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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION authorising the opening of negotiations with a view to modifying the concessions made by the Union in respect of import tariffs applicable to certain steel products in the World Trade Organization

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**COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2025/...**

**of ...**

**authorising the opening of negotiations with a view to modifying the concessions made by the Union in respect of import tariffs applicable to certain steel products in the World Trade Organization**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 207(4), first subparagraph, in conjunction with Article 218(3) and Article 218(4) thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The existing tariff concessions made by the Union in respect of imports of certain steel products in the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO) will require certain adjustments following developments in the world markets. Accordingly, the existing concessions for import tariffs on those steel products included in the Union's schedule of concessions and commitments, annexed to the WTO's General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT 1994), as previously modified, need to be amended.
- (2) The Commission should therefore be authorised to open negotiations under Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994 with those WTO Members that have negotiating rights with a view to modifying the Union's current import tariff concessions on those steel products,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

1. The Commission is hereby authorised to open negotiations with the WTO Members that have negotiating rights, with a view to modifying the import tariff concessions currently included in the Union's schedule of concessions and commitments annexed to the GATT 1994, as previously modified, in relation to the steel product categories listed in Annex 2.
2. The negotiations shall be conducted on the basis of the negotiating directives of the Council set out in the addendum to this Decision.

*Article 2*

The Commission is hereby nominated as the Union negotiator.

*Article 3*

The negotiations shall be conducted in consultation with the Trade Policy Committee.

*Article 4*

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at ..., ...

*For the Council*

*The President*

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