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Subject: Suspension of silicon metal production in Europe and safeguards for industries linked to critical raw materials

In December 2024, the Commission initiated a safeguard investigation into imports of manganese- and silicon-based alloys. This has been extended by two months, with an implementing regulation expected by 18 November 2025 at the latest. The Commission believes it has ‘sufficient evidence’ to prove that these imports, at prices significantly lower than the EU market price, are causing or likely to cause serious harm to European producers.

Against this backdrop, Ferroglobe has suspended silicon metal production in Europe, temporarily closing its Anglefort, Clavaux and Montricher plants and placing 450 French employees on enforced part time.

However, although silicon is on the list of strategic raw materials in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2024/1252, this framework does not provide for any specific safeguards for the industrial plants concerned, which are exposed to asymmetric global competition.

1. Is the Commission considering emergency measures, including trade-defence measures, to protect industries linked to critical materials?

2. Could the preventive mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund be considered?

3. Does the Commission intend to adapt the rules on state aid to authorise targeted support or public equity investments?

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