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Notice of initiation concerning the review of the safeguard measures applicable to imports of certain ferro-alloying elements

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On 18 November 2025, the European Commission ('the Commission') imposed definitive safeguard measures on certain ferro-alloying elements and announced its intention to initiate a first review no later than one year after the entry into force of the measures ([1]).

1. Existing measures

The measures currently consist of product type-specific tariff-rate quotas ('TRQs') applicable to imports into the Union. Imports exceeding the relevant quota are subject to an additional variable duty, calculated as the difference between the established price threshold and the actual import price.

2. Product under review

The product subject to the review consists of certain ferro-alloying elements, namely ferro-manganese, ferro-silicon, ferro-silico-manganese and ferro-silico-magnesium, as specified in the Annex to this Notice.

3. Scope of the review

Recital (99) of the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/2351 imposing definitive safeguard measures sets out that the Commission commits to continuously monitor the functioning of the safeguard measures and carry out an assessment of the situation on a regular basis, and to consider a review at least at the end of each year of imposition of measures. The Commission should in any event initiate the first review investigation no later than one year after the entry into force of the measures.

4. Participation in the review

Interested parties are invited to make themselves known and to participate in the investigation in accordance with the procedures set out below.

The Commission will automatically extend interested party status to all parties that came forward and were duly registered within the deadline of the proceeding initiated on 19 December 2024. Those parties do not need to make any additional request, as access to TRON will be granted automatically.

Any party not previously registered in TRON as interested party to the safeguard proceeding, and wishing to take part in this investigation, must register as interested party within 15 days of the date of publication of this Notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

The Commission recalls that procedural rights associated with this review investigation arise only from the moment a party has been duly registered.

4.1. *Written submissions and correspondence*

All interested parties are hereby invited to make their views known in writing, to submit information and to provide supporting evidence. Such submissions, in free format, must be made within 21 days of the date of publication of this Notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Interested parties may comment on submissions made by other interested parties. Such comments must be limited to the issues raised in those submissions and may not introduce new issues. Comments must be submitted within 10 days from the moment the relevant submissions are made available for inspection. The Commission will duly inform interested parties when the rebuttal stage is triggered, by means of a note to the file in TRON.

Any submission of views and information after the above deadlines may be disregarded.

([1]) Regulation (EU) 2025/2351 of 18 November 2025 imposing a definitive safeguard measure with regard to imports of certain ferro-alloying elements (OJ L, 2025/2351, 18.11.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2025/2351/oj).

Given the short timeframe of the review and the opportunity for interested parties to comment on other parties' submissions, the Commission will not organise hearings for the purpose of this investigation, unless exceptional circumstances so require.

4.2. *Rules on submission of information*

Interested parties may submit information only within the time limits specified in this Notice. Requests for extensions will be granted only in exceptional circumstances, where duly justified, and will normally be limited to 3 days, and as a rule not exceed 7 days.

Information submitted to the Commission shall be free from copyrights. Interested parties, before submitting to the Commission information and/or data which is subject to third party copyrights, must request specific permission to the copyright holder explicitly allowing a) the Commission to use the information and data for the purpose of this trade defence proceeding and b) to provide the information and/or data to interested parties to this investigation in a form that allows them to exercise their rights of defence.

All written submissions, including the information requested in this Notice, completed questionnaires and correspondence provided by interested parties for which confidential treatment is requested shall be labelled 'Sensitive' ([2]). Parties submitting information in the course of this investigation are invited to reason their request for confidential treatment.

Parties providing 'Sensitive' information are required to furnish non-confidential summaries of it pursuant to Article 8 Regulation (EU) 2015/478 and Article 5 of Regulation (EU) 2015/755, which will be labelled 'For inspection by interested parties'. Those summaries should be sufficiently detailed to permit a reasonable understanding of the substance of the information submitted in confidence and must reach the Commission at the same time as the 'Sensitive' version.

If a party providing confidential information fails to show good cause for a confidential treatment request or does not furnish a non-confidential summary of it in the requested format and quality, the Commission may disregard such information unless it can be satisfactorily demonstrated from appropriate sources that the information is correct.

Interested parties are invited to make all submissions and requests via TRON.tdi (https://tron.trade.ec.europa.eu/tron/TDI) including scanned powers of attorney. By using TRON.tdi or e-mail, interested parties express their agreement with the rules applicable to electronic submissions contained in the document **'CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION IN TRADE DEFENCE CASES'** published on the website of the Directorate-General for Trade and Economic Security: https://europa.eu/!7tHpY3.The interested parties must indicate their name, address, telephone and a valid e-mail address and they should ensure that the provided e-mail address is a functioning official business email which is checked on a daily basis. Once contact details are provided, the Commission will communicate with interested parties by TRON.tdi or email only, unless they explicitly request to receive all documents from the Commission by another means of communication or unless the nature of the document to be sent requires the use of a registered mail. For further rules and information concerning correspondence with the Commission including principles that apply to submissions via TRON.tdi, interested parties should consult the communication instructions with interested parties referred to above.

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([2]) A 'Sensitive' document is a document which is considered confidential pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2015/478, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) 2015/755 and Article 3.2 of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards. It is also a document protected pursuant to Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43).

5. **Access to file**

The file for inspection by interested parties is available through TRON.tdi at: https://tron.trade.ec.europa.eu/tron/tdi.

6. **Schedule of the review**

The Commission will normally conclude the review investigation within 6 months of the date of publication of this Notice in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

7. **Non-cooperation**

In cases where any interested party refuses access to or does not provide the necessary information within the time limits, or significantly impedes the investigation, findings may be made on the basis of facts available, in accordance with Article 5 of Regulation (EU) 2015/478 ([3]) and Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/755 ([4]). Where it is found that any interested party has supplied false or misleading information, the information may be disregarded, and use may be made of facts available.

8. **Hearing officer**

Interested parties may request the intervention of the Hearing Officer for trade proceedings. The Hearing Officer reviews requests for access to the file, disputes regarding the confidentiality of documents, requests for extension of time limits and any other request concerning the rights of defence of interested parties and third parties as may arise during the proceeding. The Hearing Officer may organise hearings and mediate between the interested party or parties and the Commission services to ensure that the interested parties' rights of defence are being fully exercised. A request for a hearing with the Hearing Officer should be made in writing and should specify the reasons for the request. The Hearing Officer will examine the reasons for the requests. These hearings should, in principle, only take place if the issues have not been settled with the Commission services in due course. Any request must be submitted in good time and expeditiously so as not to jeopardise the orderly conduct of proceedings. To that effect, interested parties should request the intervention of the Hearing Officer at the earliest possible time following the occurrence of the event justifying such intervention. For further information and contact details interested parties may consult the Hearing Officer's web pages on DG Trade and Economic Security's website: https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/contacts/hearing-officer_en.

9. **Processing of personal data**

Any personal data collected in this investigation will be treated in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([5]).

A data protection notice that informs all individuals of the processing of personal data in the framework of Commission's trade defence activities is available on DG Trade and Economic Security's website: https://europa.eu/!vr4g9W.

([3]) Regulation (EU) 2015/478 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2015 on common rules for imports (OJ L 83, 27.3.2015, p. 16).

([4]) Regulation (EU) 2015/755 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 on common rules for imports from certain third countries (OJ L 123, 19.5.2015, p. 33).

([5]) Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39).

ANNEX

Products Concerned

Product concerned	CN Codes
Ferro-manganese	72 02 11, 72 02 19
Ferro-silicon	72 02 21, 72 02 29
Ferro-silico-manganese	72 02 30
Ferro-silico-magnesium	72 02 99 30