

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0770/02
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to the Commission

Subject: Steel trade

On 5 March the USA unilaterally imposed tariffs on steel imports which range from 8% to 30% of the value thereof and which will apply, subject to review, for a three-year period starting on 30 March.

Naturally, the European Union is going to take the matter to the World Trade Organisation.

What immediate effect might this have on the steel industry in Europe?

What action is to be taken in order to protect the European steel industry whilst the WTO is dealing with the issue, and how is the sector to be compensated for any losses suffered?

How long is it likely to take for the dispute to be resolved?