

**Question for written answer E-006064/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Case R657: expiry review and case R670: anti-circumvention investigation

The Commission has opened an expiry review in relation to imports of certain seamless pipes and tubes of stainless steel (SSPT) of Chinese origin (Case R657), with the outcome of the definitive stage of the procedure expected in December 2017. Imports of SSPT from India increased from 5 173 tonnes in 2009 to 19 845 tonnes in 2015, while Chinese SSPT exports fell from 17 094 tonnes to 2 317 tonnes over the same period.

In the light of the possibility that the prices of Chinese intermediate goods may have heavily influenced the price signal of the Indian market, and given that Chinese internal prices reflect the dynamics of a non-market economy, is the Commission using the equivalent prices of an analogue country to establish whether dumping has taken place in this case? If so, which country?

The Commission has also opened an anti-circumvention investigation in relation to imports from India of SSPT of Chinese origin (Case R670), and is set to decide whether or not to impose definitive measures as early as November 2017; such an early date suggests that it may not. As stated above, a high increase in SSPT imports from India has been mirrored by a corresponding fall in imports from China.

Given that circumvention has not been proven, could the Commission explain this inversely proportional relationship?