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COVER NOTE

From:	Ms S. GALLINA, Deputy-Director General for Trade, European Commission
date of receipt:	4 May 2020
To:	President of the EU-Turkey Association Council
Subject:	Anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel originating in Turkey (AD665)

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the Commission received a properly documented complaint requesting the initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel originating in Turkey.

The Commission has sent to the Mission of Turkey to the European Union the enclosed Note Verbale concerning the anti-dumping proceeding mentioned above.

In accordance with Article 46 of Decision No 1/95 of the EC-Turkey Association Council of 22 December 1995 on implementing the final phase of the Customs Union, I hereby inform the Customs Union Joint Committee that the Commission is examining if the initiation of the anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel originating is warranted.

I take this opportunity to renew to the President of the EU-Turkey Association Council the assurance of my highest consideration, and to assure you that you will be kept duly informed of any further developments.

S. GALLINA
Deputy Director General

Encl.: - Note Verbale



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
Directorate-General for Trade

SPECIAL NOTE VERBALE

The Directorate-General for Trade of the European Commission presents its compliments to the Mission of Turkey to the European Union and has the honour to inform it that the European Commission has received a properly documented complaint requesting the initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel ("the product concerned") originating in Turkey.

The complaint was lodged by the European Steel Association ('Eurofer') on behalf of EU producers representing a major proportion of the EU production of the product concerned.

The product concerned is described as certain flat-rolled products of iron, non-alloy steel or other alloy steel, whether or not in coils (including 'cut-to-length' and 'narrow strip' products), not further worked than hot-rolled, not clad, plated or coated. The product concerned does not include: (i) products of stainless steel and grain oriented silicon electrical steel; (ii) products of tool steel and high-speed steel; (iii) products, not in coils, without patterns in relief, of a thickness exceeding 10 mm and of a width of 600 mm or more; and (iv) products, not in coils, without patterns in relief, of a thickness of 4.75 mm or more but not exceeding 10 mm and of a width of 2 050 mm or more. It is indicated in the complaint that the product concerned falls within CN codes: 7208 10 00, 7208 25 00, 7208 26 00, 7208 27 00, 7208 36 00, 7208 37 00, 7208 38 00, 7208 39 00, 7208 40 00, 7208 52 10, 7208 52 99, 7208 53 10, 7208 53 90, 7208 54 00, 7211 13 00, 7211 14 00, 7211 19 00, ex 7225 19 10 (TARIC code 7225 19 10 90), 7225 30 90, ex 7225 40 60 (TARIC code 7225 40 60 90), 7225 40 90, ex 7226 19 10 (TARIC code 7226 19 10 90), 7226 91 91 and 7226 91 99.

With regard to dumping, it is claimed by Eurofer that export prices based on the Steel Business Briefing ('SBB') of the pricing agency Platts are considerably lower than the normal value based on the same source of information. On this basis, it is alleged that a dumping margin in the range of 4 – 8% for exports from Turkey exists. The exporting producers identified in the complaint are listed in the attached document.

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The injury caused by the allegedly dumped imports from Turkey allegedly consists of a combination of a surge in subject import volumes from Turkey at low import prices, which undercut EU producers. According to Eurofer, the pressure by imports from Turkey left EU producers no choice but to also drop their prices so as not to have plants idle and try to stay competitive, which drove the industry into losses in recent financial quarters. EU producers' production and sales also allegedly suffered and roughly 3 000 workers lost their jobs in the period from 2016 to the investigation period (from 1 January 2019 to 31 January 2019).

The Commission services are currently examining this complaint and the supporting evidence submitted, in order to assess whether the initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding is warranted. This examination will be concluded within 45 days from the lodging date of the complaint.

Should the European Commission decide to initiate an anti-dumping proceeding, information, including copies of the Notice of initiation, the complaint, and a link to the questionnaires for exporting producers and other interested parties will be provided to the Mission of Turkey to the European Union immediately upon publication of the Notice of initiation of the anti-dumping proceeding in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

The Directorate-General for Trade of the European Commission wishes to bring to the attention of the Mission of Turkey to the European Union that, should the proceeding be initiated, in view of the potentially large number of exporting producers in Turkey involved and in order to complete the investigation within the statutory time limits, the Commission may limit the exporting producers that will be investigated to a reasonable number by selecting a sample. In such a case, the Commission services would appreciate the cooperation of the Mission of Turkey to the European Union in the selection of a representative sample of exporting producers.

The Mission of Turkey to the European Union is urgently requested to check the list of exporting producers attached for accuracy and completeness and to provide the Commission with the names, addresses, contact persons and email addresses of any other exporting producers that may be concerned but are not listed. Please provide this information no later than by 11 May 2020 so that, should the European Commission decide to initiate an anti-dumping proceeding, the companies can be contacted without delay. The Commission appreciates the collaboration of the Mission of Turkey to the European Union in ensuring that all exporting producers have the opportunity to cooperate in the investigation.

The Directorate-General for Trade of the European Commission takes this opportunity to renew to the Mission of Turkey to the European Union the assurance of its highest consideration, and to notify that it will keep the Mission of Turkey to the European Union duly informed of any further developments.

Brussels, 4 May 2020

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Encl.: List of exporting producers identified in the complaint

ANNEX:

List of exporting producers identified in the complaint

Company Name	Company Address
Colakoglu Metalurji A.S.	34425 Istanbul
Ereğli Demir ve Çelik Fabrikaları T.A.Ş.	34746 Istanbul
Habas Sinai ve Tıbbi Gazlar İstihsal Endüstrisi A.S.	81570 Kartal, Istanbul
MMK Metalurji	31600 Dörtöl / Hatay
Tosyali Holding	34746 Istanbul
İskenderun Demir ve Çelik A.Ş.	31900 Payas / Hatay