

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE REQUEST FOR A PARTIAL INTERIM
REVIEW LIMITED IN SCOPE TO THE EXAMINATION OF THE LEVEL OF THE
ANTI-DUMPING (“AD”) MEASURES APPLICABLE TO IMPORTS OF HOT-
ROLLED FLAT STEEL PRODUCTS (“HRFS”) ORIGINATING IN RUSSIA, AND
EXPORTED BY PAO SEVERSTAL TO THE EU**

A. THE PRODUCT CONCERNED

1. The product concerned is defined as certain flat-rolled products of iron, non-alloy steel or other alloy steel, whether or not in coils (including ‘cut-to-length’ and ‘narrow strip’ products), not further worked than hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated.¹ The product concerned is currently classified within CN codes 7208 10 00, 7208 25 00, 7208 26 00, 7208 27 00, 7208 36 00, 7208 37 00, 7208 38 00, 7208 39 00, 7208 40 00, 7208 52 10, 7208 52 99, 7208 53 10, 7208 53 90, 7208 54 00, 7211 13 00, 7211 14 00, 7211 19 00, ex 7225 19 10 (TARIC code 7225 19 10 90), 7225 30 90, ex 7225 40 60 (TARIC code 7225 40 60 90), 7225 40 90, ex 7226 19 10 (TARIC code 7226 19 10 90), 7226 91 91 and 7226 91 99. This is the same product scope as AD630 and AD635.
2. Hot-rolled flat products are produced by first casting steel with a specific steel grade specification. Subsequently, hot steel will pass through many consecutive sets of rolls. Hot-rolled flat products are made by continuously rolling the slab in the rolling mills. HRF will often be coiled up at the end of the rolling for easier transportation.
3. HRF is produced both as a feedstock (e.g., for cold rolled coil and coated coil), and for direct use in a variety of industrial applications including, e.g. steel tubes used in construction, shipbuilding, gas containers, pressure vessels and energy pipelines, among others.

B. CASE SUMMARY

4. **Standing:** This partial interim review request (“review request”) is brought by the European Steel Association (“EUROFER”), on behalf of EU HRFS producers (“the Applicants”), representing an overwhelming majority of EU HRFS production.
5. **Scope:** The review request is limited in scope to the examination of dumping by the Russian HRFS exporting producer Severstal. The review request argues that the existing AD measures on imports of HRFS produced and exported by Severstal are no longer sufficient to counteract the dumping, and should be increased. According to the request, this requires that the European Commission (“Commission”) initiate an interim review to adjust the AD rate calculated for Severstal in the original investigation (AD 635) to ensure that the measures remain effective.
6. **Grounds for the request:** The evidence collected by the applicants shows that imports from Russia, produced and exported by Severstal, are sold in the EU at considerably dumped prices; levels of dumping, which were not present at the time of imposition of definitive duties. In addition, Severstal’s HRFS exports to the EU have increased dramatically. The review request further demonstrates the existence of changed circumstances that have led Severstal to massively increase its dumping, compared to

¹ The product concerned does not include: (i) products of stainless steel and grain-oriented silicon electrical steel; (ii) products of tool steel and high-speed steel; (iii) products, not in coils, without patterns in relief, of a thickness exceeding 10 mm and of a width of 600 mm or more; and (iv) products, not in coils, without patterns in relief, of a thickness of 4,75 mm or more but not exceeding 10 mm and of a width of 2 050 mm or more.

the IP in the original AD case. These include a strategic decision by Severstal to focus on exports to the EU, a decision to increase its own capacity despite sluggish domestic demand, and a domestic market with less competition. These changed circumstances that lead to increased dumping by Severstal are of a lasting nature.

7. Finally, the evidence provided in the review request demonstrates that the existing measure is no longer sufficient to counteract the dumping by Severstal. The level of the measures should therefore be amended as far as Severstal is concerned to ensure that they remain effective.

C. INTERESTED PARTIES

a. THE APPLICANTS

8. The Applicants are: ThyssenKrupp Steel Europe AG, Liberty Steel Czech Republic, AM Poland (ArcelorMittal Poland S.A.), Liberty Steel Romania, AM Belgium (covers sites in Liege and Gent), AM France (ArcelorMittal Atlantique & Lorraine), AM Germany (ArcelorMittal Eisenhüttenstadt GmbH), AM Spain (covering lines at ArcelorMittal Asturias and ArcelorMittal Lesaka), Tata Steel Netherlands, United States Steel Kosice, Salzgitter AG, Hoesch Hohenlimburg, and AcciaieriaArvedi S.p.A.

b. THE EXPORTING PRODUCER

9. The exporting producer is PAO Severstal in Russia.