

**Question for written answer E-009049/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Consequences of the introduction of anti-dumping duties on transformer sheet metal

Croatia produces most transformers per capita in the world. The temporary anti-dumping duties introduced by the European Union on imports of transformer sheet metal from Japan, China, Korea, Russia and the United States have led to a significant increase in the price of this raw material for the production of transformers. Most affected by this measure are European manufacturers who use advanced technological solutions and transformer sheet metal of the highest quality. About five thousand jobs are affected in Croatia, taking into account transformer producers and related contractors. The purpose of these anti-dumping duties is to protect four European manufacturers of transformer sheet metal. As a consequence, there is a significant price increase and a shortage of high-quality transformer sheet metal, which gives a comparative advantage to transformer manufacturers from outside the EU, who are becoming markedly more competitive with their pricing.

I ask the Commission:

- Is it familiar with the overall consequences of the above measure?
- What measures will it prepare in this respect?