

Executive Summary

of the

**Complaint under Article 5 of Regulation 2016/1036 concerning
continuous filament glass fibre products from China and Egypt**

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1. The product concerned and the like product

The product concerned by this Complaint is certain continuous filament glass fibre products ("GFR"): chopped glass fibre strands, of a length of not more than 50 mm ("chopped strands"); glass fibre rovings, excluding glass fibre rovings which are impregnated and coated and have a loss on ignition of more than 3% (as determined by the ISO Standard 1887) ("rovings"); and mats made of glass fibre filaments excluding mats of glass wool ("mats"), originating in Bahrain and Egypt ("the subject countries").

Chopped strands are continuous glass strands chopped to a desired length and available with different surface treatments to ensure compatibility with most resin systems. These can be dry use chopped strands or wet use chopped strands.

Roving are continuous glass strands, gathered together, without any mechanical twist and wound, to form a tubular cylindrical package.

Mats of filament are chopped or continuous bonded strands.

Chopped strands are currently classified under Combined Nomenclature (CN) code 7019 1100; rovings under CN code ex 7019 1200 and mats under CN code 7019 3100.

All forms of GFR are produced by the same basic manufacturing process from molten glass and have the same basic physical, chemical and technical characteristics. The main use of the product concerned is as raw materials to reinforce thermoplastic and thermoset resins in the composites industry. They constitute one single product for the purpose of this Complaint.

2. Summary of Complaint

The European Glass Fibre Producers Association ("APFE"), an association of EU producers of continuous filament glass fibre products, has evidence that imports of GFR from Bahrain and Egypt are dumped and have caused material injury to the EU industry.

Therefore, APFE, on behalf of its members, requests that the European Commission ("Commission") initiate an anti-dumping ("AD") investigation pursuant to Article 5 of the Basic Regulation with a view to the imposition of AD measures for a five-year period ("the Complaint").

There is currently only one GFR producer in Bahrain, CPIC Bahrain, and only one GFR producer in Egypt, Jushi Egypt.

CPIC Bahrain is a subsidiary of CPIC China, a Chinese State-owned enterprise. The Bahrain plant has a production capacity of approximately 75,000 MT. The large majority of the production is sold to the EU at highly dumped and undercutting prices.

Jushi Egypt is a subsidiary of the Jushi group, a Chinese State-owned enterprise. Jushi has repeatedly stated in the press that Jushi Egypt was built exclusively to supply countries that imposed trade defence measures against GFR from China, namely the EU and Turkey. The plant was built in 2013/14 and reached a capacity of 200,000 MT GFR in 2017/18. The large majority of that production is exported to the EU at highly dumped and undercutting prices.

The heavily dumped and undercutting imports of GFR from the subject countries have strongly increased between 2015 and 2018 (period under consideration) and have caused material injury to the EU industry.

EU GFR producers are losing market share and profitability at alarming rates and this situation is not sustainable. GFR are a relatively recent innovation, a 21st century light-weight construction material that requires substantial R&D and investment. At the current rate of EU market penetration by dumped and undercutting GFR from the subject countries, the EU industry will not be able to generate the reasonable profits that would allow them to survive.

3. Interested parties

EU GFR producers
3B Fibreglass Company Sprl
DBW Fiber Neuhaus GmbH
European Owens Corning Fiberglas SPRL
Johns Manville Slovakia
Johns Manville (Schuller GmbH)
Krosglass SA
LANXESS Deutschland GmbH
P+D Fibre Glass Group P - D Glasseiden GmbH Oschatz
NEG Glass Fiber Glass
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GFR producers in the subject countries
CPIC Abahsain Fiberglass M.E., W.L.L.
Jushi Egypt for Fiberglass Industry S.A.E.
EU distributors of GFR
Advanced Plastics
Azelis Italia srl
Helm AG
FRP Services & Company
UNIVAR
EU users of GFR
Aksys GmbH
Amitech Germany GmbH
Basell Polyolefine GmbH
BASF AG
Chomarat Composites
Dipex sro
DSM Composite Resins
Du Pont De Nemours INT SA
Exel Oy Maentyharju
F.S Fehrer Automotive Systems GmbH
Fiberline Composites A/S
Fibrover Coop. s.c.r.l.
Fothergill Engineered Fabrics Ltd
Fpksa
Gamma Tensor S.L.
Gazechim Composites S.A.
GDP
Hexel
Iniziative Industrial Spa
Isola Fabrics SRL
ItaldrySrL
James Dewhurst Ltd
Joh. Klinghuber & Soehne
Lamilux
Lati Spa

Lonza Compounds
Menzolit GMBH
Mixt Composites Recyclables
Multiple Windings Co Ltd
Omfa Fabrics
Polyone
Porcher Industries
Protesa
Rhodia Engineering Plastics S.A.
Röchling Engineering Plastics KG
Sabic Europe
Saertex GmbH
Sairp
Sori Societa' Resine Industriali Spa
Top Glass Spa
Valmieras Stikia Skiedra
Vitrex SpA
Vyncolit
Zaklady Tkanin Technicznych

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