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To apply duties retroactively, the Commission is bound by Article 10(4) of the basic Anti-dumping Regulation¹. There should be a further substantial rise in imports in addition to the level of imports which caused injury during the investigation period which, in the light of its timing and volume and other circumstances, is likely to seriously undermine the remedial effect of the definitive anti-dumping duty to be applied.

The provisional measures were published on 10 August 2026². Pre-disclosure of the level of intended provisional measures has been communicated to parties on 13 July 2026.

At the initiation of the investigation, the Commission invited all known users of welding wire to cooperate in the investigation. Until now, no user came forward. However, users can still register as interested party in the investigation and submit comments at a later stage. If no users cooperate, findings with regard to the EU interest will be based on the complaint and information obtained at EU producers, exporting producers, and unrelated importers.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/1036/oj/eng>.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2026/1929/oj/eng.