

Executive summary of the anti-dumping complaint concerning the imports of flat-rolled products of aluminium originating in China

1. Product concerned

The product concerned is Aluminium flat-rolled product (“FRP”) and is defined as follows: Aluminium products, flat rolled, whether or not alloyed, whether or not further worked than flat rolled,

– in coils or in coiled strips, in cut-to-length sheets, or in the form of circles; of a thickness of 0,2 mm or more but not more than 6 mm;

– in plates, of a thickness of more than 6 mm;

– in coils or in coiled strips, of a thickness of not less than 0,03 mm but less than 0,2 mm;

The CN codes concerned are all codes of 7606 (rolled products) except 7606 12 11 and 7606 12 19; and CN code ex-7607 11 90 is also concerned. Applicable CN Codes: 7606 11 10; 7606 11 91; 7606 11 93; 7606 11 99; 7606 12 20; ex-7606 12 92; ex-7606 12 93; ex-7606 12 99; 7606 91 00; ex-7606 92 00; and ex-7607 11 90.

The following products are excluded:

– Aluminium beverage can body stock, end stock and tab stock, currently falling under CN codes 7606 12 11 and 7606 12 19.

– Aluminium products, flat rolled, alloyed, whether or not further worked than flat rolled, of a thickness of not less than 0.2 mm and not more than 6 mm, for use as body panels in the automotive industry, currently falling under CN codes ex 7606 12 92, ex 7606 12 93, ex 7606 12 99, ex 7606 92 00.

– Aluminium products, flat rolled, alloyed, whether or not further worked than flat rolled, of a thickness of not less than 0.8 mm, for use in the manufacture of aircraft parts, currently falling under CN codes ex 7606 12 92, ex 7606 12 93, ex 7606 12 99, ex 7606 92 00.

2. Case Summary

Applicants and standing

The applicants are the European aluminium association which acts on behalf of twelve Union producers of FRP's. They represent 80% of total EU industry of FRP.

Evidence of dumping

The application presents evidence that Chinese exports are dumped at substantial levels which vary between 27.66 % and 68.70%, depending on the type of FRP. The weighted average dumping margin for FRP is 64.71% during 2019.

Injury and causation

European Aluminium showed that its industry suffered material injury caused by dumped imports from China. The injury is caused by heavy undercutting and underselling by Chinese imports. This has had an impact on the situation of the EU producers which lost market share over the period considered and are making a profit, which is well below the normal profit margin for this industry. This puts the industry's investments at risk and threatens the long-term viability of the EU industry.

The prices of imports from China are consistently below the average price of all other imports by on average 25% throughout the 4 year period considered for the assessment of injury and causation. China is the only country increasing its share in imports, other trade partners have a stable pattern, or decreased their exports to the EU.

European Aluminium is of the view that there are no other factors adversely affecting the situation of the Union industry. The exports by EU producers outside the EU which account for about 18% of total sales show that the EU industry is competitive in markets which are not affected by unfair trade practices.

Other imports into the EU are made at prices well above Chinese prices, to a level similar to the average sales price of the Union industry.

There are consequently no other factors causing the injury to the EU producers.

3. Interested parties

Applicants

The applicant is European Aluminium on behalf of 12 European producers: Alcomet, Novelis Group, Aleris Aluminium Duffel BV, Aludium, Amag rolling GmbH, Bridgenorth Aluminium Ltd, Constellium Group, Elvahalcor SA, Gränges Sweden AB, Hydro Group, Impexmetal S.A. and Impol Aluminium.

Exporting producers

The exporting producers known to be concerned are :

Shandong Nanshan Aluminum Co., Ltd.

UACJ Corporation/ Tri-Arrows Aluminum Inc. (Tri-Arrows)

Henan Zhongfu Industrial Co., Ltd.

Binzhou Weiqiao Aluminium Science & Technology Co., Ltd.

China Zhongwang Holdings Limited

Chinalco Group
Henan Mingtai Aluminum Industrial Co., Ltd.
Jiangsu Dingsheng New Energy Materials
Zhejiang Dongliang New Material
Shandong Weiqiao Aluminum & Electricity
Tianjin Zhongwang Aluminium Industry
Kobelco
Asia Aluminum company ltd
Yongjie-aluminium
Guangdong Guangyun New
Xuzhou Bozhan Aluminum technology Co
Zhengzhou Haomei industrial Co
Shandong Aipurui new materials company
Zhangjiagang Rainsun Metal technology
Zhejiang Hanlv aluminium industry co
Xichuan Aluminum Group
Jiangsu Alcha Aluminum Group Co Ltd
Shanghai Huafon Aluminium Corporation
Wuxi Yinbang Aluminium Co LTD
Guangdong HEC Technology Holding Co Ltd
Dalishen Aluminum CO.,Ltd
Nantong Hengxiu Aluminum Heat Transfer Material Co., Ltd
LuoYang Wanji
CS aluminium
Nort East Light Alloy
Southwest Aluminium
Liuzhou Yin Hai
Ningxia Jinning Juke New Material Co LTD
China Aluminum Ruimin Co., Ltd
Luoyang Longding Aluminium Co LTD
Gongyi Wanda Aluminium Co LTD
Henan Xintai