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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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Article 14 of the proposal for the Industrial Accelerator Act (IAA)[1] ensures the necessary coherence between the CO_2 standards provisions and the IAA provisions on public procurement and incentives concerning the low carbon definition. For both purposes, a single definition of low-carbon steel will be developed by the Commission in a delegated act on iron and steel products under the Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation[2], currently foreseen for the second quarter of 2027.

The Commission is aware of the need to prevent legal uncertainty and market fragmentation that could result from parallel or divergent definitions. This will be avoided by adopting a single definition of low carbon steel in the said delegated act under the Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation.

[1] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52026PC0100.
[2] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02024R1781-20240628.