

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002881/26
to the Commission
Ondřej Krutílek (ECR)
(13 July 2026)**

Subject: Protecting European shelving system manufacturers from Chinese import dumping

European shelving system manufacturers have long been raising the alarm over unfair competition caused by imports of steel shelving systems from China at dumping price levels. In this context, an anti-dumping complaint was lodged with the Commission with the aim of initiating a formal investigation and preventing the circumvention of any measures that may be adopted. On 10 June 2026, the Commission published a 'Notice of initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of bolted and boltless steel shelves originating in the People's Republic of China' in the Official Journal of the European Union

The Commission should therefore answer the following questions:

1. What is the current status of the anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of steel shelving systems from China, and what is the Commission's anticipated timeline for the investigation?
2. How will the Commission ensure that a new definition of the product in question and the measures adopted will be successful in preventing the circumvention of any anti-dumping measures?
3. What further measures does the Commission intend to adopt to protect European manufacturers from unfair trade practices and to ensure a level playing field for competition in the EU internal market?

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**Answer given by Mr Šefčovič on behalf of the European Commission
(4 September 2026)**

The ongoing investigation into steel shelves from China was initiated on 10 June 2026. Provisional measures, if any, must be imposed by 10 February 2027 and definitive measures, if any, must be imposed by 7 August 2027 at the latest.

The product definition is designed to accurately capture the products concerned and to reduce the scope for circumvention through minor product modifications or similar practices, while ensuring legal certainty and respecting the rights of defence.

The Commission also monitors the effectiveness of the measures after their imposition and where there is sufficient evidence of circumvention, may initiate an anti-circumvention investigation ⁽¹⁾ and, when justified, take appropriate action.

The Commission is committed to ensuring a level playing field for EU industry by making full use of the trade defence instruments and, since 2024, has opened a record number of investigations.

The Commission continues to strengthen the effective enforcement of trade defence measures, including through registration of imports in all cases, close cooperation with Member States' customs authorities and the use of anti-circumvention and anti-absorption instruments where appropriate.

⁽¹⁾ Article 13 Basic Anti-Dumping Regulation: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/1036/oj/eng>.