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Subject: The steel industry and social dumping by China

One of the EU's fundamental principles is the promotion of a social market economy that does not distort competition. China's permanent subsidies to its state-owned enterprises, and its social and environmental dumping (due to low labour costs and the lack of comparable environmental protection standards), constitute an attack on that principle of undistorted competition and a serious threat to European industry.

The steel and metalworking sectors, including long products, are a pillar of the internal market, which generate revenue and quality jobs. China is therefore not a comparable market economy.

What progress has been made with the investigations into social dumping in China's steel sector, and what steel products have been investigated?

When will the investigations be concluded?