

**Question for written answer E-000676/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Lesser duty rule

In the area of anti-dumping and anti-subsidy activities, the EU applies the lesser duty rule, which consists of rectifying damage suffered as a result of a tax calculated on the basis of either the dumping margin (the difference between the export price and normal value) or the injury margin (the difference between the price of the product in question and that of its European equivalent).

The rule is optional and is applied by the EU on a voluntary basis. It does not guarantee, for example, that the product subject to anti-dumping measures is actually sold at a lower price than its European equivalents nor does it protect European producers.

Does the Commission know how many countries in the world apply the lesser duty rule?