 8515 90 80 10) and originating in the People's Republic of China ('the product concerned').

The product is used in welding and similar processes, including tungsten inert gas (TIG) shielded arc welding, plasma arc welding and cutting. These processes are operated in a wide variety of industrial sectors such as construction, shipbuilding, automobile manufacturing, marine, chemical and nuclear engineering and aerospace as well as oil and gas pipelines.

The information collected in the latest expiry review investigation strongly suggests that Chinese producers export to the EU via other third countries. In addition, internal mission reports, from the case teams in the expiry review investigation, and salesmen's reports supporting this claim are on file, including names of EU importers which allegedly are involved in this practice. There seems to be no due cause or economic justification for transshipment of tungsten electrodes from the PRC via those other third countries than the existence of anti-dumping duties on imports from China.

#### List of known parties to the investigation without contact details

Union producers:

- Plansee SE
- Gesellschaft fuer Wolfram Industrie mbH.

The Exporting Producers:

- ATTL Advanced Materials Co., Ltd. (formerly AT&M and Beijing Tianlong), Advanced Technology & Materials (AT&M) International Trading Co. Ltd, Baoji Nonferrous Metals Works, Baoji Tianrui Nonferrous Metal Materials Co., Ltd.
- Beijing Advanced Metal Materials Co. Ltd. (BAM)
- Beijing MMT Metals & Minerals Import & Export Co. Ltd.
- Beijing Sunstone Tungsten Molybdenum CO.,LTD
- Beijing Tian-Long tungsten & molybdenum Co., Ltd. (TLWM) B
- Beijing Topone Tungsten & Molybdenum Technology Co., Ltd.

- BGRIMM (Beijing General Research Institute of mining and metallurgy)
- BMM Welding Material Company Chengdu Hongbo Industrial Co., Ltd.
- ChinaTungsten Online (Xiamen) Manu. & Sales Corp.
- Dezhou Huarui Tungsten and Molybdenum Technology Co., Ltd
- Ganzhou Hongfei Tungsten & Molybdenum Materials Co., Ltd.
- Hubei Fotma Machinery Co. Ltd.
- JiangSu BTMMF Advanced Materials Science & Technology CO.,LTD
- Jinduicheng Molybdenum Mining Guangming (Shandong) Co. Ltd.
- Ningbo East Machinery & Equipment Import & Export Corp.
- Shaanxi Taibai Tungsten Products Factory Shaanxi Yuheng Tungsten & Molybdenum Industrial Co., Ltd (YHTMC)
- Shandong Huaye Tungsten & Molybdenum incorporated company
- Shandong JiuFeng Tungsten&Molybdenum co.,Ltd
- Shandong Maike Non-ferrous Metal Technology Co., LTD
- Shandong Weldstone Tungsten Industry Co., Ltd.
- Weihai Multicrystal Tungsten & Molybdenum Technologies Co.,Ltd
- Winner Tungsten Product Co.,Ltd
- Xiamen Honglu Tungsten-Molybdenum Industry Co., Ltd.