

**Question for written answer E-003702/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Anti-dumping proceeding concerning certain iron or steel fasteners

The Commission has received a complaint under Article 5 of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of 8 June 2016 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Union, alleging that imports of certain iron or steel fasteners originating in the People's Republic of China are being dumped and are thereby causing injury to EU industry.

Following the complaint, the Commission adopted Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/970 of 16 June 2021 making imports of certain iron or steel fasteners originating in the People's Republic of China subject to registration. The purpose of registration is to retroactively impose an anti-dumping duty on the products concerned. The Regulation estimated the injury elimination level to be between 41% and 251%, which is not a precise figure. This introduced uncertainty on the fasteners market and resulted in a significant price increase, to the detriment not only of EU companies importing these parts, but also consumers.

1. Could the Commission provide more information on the ongoing anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of certain iron and steel fasteners?
2. When does the Commission intend to determine the amount and duration of the duty?