

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE ANTI-DUMPING COMPLAINT CONCERNING
IMPORTS OF CERTAIN CORROSION RESISTANT STEELS (“CRS”) FROM TURKEY
AND RUSSIA

1. Product concerned

Product subject to the complaint: The product concerned is defined as flat-rolled products of iron or alloy steel or non-alloy steel; plated or coated by hot dip galvanisation with zinc and/or aluminium and/or magnesium, whether or not alloyed with silicon; chemically passivated; with or without any additional surface treatment such as oiling or sealing; containing by weight: not more than 0,5 % of carbon, not more than 1,1 % of aluminium, not more than 0,12 % of niobium, not more than 0,17 % of titanium and not more than 0,15 % of vanadium; presented in coils, cut-to-length sheets and narrow strips originating in Turkey and Russia.¹ The product concerned is currently classified within CN codes: ex 7210 41 00, ex 7210 49 00, ex 7210 61 00, ex 7210 69 00, ex 7210 90 80, ex 7212 30 00, ex 7212 50 61, ex 7212 50 69, ex 7212 50 90, ex 7225 92 00, ex 7225 99 00, ex 7226 99 30, ex 7226 99 70 (TARIC codes: 7210 41 00 20, 7210 41 00 30, 7210 49 00 20, 7210 49 00 30, 7210 61 00 20, 7210 61 00 30, 7210 69 00 20, 7210 69 00 30, 7210 90 80 92, 7212 30 00 20, 7212 30 00 30, 7212 50 61 20, 7212 50 61 30, 7212 50 69 20, 7212 50 69 30, 7212 50 90 14, 7212 50 90 92, 7225 92 00 20, 7225 92 00 30, 7225 99 00 22, 7225 99 00 23, 7225 99 00 41, 7225 99 00 92, 7225 99 00 93, 7226 99 30 10, 7226 99 30 30, 7226 99 70 13, 7226 99 70 93, 7226 99 70 94).

CRS is produced by coating flat rolled steel coils, sheets and strip by immersion in a bath of molten metal or metal alloy of zinc. The product is mainly used in the construction sector for various cladding building materials, and also for manufacturing domestic appliances, deep-drawing and stamping processes and small welded pipes. This is the same product scope as R705.

2. Case summary

Standing: This complaint is brought by the European Steel Association (“EUROFER”) on behalf of the complainant EU producers of CRS products, which represent more than 40% of the EU CRS production.

Dumping: CRS imports from Turkey and Russia were sold in the EU at significantly dumped prices, with average dumping margins of approximately 18% for Turkey, and 23% for Russia in the IP (2020). The dumping by Turkish and Russian imports is clearly illustrated by the provided evidence (based on widely used and authoritative market data).

Injury and causation: The EU CRS industry is suffering present material injury, which is due to the dumped imports originating in Turkey and Russia. Dumped CRS imports from Turkey and Russia surged onto the EU market over the last four years, exploited the COVID crisis by increasing their volumes during a period of stagnant demand, undercut EU producers consistently and thereby put continuous pressure on EU producers. As a result, EU producers lost market share in the period considered, and their financial situation deteriorated significantly, reaching a low point in the IP. There is a clear causal link between the industry’s dire situation and CRS imports from Turkey and Russia, which grew substantially in volume and in market share at ever decreasing prices throughout the period considered.

¹ The product concerned does not include: (i) of stainless steel, of silicon-electrical steel, and of high-speed steel; and (ii) not further worked than hot-rolled or cold-rolled (cold-reduced).

Union interest: The complaint demonstrates that non-imposition of measures will hurt the Union industry, which will continue to suffer material injury by reason of the subject imports. The imposition of anti-dumping measures should not prevent Turkish and Russian imports from entering the EU, and will have a minimal impact on downstream users' costs.

3. Interested parties

Complainants: The Complainants are: Salzgitter AG, ArcelorMittal, United States Steel Kosice, and Acciaieria Arvedi.

Exporting Producers: The Exporting Producers in Turkey are: Erdemir, Tosyalı, MMK Metalurji, Tatmetal, Borçelik Çelik, Atakaş, Yıldız Demir Çelik, Tezcan A.Ş, and Assan Demir AS. The Exporting Producers in Russia are: PAO Severstal, NLMK, MMK, and Samara Reservoir Zavod.