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The European Commission has imposed definitive safeguard measures on imports of certain ferroalloys into the EU on 18 November 2025. A comparison of import data of January to April 2025 with January to April 2026 shows a decrease of import volumes and fluctuating import prices. In order to thoroughly analyse the effectiveness of the measure, the Commission will initiate a review no later than November 2026.

As regards silicon metal, there are anti-dumping measures in place on imports from China since 1990, which have been continued following several reviews which have extended the measures before they expired. The Commission is committed to ensuring the effectiveness of measures in place and may initiate a review to reexamine the measures where there is evidence to suggest that they may no longer be sufficient to counteract the negative effects of dumped imports. The Commission engages with the EU industry requesting to review the existing measures to ensure that the correct evidentiary standards are met. If these standards are met, an investigation is initiated to examine the circumstances with a view to adapting the measures if necessary.

The Commission considers carefully the designation of strategic and critical raw materials when developing commercial and industrial policies. Relatedly, promoting the recycling of strategic and critical raw materials in general in the EU is also of important consideration in these.