

Question for written answer E-004954/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Application of newly adopted safeguard measures on imports of ferro-alloying elements to the Everything But Arms beneficiary countries

The Commission has recently adopted safeguard measures on the imports of certain ferro-alloying elements, citing serious injury or threat thereof to EU producers.

Regulation (EU) No 978/2012¹ establishing the Generalised Scheme of Preferences provides that imports originating in countries benefiting from the Everything But Arms (EBA) arrangement enjoy duty-free and quota-free access to the EU market, except where safeguard or other restrictive measures are expressly applied.

In this context, could the Commission clarify:

1. Whether the newly adopted safeguard measures on ferro-alloying elements apply to imports originating in countries benefiting from the EBA arrangement?
2. If so, what is the legal basis for the inclusion of EBA beneficiary countries within the scope of these measures, and have there been any exemptions, derogations, or differentiated treatment are provided for under Regulation (EU) No 978/2012?
3. How will the Commission ensure that the application of these safeguard measures is consistent with the EU's development policy objectives, as well as with its obligations under World Trade Organization rules.

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¹ OJ L 303, 31.10.2012, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2012/978/oj>.