

AD FESI REQUEST CONCERNING IMPORTS OF FERRO-SILICON ORIGINATING IN THE PR CHINA AND RUSSIA

1. Product description and uses

The product concerned is a Ferro-alloy defined according to the nomenclature (i.e. tariff headings 72 02 21 and 72 02 29).

It is produced in electric arc furnaces by means of reducing quartz by various carbon bearing products. It is sold in the form of lumps, grains or powder. Internationally-recognised specifications exist for various qualities on the basis of the impurity content: iron, aluminium, calcium.

Almost all the production is used for the production of steels (75%) and foundries (about 20%; other uses about 5%). The alloying element is silicon, which is either introduced into steels which require it as an alloying element or used for steel deoxidation by the iron and steel industry.

There are two main products. Ferro-silicon 75% with a silicon content of 75% and Ferro-silicon 65% with 65% silicon. Other qualities are Ferro-silicon 45% and Ferro-silicon 15%. The latter two products are imported under Heading 72 02 29 and are much smaller in terms of volume. Ferro-silicon 75% and Ferro-silicon 65% are imported under heading 72 02 21 and constitute the bulk of imports.

EU producers produce essentially Ferro-silicon 75%. This product constitutes almost 95% of total EU production. Exceptionally EU producers will produce some Ferro-silicon 65%, when they have difficulties in the furnace during the production process, but this remains by far the exception.

The same is the case for the imports from the two countries concerned.

However, for the sake of all calculations, adjustments were introduced in relation to imports falling under CN 72 02 29 to ensure calculations are all performed on a 75% Si basis.

2. Summary of the complaint

EUROALLIAGES (the "Complainant"), on behalf of Union producers of Ferro-silicon ("FeSi"), requests that the European Commission ("Commission") extends the antidumping duty pursuant to article 11(2) of Council regulation (EC) no 1225/2009 concerning imports of Ferro-silicon from the People's Republic of China ("the PR China") and Russia, with a view to extend the AD measures for a five-year period.

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The existing measures have been imposed by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) no 360/2014 of 9 April 2014 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of Ferro-silicon originating in the PR China and Russia.

Russia and the PR China are both a serious threat in terms of volume: neither the evolution of the Russian and Chinese domestic consumption nor the available forecasts as regards their exports policy can lead to reasonably believe that the EU market will not be targeted should the AD measure be allowed to lapse.

Furthermore, the saturation of other markets, the existence of huge and idle capacities in both markets, the increased competition on non-EU markets with new players (Malaysia, the expected new Kazakh facility...), the measures taken by the US against Chinese exports and the likely removal of the Chinese export tax are further incentives to increase their penetration of the EU market in the absence of AD measures.

Regarding Russian and Chinese pricing policy, the available information regarding prices in other export markets show a recurrent trend to export at dumped conditions. As regards the PR China in particular, the likely removal of the export tax will substantially decrease their – already - low level of export prices. This mere fact, combined with recurrent and substantial overcapacities, all the more support the likelihood of continuation of dumping in the absence of AD measures.

The combination of expected increased exports of Russian and Chinese Ferro-silicon into the EU at dumped prices shall generate material injury to the Union industry in the absence of measures.

3. Interested parties

EU PRODUCERS
FERROPEM
FERROATLANTICA S.L.
OFZ, a.s. Istebné
RE ALLOYS SP. Z O.O.
RAW MATERIAL SUPPLIERS - EU
VUM a.s. (electrode paste)
DANMAX STEEL s.r.o.(scales)
Polska Grupa Górnicza S.A. (coal)
CMC Zawiercie S.A. (scales and bars)
PCC Silicium S.A. (quartzite)
Cobex Polska Sp. z o.o. (former SGL Carbon Polska Sp. z o.o.) (carbon goods)
STA-ODLEWNIE Sp. z o.o (contact plates)
Zakłady Urządzeń Przemysłowych ZAM Kęty Sp. z o.o. (contact plates)
ZPW Trzuskawica S.A. (limestone)
CELSA Huta Ostrowiec Sp. z o.o. (scales and bars)
Tolkachevskiy GOK (quartzite)

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RAMSA (quartz for the FeSi production)
RUSSIAN PRODUCERS
JSC Bratsk ferroalloy plant
JSC "CHEMK" (Cheliabinsky Electro- Chelyabinsk Metallurgical kombinat)
JSC Kuznetskie ferrosplavy
JSC Serov ferroalloys plant
Novolipetsky steel works
Yurga
CHINESE PRODUCERS
Anyang Lishi Industrial Co Ltd
Anyan Pengyu Manganese Co Ltd
Asia Metallurgical Co Ltd
Augmul International Trading Co Ltd
Baiyin Xinyuan FerroAlloys C° Ltd
Hangzhou Zhichuang Metals Materials C° Ltd
Jiangyin ReDe Alloys Material C° Ltd
Jilin Province Dongfen Iron Alloy C° Ltd
Lanzhou Sunrising FerroAlloy C° Ltd
Ningxia Hui-Ye Magnesium Marketing Group C° Ltd JSC
Ningxia Jinjing Metallurgicals & Minerals Industrial C° Ltd
On Faith Development Ltd
Shijiazhuang kelichuangxin chemicals C° Ltd
Sinosteel Corp.
Sinosteel Jilin Ferroalloy Corp. Ltd
Xiamen Vonstones C° Ltd
Xi'an Aoqin Furnace Charge C° Ltd
Zhufeng Special FerroAlloy C° Ltd
IMPORTERS AND TRADERS INTO THE EU
Voest-Alpine Intertrading AG
L und M, RohstOffhandelsgesellSchAft.mbH
Stahl-und Walzwerk Marienhutte GmbH
VOEST-Alpine RohstoffbeschAffungs.GmbH
Bohler Edelstahl GmbH
DECOMETAL AUSSENHANDELS GmbH
M.P. Diffusion sprl
ASE Metals NV
De-Metal s.r.o.
KORESTA TRADE, s.r.o.
FERCOM a.s.
PROCENTO, spol. s r.o.
CORY CZ spol. s r.o.
METOS, v.o.s.
METALIMEX a.s.
GRADIENT a.s.

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MT-Metal Trade, s.r.o.
Mittal Steel Ostrava a.s.
TRINECKE ZELEZARNY, a.s.
ZDB a.s.
VÍTKOVICE STEEL, a.s.,
Meca-Trade OY
Glencore France SA
Mittal Steel Ruhrort
Mittal Steel Hamburg
thyssenkrupp Materials Trading GmbH
Micon GmbH Metallurgie Und Rohstoffe
Lemetco GmbH
L&M Rohstoffhandels GmbH
F.W. Hempel & Co, Erze und Metalle (GmbH & Co)
Ferrostaal AG
DEUMU Deutsche Erz und Metall Union
FERMET ROHSTOFFHANDEL GmbH
FOUNDEX Mûszaki
Chemet - Ozd Kft (vystupovali aj pod Chemet-Trade Kft èi METCORE Ltd.)
Casting Kft.
DUNAFERR Co. Ltd.
Dunaferr Trading House Co. Ltd.
Forsteel srl
FACI Europe S.p.A.
AL.FA Laminati srl
Metalleghè S.p.A.
Gerli Metalli spa
Carbotrade S.p.a.
Compagnie Commerciali Associate Srl
SELCA SPA
TINFOS NIZI S.A.
FIRST INDUSTRIAL S.A.
TRAXYS Europe SA
SILINGEN Polska Sp. z .o.o.
ZTO PROMET Sp. z .o.o.
POLAND ALLOYS Sp. z o.o.
SENEM COMPONENT S W.
Huta L.W. (a Arcelor subsidiary)
Ferrostal Labyd S.A.
Celsa "Huta Ostrowiec" Sp. z o.o.
Huta Czestochowa S.A.
CMC Poland S.A.
Mittal Steel Poland SA
Techservice, s. r. o.

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PROMET SLOVAKIA, s.r.o.
Befare 777 spol. s r.o.
Slovenergo spol.s.r.o.
Zeleziarne Podbrezova, a.s.
Seanergy Slovakia s.r.o.
Medium Trade s.r.o.
Kovintrade Zunanja Trgovina d.d.
Carbomax AB
Scandinavian Steel AB
Beijer Chemapol AB
Stemcor GmbH
FerroMet AB
Sonaco Trading AB
A & S Metallurgical Resources Ltd.
RONLY HOLDINGS LTD