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There is no ongoing anti-dumping investigation into the disposable medical gloves sector. Any affected industry is invited to contact the Commission's trade defence services¹ to discuss how to prepare a request for such an investigation. The Commission imposes anti-dumping measures where injurious dumping is found and it is in the EU interest to do so.

Labour standards in third countries may be considered in anti-dumping investigations in selecting a representative country for calculating costs and also in deciding whether to accept undertakings. In addition, costs of labour standards borne by EU industry are taken into account by the Commission in calculating a target price for the industry concerned. Country reports, which describe distortions in exporting countries, may also include a chapter on labour standards, as is the case with the report on distortions on China².

The objective of the Forced Labour Regulation³, which bans from the EU market all products made with forced labour, is to improve the functioning of the internal market and contribute to the fight against forced labour. Once the Regulation starts applying in December 2027, the Commission will be able to investigate cases of potential forced labour linked to concrete products, including products originating from third countries.

¹ https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/contacts/trade-defence-enquiries_en.

² [https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=SWD\(2024\)91&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=SWD(2024)91&lang=en).

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/3015/oj>.