

Question for written answer E-003927/2025

to the Commission

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Subject: Unfair competition from subsidised stainless steel imports via Taiwan

European stainless steel producers are facing unfair competition due to massive imports of artificially low-priced stainless steel from Asia. These exports, heavily subsidised by both China and Indonesia, are being transported via Taiwan to bypass the EU's trade defence measures. Despite the Commission recognising this circumvention in 2024, most Taiwanese producers were made exempt from duties, creating a severe competitive disadvantage for European producers, who since 2024, are now reportedly operating at a loss, putting thousands of jobs and strategic European industrial capacity at risk.

In this context:

1. What immediate steps will the Commission take to ensure that the anti-circumvention measures adopted in 2024 are revised promptly, so that exemptions for Taiwanese exporters that benefit indirectly from Chinese and Indonesian subsidies are lifted?
2. How will the Commission ensure that the new mechanism planned to address global overcapacity, expected only in 2026, does not come too late for the stainless steel sector, and that interim solutions are put in place to safeguard producers?

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