

**Question for written answer E-008757/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Customs duties on transformer sheet metal

The European Union has introduced temporary anti-dumping duties on imports of transformer sheet metal from Japan, China, Korea, Russia and the United States, which has led to a significant increase in the price of this raw material for the production of transformers and thereby jeopardised about 5 000 jobs in that industry in Croatia, which produces most transformers per capita in the world.

Most affected by this measure are European manufacturers who use advanced technological solutions and transformer sheet metal of the highest quality. Another consequence in addition to the price increase is a shortage of high-quality transformer sheet metal, which has led to uncertainty about purchase prices, deadlines and the amount of available raw material.

Does the Commission plan to abolish said customs duties in the near future and will there be any compensatory measures to at least partly make up for the losses European producers have sustained as a result of the above measures?