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to the Commission**

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Subject: Safeguard measures on manganese and silicon-based alloying elements

In December 2024, the Commission initiated a safeguard investigation concerning imports of manganese and silicon-based alloying elements, as requested by some Member States. The Commission was obliged to take the necessary decisions no later than nine months from that date, unless there were exceptional circumstances, in which case that time limit could be extended by a maximum period of two months.

As of 13 October 2025, no measures have been taken by the Commission and the deadline has been extended. In the meantime, the production of manganese and silicon-based alloying elements has stopped in the EU, with at least 450 workers now temporarily laid off. Those alloying elements are yet to be considered by the Commission as critical raw materials that are important for Europe's defence industry.

The US acted swiftly and implemented active anti-dumping duty orders on silicomanganese.

In this context:

1. Can the Commission explain the exceptional circumstances justifying the extension of the aforementioned deadline?
2. Why has the Commission not applied provisional safeguard measures for this sector?
3. To what extent has the Commission considered introducing shorter investigation deadlines for safeguard measures and including global prices together with import trends in its safeguard investigation, as valid options for better protecting EU industry in the current global context?

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