

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE REINVESTIGATION REQUEST  
UNDER ARTICLE 12 OF REGULATION 1225/2009 (ANTI- ABSORPTION) INTO STAINLESS  
STEEL COLD-ROLLED FLAT PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN TAIWAN**

**A. THE PRODUCT CONCERNED**

1. The product subject to the current proceeding is flat-rolled products of stainless steel, not further worked than cold-rolled (cold-reduced) originating in Taiwan, currently falling within CN codes 7219 31 00, 7219 32 10, 7219 32 90, 7219 33 10, 7219 33 90, 7219 34 10, 7219 34 90, 7219 35 10, 7219 35 90, 7220 20 21, 7220 20 29, 7220 20 41, 7220 20 49, 7220 20 81 and 7220 20 89.
2. Stainless steel cold-rolled flat products (“SSCR”) are used in a wide range of applications, for example in the production of household appliances (for example the interior of washing machines and dishwashers), welded tubes and medical devices as well as in the food processing and automotive industries.
3. The original investigation also showed that the different types of the product concerned all share the same basic physical, chemical and technical characteristics and are basically used for the same purposes.

**B. CASE SUMMARY**

4. **Standing:** This complaint is brought by The European Steel Association (Eurofer) on behalf Union producers representing > 50 % of the total Union production of SSCR. An overwhelming majority of EU production (close to 90%) supports the complaint.
5. **Evidence of Absorption:** trade statistics show that the export prices from Taiwan fell considerably after the imposition of duties compared to their price during the original investigation period. The complainants also analyzed the prices at which Taiwanese exports were offered in the EU. These prices (when adjusted back to ex works) corroborate the picture seen in Taiwanese export prices, i.e. absorption. This absorption, combined with increasing volumes of Taiwanese exports to the EU, has had a negative impact on the complainants.
6. **There are no other known reasons that might justify the low export prices from Taiwan since the imposition of anti-dumping measures:** The applicants have provided evidence showing that falling prices cannot be explained by movements in raw material prices, exchange rate fluctuations, changes in Taiwanese local costs, changes in the conventional import duty, changes in the product mix, changes in the Taiwanese exporters’ channels of distribution, increased sales by Chia Far, absorption by importers or any factor other than absorption.

**C. THE COMPLAINANTS**

7. Acerinox Europa S.A., Aperam Stainless Europe, and Acciai Speciali Terni S.p.a.

**D. THE EXPORTING PRODUCERS IN TAIWAN**

8. Tang Eng Iron Works Co., Yieh United Steel Corporation, Chang Mien Industries Co. and Tung Mun Development Co.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Taiwanese producer Chia Far Industrial Factory Co., Ltd, is not subject to anti-dumping duties and is not absorbing.