

Question for written answer E-004503/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Trade measures on steel products and their economic implications for the downstream industries and broader supply chain

The Commission's recently proposed trade measures on steel products have raised concerns among the EU's trading partners and among downstream industries within the EU.

In this context:

1. Has the Commission carried out any impact assessment regarding the potential cost increases for downstream industries and, consequently, for EU consumers resulting from these measures?
2. Has the Commission assessed the potential impact on supply chains involving the EU's preferential trading partners, particularly in view of the deep supply chain integration between the EU and several of its key external partners, not only in the steel sector but also across industries relying on steel as an essential input?
3. Given that any tariff increase on steel products of up to 50 % would require negotiations under World Trade Organization rules and/or EU trade agreements, and considering that in the case of preferential trade agreements granting full market access for steel products it would not be possible to offer our counterparts any further concessions in this sector regardless of the size of tariff-rate quotas, has the Commission analysed the potential implications of having to provide compensatory concessions in other sectors, as well as the associated risk of market access losses for EU industries in third countries?

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