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to the Commission**

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Subject: Effects of new EU proposal on steel processing industry

The proposal for a regulation addressing the negative trade-related effects of global overcapacity on the Union steel market (2025/0726 (COD)) combines reduced quotas and increased import duties.

Although the objective of supporting the steel industry is legitimate, these measures – which are focused on raw materials and certain semi-finished products – could be detrimental to the downstream sector, driving up costs and bringing about a shift towards imported finished products that fall outside the scope of the regulation.

Meanwhile, communications entitled ‘Delivering on the Clean Industrial Deal I’ (COM(2025)0378) and ‘A European Steel and Metals Action Plan’ (COM(2025)0125) state that the carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) will be extended to downstream products and that an instrument to address carbon leakage in exports will be introduced.

1. Does the Commission intend to include finished steel products in the 2025/0726 (COD) proposal in order to prevent unfavourable arbitrage between taxed inputs and finished goods that fall outside the scope of the regulation?
2. Will the CBAM’s extension to finished products be accompanied by targeted support for processors so that they remain competitive against imports?
3. Does the Commission plan to bring in measures to stimulate demand in order to better align steel production with processing and prevent weakening of the downstream sector?

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