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Since 2008, there are anti-dumping measures in place on imports of citric acid from China ranging between 16.3% and 42.7%. These measures were extended for a further five years, in April 2021, following an expiry review¹. These measures reflect the levels of dumping found in the context of an investigation conducted in line with World Trade Organization and EU legislation.

Measures in place may be reviewed on request by interested parties where there are changed circumstances of a lasting nature. The Commission conducts such reviews where it receives evidence from the European industry that action is warranted. The industries affected are invited to contact the Commission's trade defence services² to explore the options.

As regards the speed of trade defence investigations, in the modernisation of trade defence in 2018, the length of anti-dumping investigations was shortened by one month. Provisional measures are now imposed eight, and in some cases seven months after initiation. Also, since October 2024 the Commission registers imports in all ongoing new investigations to facilitate the retroactive application of measures, i.e. before the date of provisional measures, if the legal conditions allow³.

With regard to additional support measures, it should be noted that the Joint European Forum for Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEI) is currently working on identifying a possible IPCEI candidate in the field of biotechnologies. Interested companies are invited to contact their respective national authorities to confirm whether their Member State is involved in this work and to inquire whether they may be included in the national consultation process.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32021R0607&from=EN>.

² https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/contacts/trade-defence-enquiries_en.

³ https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-register-imports-all-products-under-trade-defence-investigations-bid-fight-unfair-2024-09-24_en.