

**Question for written answer E-015059/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Granting China market economy status and impact on steelmaking

Debates and procedures linked to the possibility of granting China market economy status are currently underway within various international bodies, including the European Commission. Granting this status would clearly have a significant impact on many sectors of the economy.

One of the main sectors affected would be steelmaking, since even though the steel industry has been badly hit since 2008, it still directly provides thousands of jobs in the European Union.

We also know that the Commission recently confirmed or introduced anti-dumping duties for five-year periods on certain products imported from China at rock-bottom prices, such as stainless steel cold-rolled flat products and wire rods.

These recent decisions demonstrate the threat posed to some steelmaking sectors, given the overcapacity in Chinese production and social and environmental dumping practices that lead to cut-price sales.

Has the Commission carried out a study to assess the impact that granting China market economy status would have on the European steel industry? What information does it have on this matter?