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on behalf of the European Commission
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An anti-dumping (AD) investigation on cold rolled flat steel products originating, *inter alia*, in Taiwan, but not from South Korea has been ongoing since 18 September 2025. No measures have been imposed in that investigation.

However, a 25% import duty is applicable to imports of the product category (HS code 72112900) from Taiwan under the EU's steel safeguard measure as the duty-free quota for Taiwan was fully utilised for the first quarter of 2026. For South Korea, the duty-free quota for the first quarter of 2026 has not yet been fully utilised. Only imports above the quota attract a duty. In safeguard investigations, users' interests are taken into account, and measures in the form of a tariff rate quota allow a certain volume to be imported duty free so that downstream users are not unduly penalised. Data on the quota usage is publicly available on the website of Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union¹. The order numbers for the product category are given in the updated version of the Safeguard Regulation².

In AD investigations, the Commission also conducts an EU interest test to see if measures would be against the EU interest, including the impact on downstream users. The decision on EU interest relies on information submitted by interested parties, including users. The procedures are set out in Section 5.5 of the Notice of Initiation³.

For small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), the Commission reaches out to increase awareness through regular engagement with the SME community. Directorate-General for Trade and Economic Security (DG TRADE) also has a dedicated webpage⁴ for SMEs regarding trade defence. Finally, DG TRADE's information page on each ongoing investigation⁵ indicates the timetable for the steps in a proceeding.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/dds2/taric/quota_consultation.jsp?Lang=en.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2019/159/oj/eng.

³ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C_202505025.

⁴ https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/enforcement-and-protection/trade-defence/help-smes_en.

⁵ <https://tron.trade.ec.europa.eu/investigations/ongoing>.