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The Commission acknowledges the critical situation faced by European silicon metal producers and understands their concerns. The Commission opened a safeguard investigation on six manganese- and silicon-based alloys, including silicon metal, in December 2024¹. However, the conditions for safeguard measures for silicon metal were not met, as there was no increase in imports. In fact, imports of silicon decreased during the most recent period assessed. Therefore, silicon was not included in the scope of the safeguard measure imposed in November 2025².

Nevertheless, the Commission remains attentive to the industry's challenges. Although the current safeguard measure in force for other ferro-alloys cannot be altered to include silicon, the Commission is committed to exploring all viable options to help the industry, including through trade defence instruments.

The Commission would like to stress that it takes the difficulties of EU silicon metal producers seriously and is continuously engaging with the industry with a view to identifying the most effective way forward.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C_202407541.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202502351.