

**Question for written answer E-003848/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Silicon

In its reply to my written question E-001503/2026¹, the Commission stated that safeguard measures on four alloying elements, not including silicon, were imposed on 18 November 2025. It did, however, admit that ‘the situation has become very difficult in the meantime’, further stating, therefore, that the Commission services remained available ‘to explore together with the industry, the availability of any possible options under the trade defence instruments.’

The fact is that no measures have been taken; workers at Spain’s only silicon metal production plant are still on a temporary lay-off scheme, and Europe risks losing this key industry in the wake of the flood of imports from China and African countries such as Angola sold on the European market at knock-down prices.

Can the Commission therefore say:

1. What it has done since then, and when does it intend to adopt safeguard measures to protect production of silicon metal?
2. Will the Commission continue to allow the production of a critical and strategic material, as set out in Regulation (EU) 2024/125, such as silicon metal, to collapse within the Union, thereby increasing our external dependence?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2026-001503_EN.html.