

**Question for written answer P-001986/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Impact of the US measures and safeguard clause

The European Commission has obtained a temporary tax exemption from the US government on EU aluminium and steel exports to the United States.

Chinese exports however, for example, will be taxed by the US under Section 232 of the 1962 Trade Expansion Act. There is a clear relationship of cause and effect: for example, the steel and aluminium products affected in China will be redirected towards the European market.

European industry is already facing Chinese overcapacity. The Commission itself has declared that it would introduce protective measures.

However, in order to implement protective measures the sectors involved must prove that there is a potential threat hanging over them.

- 1) Will the Commission take into account this exceptional situation and its inherent threats to implement protective measures on all the products targeted by the US measures?
- 2) Will these measures be retroactive in order to prevent the building up of stocks?
- 3) What measures does the Commission intend to take to ensure monitoring of these sectors, which have already been seriously affected by unfair competition and foreign overcapacity?