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The provisional measures on imports of fused alumina were based on preliminary findings indicating the pressing need to address injury caused by Chinese imports to the EU industry, to safeguard its viability, and to support fair competition within the internal market. The investigation is currently ongoing, with the Commission continuing to gather and verify relevant data. All interested parties have been invited to submit comments and request hearings. As part of its assessment of the EU interest, the Commission examines closely the situation of all interested parties, including users of the product under investigation, and is carefully considering all submissions received in line with the applicable procedural framework, in particular those aimed at mitigating the potential impact on users. The Commission is expected to reach a final determination by 16 January 2026.

Regarding the scope of the current anti-dumping investigation, it is limited to imports of fused alumina originating in China. Imports of downstream products, including abrasive materials incorporating fused alumina, do not fall within that scope. An investigation into such downstream products from China would require the submission of a substantiated complaint in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036¹.

As regards circumvention, Article 13 of the basic Regulation establishes a distinct procedure. The Commission monitors closely trade flows to detect possible circumvention practices and, where appropriate, may initiate an anti-circumvention investigation. In the present case, the Commission is mindful of the risk of circumvention and will continue to monitor developments carefully in line with the applicable legal framework.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/1036/oj/eng>.