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The Regulation (EU) 2026/1384 addressing the negative trade-related effects of global overcapacity on the EU steel market introduces tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) applicable from 1 July 2026¹. It provides for 18.3 million tonnes of duty-free imports, while imports exceeding the applicable quotas are subject to a 50% duty. It also introduces a ‘melt and pour’ rule to strengthen transparency.

On 30 June 2026, the Commission adopted an Implementing Act², which entered into force on 1 July 2026, establishing the allocation of the TRQs among third countries in accordance with the criteria and procedures laid down in the Regulation, following an objective and fair methodology with a view to ensuring that the instrument effectively addresses the impact of global steel overcapacity while remaining consistent with the EU's international obligations.

With regard to Ukraine, the Commission’s Implementing Act applies the provisions of Article 5(1)(i) of Regulation (EU) 2026/2384 and ensures that the quotas take into account the situation of a candidate country facing an exceptional and immediate security situation. The Commission remains committed to ensuring that the new instrument is implemented in an effective, transparent and proportionate manner and provides meaningful protection for the EU steel market.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202601384.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202601457.