

**Question for written answer E-000886/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission action in connection with circumvention of restrictions on stainless-steel imports

European stainless-steel producers now face unfair competition and market distortions because of circumvention of restrictions on imports of stainless steel from Indonesia, which enters the European market via other countries such as Turkey, Taiwan and Vietnam. Dumped imports of what is subsidised stainless steel result in artificially low prices on the EU market, leading to job losses and the postponing of essential investments by European producers.

Despite the Commission's efforts to date, the situation remains worrying. Indirect imports from countries such as Türkiye, Taiwan and Vietnam remain high, meaning that anti-dumping measures are being circumvented and further disadvantaging European producers. Signals from the sector are of concern.

In line with the Antwerp Declaration, which calls for the use of all policy instruments to ensure a level playing field for European industry, the Commission should give consideration to further tangible measures to address circumvention of anti-dumping measures and effectively protect the European stainless-steel industry against continuing unfair competitive practices.

1. Is this situation being monitored by the Commission at all times in order to precisely map circumvention of import restrictions via other third countries?
2. What measures is the Commission considering in order to put an end to these market distortive practices? Within what timeframe?

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