Question for written answer E-002529/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: Demand for grain-oriented electrical steel (GOES)

The need for grain-oriented electrical steel (GOES) has increased significantly in recent years owing to the expansion of renewable energy sources, in particular through decentralised generation facilities such as photovoltaic plants, and the associated increasing need for transformers and grid infrastructure. The Union market is too uncompetitive and at the same time dependent on other parts of the world.

1. Imports: What measures does the Commission plan to take to ensure the supply of high-quality grain-oriented electrical sheet to EU industries from reliable markets?

2. Production: What initiatives is the Commission taking to strengthen the competitiveness and production capacity of the EU's electrical sheet industry in the face of increasing demand through energy transition, grid expansion and transformer production, and to thus reduce strategic dependencies?

3. Future: What concrete steps does the Commission plan to take to promote research, innovation and quality improvements in the production of grain-oriented electrical sheet in the EU, so that EU producers can also meet the high technical requirements of modern, efficient transformers in the future?

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