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to the Commission**

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Subject: Adoption of provisional anti-dumping measures for GOES imports

The Commission has recently decided to adopt provisional anti-dumping measures applicable to imports of flat-rolled products of silicon-electrical steel, otherwise known as grain-oriented electrical steel (GOES) from China, Russia and the United States.

The European GOES industry employs some 2 000 workers and is unable to fully meet domestic demand, while the European transformer sector employs around 30 000 people.

The damage suffered by EU industry with regard to this product came to a complete halt in the first four months of 2015, as evidenced by the significant rise in prices, which have returned to 2011 levels.

That said, and in the light of the latest data available on GOES price trends – which were originally not taken into account during the investigation period – and of a thorough economic analysis of the characteristics of this specific sector, does the Commission consider that the confirmation of the provisional duties imposed on GOES is justified?