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- Outcome of the European Parliament's first reading
(Strasbourg, 18 to 21 May 2026)

I. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the provisions of Article 294 of the TFEU and the Joint declaration on practical arrangements for the codecision procedure¹, a number of informal contacts have taken place between the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission with a view to reaching an agreement on this proposal at first reading.

In this context, the Chair of the Committee on International Trade (INTA), Bernd LANGE (S&D, DE) presented on behalf of INTA a compromise amendment (amendment number 60) to the abovementioned proposal for a Regulation, for which the rapporteur Karin KARLSBRO (Renew, SE) had prepared a draft report and also tabled an amendment (amendment number 61) to the legislative resolution containing a statement. These amendments had been agreed during the informal contacts referred to above. No other amendments were tabled.

¹ OJ C 145, 30.6.2007, p. 5.

II. VOTE

When it voted on 19 May 2026, the plenary adopted the compromise amendment (amendment number 60) to the abovementioned proposal for a Regulation and amendment number 61. The Commission's proposal as thus amended constitutes the Parliament's first-reading position which is contained in its legislative resolution as set out in the Annex hereto².

The Parliament's position reflects what had been previously agreed between the institutions. The Council should therefore be in a position to approve the Parliament's position.

The act would then be adopted in the wording which corresponds to the Parliament's position.

² The version of the Parliament's position in the legislative resolution has been marked up to indicate the changes made by the amendments to the Commission's proposal. Additions to the Commission's text are highlighted in *bold and italics*. The symbol "■" indicates deleted text.

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Negative trade-related effects of global overcapacity on the Union steel market

European Parliament legislative resolution of 19 May 2026 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council addressing the negative trade-related effects of global overcapacity on the Union steel market (COM(2025)0726 – C10-0245/2025 – 2025/0726(COD))

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2025)0726),
- having regard to Article 294(2) and Article 207(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C10-0245/2025),
- having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to the provisional agreement approved by the committee responsible under Rule 75(4) of its Rules of Procedure and the undertaking given by the Council representative by letter of 23 April 2026 to approve Parliament’s position, in accordance with Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rules 60 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the opinion of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on International Trade (A10-0012/2026),

1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;
2. Approves the joint statement by Parliament, the Council and the Commission annexed to this resolution, which will be published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*;
3. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;
4. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

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Position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 19 May 2026 with a view to the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2026/... of the European Parliament and of the Council addressing the negative trade-related effects of global overcapacity on the Union steel market and amending Regulation (EU) 2020/2170

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 207(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure¹,

¹ *Position of the European Parliament of 19 May 2026.*

Whereas:

- (1) The steel sector is central to the Union's competitiveness and security. *Steel is also essential for many other industries, such as the Union's clean-tech, transport, building and energy infrastructure industries. Preserving a competitive and technologically advanced steel industry is therefore vital for the Union's economic security. Accordingly, the Union considers the steel sector to be strategically important and is committed to ensuring its viability, resilience and long-term sustainability.*

- (2) *The Union has a longstanding tradition of steel production in towns and regions, where skills have been passed down through generations of steelworkers, who have played a key role in the foundation of Union manufacturing and are essential to sustaining the competitiveness and high social value of the steel sector.*

- (3) Steel industries across countries and regions, including the Union, are suffering **from** the negative impact **of** increasing global structural excess capacity. That global challenge **negatively** affects the Union market and **the** markets of other countries either directly, through imports from countries with excess capacity, or indirectly, as a result of the ‘push-out’ effect, or in both ways. The effective resolution of global overcapacity requires enhanced joint efforts of the Union and **█** like-minded **partner countries** which do not contribute to global overcapacity. The Union will **therefore step up its efforts in** leading the international work, **█** including in the framework of the Global Forum on Steel Excess Capacity (**GFSEC**), on addressing the root causes of global overcapacity and implementing solutions which strengthen **the** transparency of the global steel market and take into consideration modern production and supply techniques, including through the application of the “**melt and pour**” principle, as well as **through the** monitoring of imports and exports. The Union **remains committed to keeping markets fair and open, and to further strengthening its relationship with existing and future free trade partners. In that spirit, and** with a view to ring-fencing their economies from global overcapacity **█** and increasing market access among them, **the Union** and like-minded countries should **urgently** work together, **reflecting shared strategic interests and mutual benefits, while still ensuring secure, predictable and diversified supply chains.**

- (4) An in-depth analysis concluded by the Commission █ in 2019 showed that the Union steel industry was *already at that time* in a situation of being at threat of serious injury, and that the situation was likely to develop into actual serious injury in the foreseeable future, in the absence of safeguard measures. *The Commission concluded that it would be in the Union's interest to adopt appropriate measures to avoid a further increase in imports of steel products.*

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- (5) On 31 January 2019, the Commission adopted Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/159² imposing definitive safeguard measures on certain steel imports, thereby addressing the risk of trade diversion and the threat of serious injury that would █ likely *have* followed for the products covered by *that* Regulation █. Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/159 is due to expire on 30 June 2026.

² Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/159 of 31 January 2019 imposing definitive safeguard measures against imports of certain steel products (OJ L 31, 1.2.2019, p. 27, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2019/159/oj).

- (6) In November 2024, Union leaders adopted the Budapest Declaration *on the New European Competitiveness Deal*, highlighting the urgent need, and their determination, to make the Union more competitive **■** . Furthermore, Union leaders declared their commitment to ensuring industrial renewal and decarbonisation, *and* to allowing the Union to remain an industrial and technological powerhouse *that fosters quality jobs*. Union leaders also recognised the need for increasing defence readiness and capabilities, in particular by strengthening *the* defence technological and industrial base accordingly. To that end, Union leaders committed to develop an industrial policy for the Union to ensure the growth of tomorrow’s key technologies, while paying particular attention to traditional industries in transition.
- (7) The industrial competitiveness *of the steel sector* is a core priority *for the Union, which will contribute to sustainable growth, long-term prosperity and resilience*. Decarbonisation *can be* a powerful *accelerator* of growth *and resilience* when integrated with industrial, competition, economic and trade policies. *Global overcapacity affects the Union steel industry in the context of its transition towards carbon-neutral production. Therefore, the decarbonisation path of the steel sector in the Union should be one of the elements that can be taken into account by the Commission when amending the volumes of tariff quotas opened under this Regulation and should form part of the elements to be taken into account when evaluating the effectiveness of this Regulation.*

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- (8) ***Energy-intensive*** industries are focal sectors requiring urgent support to decarbonise ***and*** electrify, and ***to*** confront high energy costs, unfair global competition and complex regulations, ***all of which harm*** competitiveness. ***It is essential to enable those industries to remain globally competitive, and to increase production and capacity utilisation in the Union.***
- (9) As recognised in the ***Commission Communication of 19 March 2025 entitled “A European Steel and Metals Action Plan”***, steel ***is*** a metal of strategic importance for the Union’s defence ***capability***. ***Particularly in a context marked by increasing global instability and heightened security pressures***, stable and resilient supply chains of ***metals, including steel, and strong and competitive domestic production thereof***, are essential for defence and aerospace, ***for achieving economic resilience*** and for avoiding unwanted dependencies on ***third-country*** suppliers.

- (10) Global overcapacity is expected to increase from 602 million tonnes in 2024, equivalent to five times the Union demand, to 721 million tonnes by 2027. The Union has already adopted several trade defence measures in the metals sectors, including in relation to iron and steel ■ . However, those trade defence measures are offset by continuous large capacity additions across other regions, completely detached from *the* evolution of domestic and global demand. The Union steel industry is increasingly negatively impacted by global overcapacity and by global distortions, including non-market policies and practices in certain third countries that artificially support their domestic industries or circumvent Union trade defence measures and sanctions. As a result, the Union is the only major steelmaking region currently experiencing a decrease in its capacity. ***Hence, any measure relating to the steel sector should have a long-term perspective, since global overcapacity is a structural problem unlikely to be resolved in the short or medium-term.***
- (11) In addition, the recent evolution of third country trade-restrictive measures is further increasing *the* pressure ***of imports on the Union market***, both in terms of volumes and prices ■ . Such pressure is expected only to increase further, ***and risks causing a further decline in Union production.***

- (12) As a result, the Union steel industry is in a dire situation, with the unprecedented loss of production capacity amounting to more than 30 million tonnes since 2018, a historically low-capacity utilisation rate reaching 67 % in 2024, around 30 000 jobs lost since 2018, with several thousand more job losses announced, and continued financial losses.
- (13) *The rules-based multilateral trading system, with the World Trade Organization (WTO) at its core, continues to be fundamental for ensuring stability, predictability and fairness in global trade. This Regulation should therefore be designed and implemented in full compliance with the Union's obligations under the WTO, particularly as regards the distribution of tariff quotas.*
- (14) Given the *rapidly worsening* situation of the Union steel industry, *its growing strategic importance* and the unsatisfactory progress so far in finding a collective solution addressing global overcapacity, *particularly in the framework of the GFSEC*, it is necessary to adopt a measure replacing Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/159. *At the same time, the Union remains committed to delivering on the agreement, expressed at the 10 October 2025 Ministerial meeting of the GFSEC, to work towards a comprehensive framework for joint action with a view to addressing the root causes of global overcapacity.*

(15) Therefore, *this Regulation should establish a coherent and comprehensive framework to tackle the negative trade-related effects of global overcapacity on the Union steel market. In view of the serious disturbances in the steel sector and the rapidly worsening situation of the Union steel industry, it is necessary to cover all third countries, including those with which the Union has concluded a free trade agreement and those benefiting from autonomous tariff preferences, such as the Union generalised scheme of tariff preferences under Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council³. The framework established under this Regulation should provide, on the one hand, for the opening of tariff quotas and the setting of an out-of-quota duty and, on the other hand, for the possibility, where appropriate, of applying bilateral safeguard measures in respect of products from third countries with which the Union has concluded a free trade agreement. Where it is not appropriate to apply bilateral safeguard measures, products from third countries with which the Union has concluded a free trade agreement should be subject to the tariff quotas and the out-of-quota duty provided for in this Regulation.*

³ *Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 732/2008 (OJ L 303, 31.10.2012, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2012/978/oj>).*

- (16) Although under Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/159 the out-of-quota tariff is set at **25 %**, taking into account the level of tariffs in the steel sector in other key markets, it is appropriate to **raise the** out-of-quota **duty to 50 %**, to minimise the risk of trade diversion. That duty would **be** in addition to other duties applying to the product categories covered by this Regulation.
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- (17) In view of the close and unique integration under the Agreement on the European Economic Area⁴, Union imports from █ Iceland, █ Liechtenstein **and Norway** should be excluded from the application of the **tariff quotas and the out-of-quota** duty.
- (18) The total volume of tariff quotas has been calculated by applying the market share of imports into the Union market in the year 2013 as reference, **which was** around **13 %**, to the overall consumption in the Union steel market in 2024, **which is** the latest year for which **complete data are** available █ . The calculation does not take into account imports which originated in **Belarus and** the Russian Federation █ , which are currently subject to import bans. That results in a total annual volume of tariff quotas of 18 345 922 **tonnes**.
- (19) The tariff quotas should be broken down per product category based on the share of imports that each product category held over the period 2022-2024. That reference period for breaking down the share of the tariff quota is █ appropriate, as it reflects accurately the more recent trade flows.

⁴ OJ L 1, 3.1.1994, p. 3.

- (20) The tariff quotas should be administered on a quarterly basis in line with the management system provided for in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447⁵. That type of administration ensures effectiveness by avoiding disproportionately large volumes of imports in a very short period, while not unduly hindering trade flows. *During the first year of application of this Regulation*, those tariff quotas that are not used within one quarter should be carried over to the next quarter *within the same yearly period of application of the tariff quota, in order to provide greater flexibility for economic operators and contribute to ensuring continuity in supply chains and the fulfilment of existing supply contracts. After the first year of application of this Regulation, it might be necessary to adjust the rules on the carry-over of unused tariff quotas, taking into account the market reactions to the measures provided for in this Regulation, as well as the need to address possible market disturbances. For instance, experience with the administration of tariff quotas in the steel sector gathered with Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/159 has shown that the carry-over of unused tariff quotas can, in certain circumstances, contribute to increased import pressure in particular quarters or product categories, especially where market demand weakens or consumption decreases while imports remain high. Conversely, the absence of carry-over can, in certain other circumstances, contribute to difficulties in ensuring continuity in supply chains and in fulfilling existing supply contracts.*

⁵ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447 of 24 November 2015 laying down detailed rules for implementing certain provisions of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the Union Customs Code (OJ L 343, 29.12.2015, p. 558, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2015/2447/oj).

(21) *Therefore, in order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission in respect of determining whether the carry-over of unused tariff quotas is to be allowed, taking into account, on the one hand, the increased level of import pressure and, on the other hand, the level of average use of tariff quotas and the insufficient availability of supply for downstream steel users. In particular, where the average use of the tariff quotas for a given product category is above 80 % during the first three quarters of the yearly period of application of the tariff quotas, the carry-over should be allowed, since the risk of a very high volume of free-of-duty imports in a certain quarter would be significantly reduced.*

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(22) To ensure that this Regulation is effective in tackling the effects of global overcapacity, and in light of the specificities of steel products and the modern production and supply techniques, it is important to identify the country of “melt and pour”, **meaning** the original location in which raw steel **or** iron is initially produced in liquid form within a **steel-** or iron-making furnace and subsequently cast into its first solid state. **That** first solid state can encompass either a semi-finished product, including slabs, billets or ingots, or a finished steel mill product. **Importers should be required to provide** evidence **on** the country of “melt and pour”, **such as by means of a mill test certificate. Such a requirement would** increase transparency in the supply chain for steel imports **and would allow the Commission to obtain reliable information on the origin of steel imports into the Union.**

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(23) Implementing powers should also be conferred on the Commission to lay down the **type of evidence to be provided by importers to prove the country of “melt and pour”.** **Before exercising its implementing powers with regard to the evidence on the country of “melt and pour”, it is important for the Commission to carry out consultations with stakeholders, including steel producers, users and Member States, to ensure that the type of evidence required is sufficient to prove the country of “melt and pour”, as well as carefully to assess the specific situation of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and avoid disproportionate administrative burdens.**

(24) *Implementing powers should also be conferred on the Commission to lay down the country distribution of tariff quotas opened under this Regulation. In laying down that distribution, the Commission should take into account the import market share that prevailed in the Union steel market prior to the impact of global overcapacity. The year 2013 is the most appropriate basis for that calculation, since it was not impacted by the prevalence of global overcapacity, which surged significantly in 2015, but the effects of which were already visible, in terms of increased import penetration, in 2014. At the same time, it is important for previous tariff quotas, in particular those laid down under Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) 2023/1331⁶ and (EU) 2023/2840⁷ regarding trade flows of steel products originating in the United Kingdom and brought into Northern Ireland by direct transport from other parts of the United Kingdom, to be taken into account for the distribution of tariff quotas. Furthermore, the Commission should take into account current and future free trade agreements, in particular those that are at an advanced stage of negotiations. Other elements should, as applicable, also be taken into account, such as trade-distorting effects of third country measures impacting the Union steel market, the fact that a third country is found to be in breach of conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO) or multilateral environmental agreements, the conclusion by the Union of international agreements under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994, the conclusion of any international agreement or non-binding international understanding addressing the levels of global overcapacity for the products covered by this Regulation, and the need to ensure diversification of sources of supply. Similarly, the interests of Union candidate countries facing an exceptional and immediate security situation, in particular where they previously benefitted from preferential access to the Union market for the product categories subject to this Regulation, such as Ukraine, should be taken into account, without undermining the effectiveness of this Regulation. Furthermore, the Commission should take into account the tariff quotas, if any, opened as part of*

⁶ *Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1331 of 29 June 2023 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/159 imposing a definitive safeguard measure on imports of certain steel products (OJ L 166, 30.6.2023, p. 98, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2023/1331/oj).*

⁷ *Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2840 of 14 December 2023 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/159 imposing a definitive safeguard measure on imports of certain steel products (OJ L, 2023/2840, 15.12.2023, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2023/2840/oj).*

bilateral safeguard measures, so as to ensure that the overall amount of tariff quotas opened by the Union does not exceed the amount provided for in the relevant Annex. Moreover, with a view to ensuring the coherence and consistency of the Union's external action, where restrictive measures prohibit the import from third countries of one or more product categories falling within the scope of this Regulation, the Commission should not distribute tariff quotas to those third countries for those product categories. Finally, from 1 October 2027, the Commission should take into account the information gathered from importers on the country of "melt and pour".

- (25) *Implementing powers should also be conferred on the Commission to apply, where necessary, bilateral safeguard measures on imports of products ■ originating in those third countries with which the ■ Union has concluded a free trade agreement. Those bilateral safeguard measures should comply with the ■ applicable free trade agreement. In determining which bilateral safeguard measures to apply, it is important for the Commission to have regard to the need to establish a coherent and comprehensive framework under this Regulation and to address the negative trade-related effects of global overcapacity on the Union steel market. Furthermore, to ensure that the Commission is able to apply bilateral safeguard measures swiftly, it is necessary that the conditions and procedures laid down in Regulation (EU) 2019/287 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁸ do not apply to bilateral safeguard measures applied under this Regulation.*
- (26) *Implementing powers conferred under this Regulation should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council⁹. The examination procedure should be used for the adoption of the relevant implementing acts.*
- (27) *The Commission should adopt immediately applicable implementing acts where, in duly justified cases relating to the need to ensure the timely distribution of tariff quotas or the timely application of bilateral safeguard measures, imperative grounds of urgency so require.*

⁸ *Regulation (EU) 2019/287 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 February 2019 implementing bilateral safeguard clauses and other mechanisms allowing for the temporary withdrawal of preferences in certain trade agreements concluded between the European Union and third countries (OJ L 53, 22.2.2019, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/287/oj>).*

⁹ *Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers (OJ L 55, 28.2.2011, p. 13, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2011/182/oj>).*

(28) In order to ensure that the level of quotas opened in relation to imports into the Union is adapted to changing circumstances in the markets of the products covered by this Regulation **■** , the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) should be delegated to the Commission in respect of *amending the volumes of tariff quotas laid down in this Regulation. At the same time, any amendment to those volumes should remain consistent with the objective of this Regulation. Thus, it is appropriate to set a minimum and a maximum combined value of the volumes of tariff quotas laid down in this Regulation, whilst taking into account that, according to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Steel Outlook 2025, steel consumption within the Union is forecast to remain stable until 2030. The maximum combined value should be calculated by applying a 13 % market share to the level of consumption registered in 2018, which was the highest annual level over the period 2013-2024. The minimum combined value should be determined having regard to the need to provide for an equivalent level of flexibility in the event of a downturn of the market. Accordingly, the Commission should be empowered to amend the volumes of tariff quotas laid down in this Regulation only in so far as their total value remains between 14 400 000 tonnes and 22 200 000 tonnes. In exercising its delegated powers, the Commission should take into account, as applicable, the evolution of demand, changes in the import market shares, significant developments in global overcapacity, the level of progress made in the decarbonisation path of the steel sector in the Union having regard to the Union's climate goals, the evolution and extent of third country measures impacting imports of steel, potential issues of availability of supply in certain product categories linked to insufficient capacity and to significant related price increases, the objectives of the Union's common security and defence policy, and undue crowding-out effects in certain tariff quotas. The power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 TFEU should also be delegated to the Commission to amend the list of products in the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2020/2170 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹⁰. It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level, and that those consultations be conducted in accordance with the principles*

¹⁰ *Regulation (EU) 2020/2170 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2020 on the application of Union tariff rate quotas and other import quotas (OJ L 432, 21.12.2020, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2020/2170/oj>).*

laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making¹¹. In particular, to ensure equal participation in the preparation of delegated acts, the European Parliament and the Council receive all documents at the same time as Member States' experts, and their experts systematically have access to meetings of Commission expert groups dealing with the preparation of delegated acts.

¹¹ OJ L 123, 12.5.2016, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_interinst/2016/512/oj.

(29) Where the Commission distributes tariff quotas, applies bilateral safeguard measures or amends the volumes of tariff quotas, it should take into account the Union interest. The determination of the Union interest should be based on all available information and should consist of an appreciation of the various interests at stake, taken as a whole. Those interests include the interests of Union economic operators, including upstream and downstream industries, and the interests of Union final consumers.

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(30) Since this Regulation lays down new requirements for Union economic operators, the Commission should provide an online contact point for Union economic operators to request information on the implementation of this Regulation, including as regards the tariff administration scheme, the distribution of tariff quotas and the application of the “melt and pour” principle.

- (31) *The Commission should conduct periodic assessments of the product scope of this Regulation. In particular, by 31 December 2026, the Commission should assess the necessity of amending the product scope to cover certain products. By 30 June 2027, the Commission should assess the necessity of amending the product scope, in particular with a view to determining whether it should also cover products that are made of, or contain, a significant amount of steel, including as a matter of priority downstream iron and steel products not covered by this Regulation. Furthermore, the Commission should conduct a further assessment of the product scope by 30 June 2029 and every two years thereafter, unless significant market disruptions or sudden changes in global trade patterns require an earlier assessment. Moreover, the Commission should conduct timely consultations of stakeholders ahead of each assessment of the product scope. In particular, in view of the short timeframe for the initial assessment, a consultation should be initiated by 1 July 2026. Where the assessments show the necessity of amending the product scope, the Commission should consider submitting a legislative proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council to amend this Regulation.*
- (32) *By 30 June 2028, the Commission should, based on the information collected under this Regulation, assess whether it is necessary to designate the country of “melt and pour” as the basis for benefiting from tariff quotas provided for in this Regulation, in particular to prevent steel produced in certain third countries contributing to global overcapacity from unduly entering the Union market following further transformation in other third countries. Based on that assessment, the Commission should consider submitting a legislative proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council.*

- (33) *By 30 June 2028 and every two years thereafter, the Commission should submit a report on the implementation of this Regulation to the European Parliament and to the Council. That report should be made public and could in particular contain information on the use and evolution of tariff quotas and the category and amount of imports falling outside of the tariff quotas.*
- (34) *By 30 June 2029 and every three years thereafter, the Commission should evaluate the effectiveness of this Regulation, taking into account the evolution of the key parameters that justified its adoption, including the evolution and trends of global overcapacity **and** its trade-related effects on the Union steel market, **and the Union interest, and** assess the evolution of the *situation* of the Union steel industry, **including price levels and capacity utilisation, the impact on upstream and downstream industries** as well as **on final consumers in the Union, and the** decarbonisation *path of the steel sector in the Union having regard to the Union's climate goals. In addition, it is important for the Commission to* take into account the situation of third country trade restrictive measures on steel and the implications and effects they **might** have, or be likely to have, in terms of risk of trade diversion into the Union market, **as well as to** analyse the situation concerning the existence of non-market policies and practices in third countries and their impact on the Union steel market.*

- (35) ***It is necessary to amend Regulation (EU) 2020/2170 in order to ensure the continued application of the existing arrangements for the steel products originating in the United Kingdom and released for free circulation in Northern Ireland that are listed in the Annex to that Regulation.***
- (36) In accordance with the principle of proportionality, it is necessary and appropriate for the achievement of the basic objective of addressing the negative trade-related effects of global overcapacity on the Union steel market to open tariff quotas and set an out-of-quota duty, and to provide for the possibility of applying bilateral safeguard measures in relation to imports of steel products into the Union. This Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve the objective pursued, in accordance with Article 5(4) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU).
- (37) ***Given the need to ensure that the measures provided for in this Regulation apply from 1 July 2026, this Regulation should enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union,***

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

- 1. The objective of this Regulation is to address the negative trade-related effects of global overcapacity on the Union steel market by establishing a coherent and comprehensive framework based, on the one hand, on the opening of tariff quotas and the setting of an out-of-quota duty in respect of the products within the scope of this Regulation imported into the Union and, on the other hand, on the possibility, where appropriate, of applying bilateral safeguard measures in respect of those products originating in third countries with which the Union has concluded a free trade agreement.*
- 2. Measures adopted under this Regulation shall not restrict trade beyond what is strictly necessary to address the negative effects of global overcapacity on the Union steel market.*

Article 2

1. Tariff quotas of the Union are **hereby** opened, on an annual basis, in relation to imports into the Union of each of the product categories ■ listed in Annex I ■ .
2. For each product category listed in Annex I, a specific volume of tariff quotas is opened as provided under Annex II on a yearly basis **from 1 July of each year to 30 June of the following year ('yearly period of application')**. **The total annual volume of tariff quotas is set out in Annex II.**
3. Where a tariff quota is exhausted, or where imports of the product categories do not benefit from a tariff quota, the imports of the product categories listed in Annex I shall be subject to an out-of-quota duty at the rate of 50 % *ad valorem* as set out in Annex II.
4. ***This Article shall apply to all imports of the product categories listed in Annex I, including imports of products originating in a country with which the Union has concluded an agreement providing for tariff preferences or in a country benefitting from autonomous tariff preferences.***
5. ***This Article shall not apply to products originating in:***
 - (a) ***Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway;***
 - (b) ***countries in respect of which bilateral safeguard measures apply pursuant to Article 6.***

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Article 3

1. The tariff quotas set out in Article 2 shall be managed by the Commission and the Member States in accordance with the management system for tariff quotas provided for in Articles 49 to 54 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447.
2. The tariff quotas shall be administered quarterly.
3. The allocation of each quarterly quota shall be stopped on the 20th working day of the Commission following the end of the quarterly period.
4. ***From 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027***, the unused volumes of tariff quotas in one quarter shall ■ be carried over to the next quarter ***within the same yearly period of application***.

5. *The Commission shall adopt implementing acts determining whether, for each product category listed in Annex I, the unused volumes of tariff quotas in one quarter are to be carried over to the next quarter within the same yearly period of application, taking into account, as applicable:*

- (a) the increased level of import pressure, in particular due to the concentration of a very high volume of free-of-duty imports in a certain quarter;*
- (b) the average use of tariff quotas during the first three quarters of the yearly period of application, in particular where that average use is above 80 %;*
- (c) insufficient availability of supply for downstream steel users due to market developments.*

Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 7(2). The first of those implementing acts shall apply from 1 July 2027.

Article 4

1. At the moment of import, importers *of product categories listed in Annex I* shall provide *verifiable* appropriate evidence, such as a mill *test* certificate, *to prove the country in which raw steel or iron was initially produced in liquid form within a steel- or iron-making furnace and subsequently cast into its first solid state* (‘country of “melt and pour”’).
2. *The Commission is empowered to adopt implementing acts to determine the type of evidence to be provided by importers pursuant to paragraph 1 while taking into account the specific situation of SMEs and avoiding disproportionate administrative burdens. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 7(2). The first of those implementing acts shall be adopted by 31 August 2026.*

Article 5

1. The Commission shall adopt implementing acts laying down the country distribution of the tariff quotas listed in Annex II, *taking into account the Union interest and*, as applicable, the following elements:
 - (a) tariff quota levels equivalent to the import market share that prevailed in the Union steel market in 2013;
 - (b) tariff quotas per product category based on the share of imports that each product category held over the period 2022-2024, calculated as a share of the tariff quota levels referred to in point (a);
 - (c) existing and future free trade agreements covering in their scope any of the product categories listed in Annex I;
 - (d) *trade-distorting effects of third country measures impacting the Union steel market;*
 - (e) *whether a third country is found to be in breach of ILO conventions or multilateral environmental agreements;*

- (f) any international agreement concluded by the Union under Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994 concerning the tariff quotas opened in relation to product categories listed in Annex I;
- (g) any international agreement or non-binding international understanding addressing the levels of global overcapacity for the product categories listed in Annex I;
- (h) diversification of sources of supply;
- (i) the situation of a Union candidate country facing an exceptional and immediate security situation, *in particular where it previously benefitted from preferential access to the Union steel market for the product categories listed in Annex I*;
- (j) *information gathered in application of Article 4.*

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2. *Where the Commission has applied bilateral safeguard measures pursuant to Article 6 which entail tariff quotas, the implementing acts referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall not distribute an amount of tariff quotas corresponding to the tariff quotas opened as part of those bilateral safeguard measures.*

3. *Where restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 29 TEU and Article 215 TFEU prohibit the import from third countries of one or more product categories listed in Annex I to this Regulation, the implementing acts referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall not distribute tariff quotas to those third countries for those product categories.*
4. *The implementing acts referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 7(2). The first of those implementing acts shall apply from 1 July 2026.*
5. On duly justified imperative grounds of urgency relating to the need to ensure that tariff quotas listed in Annex II are distributed by 1 July 2026, the Commission shall adopt immediately applicable implementing acts in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 7(3).

Article 6

■ ***By way of derogation from Regulation (EU) 2019/287***, the Commission may adopt implementing acts ***applying*** bilateral safeguard measures on imports of products within the scope of this Regulation originating in those countries with which the ■ Union has concluded a free trade agreement. Those bilateral safeguard measures shall comply with the ■ applicable free trade agreement and shall ***take into account the Union interest***.

■ Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 7(2).

■ On duly justified imperative grounds of urgency relating to the need to ensure that bilateral safeguard measures can apply from 1 July 2026, the Commission may adopt immediately applicable implementing acts in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 7(3).

Article 7

1. The Commission shall be assisted by the Trade Barriers Committee established by Article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2015/1843 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹². That committee shall be a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.
2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.
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3. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011, in conjunction with Article 5 thereof, shall apply.

¹² Regulation (EU) 2015/1843 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 October 2015 laying down Union procedures in the field of the common commercial policy in order to ensure the exercise of the Union's rights under international trade rules, in particular those established under the auspices of the World Trade Organization (OJ L 272, 16.10.2015, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2015/1843/oj>).

Article 8

1. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 9 to amend the volumes of tariff quotas listed in Annex II, ***while ensuring that their total value is neither lower than 14 400 000 tonnes nor higher than 22 200 000 tonnes.***

The Commission shall take into account the Union interest and, as applicable, the following elements:

- (a) ***the evolution of demand;***
- (b) changes in the import market shares;
- (c) significant developments in global overcapacity;
- (d) ***the decarbonisation path of the steel sector in the Union;***
- (e) ***the evolution and extent of third country measures impacting imports of steel;***
- (f) potential issues of availability of supply in certain product categories ***linked to insufficient capacity readily available in the Union in certain product categories compared to demand, and to significant related price increases, negatively impacting the Union's downstream industries;***
- (g) ***the objectives of the Union's common security and defence policy;***
- (h) undue ***crowding-out*** effects in certain tariff quotas.

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2. Where, in the case of sudden changes on the markets of the product categories listed in Annex I, ■ it is necessary to amend ■ this Regulation ***quickly*** and imperative grounds of urgency so require, the procedure provided for in Article 10 shall apply to delegated acts adopted ■ pursuant to this Article.

Article 9

1. The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article.
2. The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 8 shall be conferred on the Commission for *a* period of **5 years from ... [the date of entry into force of this Regulation]**. ***The Commission shall draw up a report in respect of the delegation of power not later than nine months before the end of that 5-year period. The delegation of power shall be tacitly extended for periods of an identical duration, unless the European Parliament or the Council opposes such extension not later than three months before the end of each period.***
3. The delegation of power referred to in Article 8 may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the *Official Journal of the European Union* or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

4. Before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement *of 13 April 2016* on Better Law-Making **■** .
5. As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.
6. A delegated act adopted pursuant to Article 8 shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.

Article 10

1. **█** Delegated acts **█** adopted *under* this Article **█** shall enter into force without delay and shall apply as long as no objection is expressed in accordance with paragraph 2. The notification of a delegated act to the European Parliament and to the Council shall state the reasons for the use of the urgency procedure.
2. Either the European Parliament or the Council may object to a delegated act in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 9(6). ***In such a case, the Commission shall repeal the act immediately following the notification of the decision to object by the European Parliament or by the Council.***

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Article 11

The Commission shall make available an online contact point. Union economic operators may use that contact point to request information concerning the implementation of this Regulation.

Article 12

1. By **31 December 2026**, the Commission shall assess the necessity of amending the product scope **to include the products covered by the following codes of the Combined Nomenclature (CN), as set out in Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87¹³:**

(a) 7303 00 10, 7303 00 90;

(b) 7229 20 00, 7229 90 20, 7229 90 50, 7229 90 90;

(c) 7223 00 11, 7223 00 19, 7223 00 91, 7223 00 99;

(d) 7214 10 00, 7228 10 50, 7228 40 10, 7228 40 90.

Where sufficient evidence is gathered in its assessment demonstrating that necessity, the Commission may without undue delay submit a legislative proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council. To that end, the Commission shall, by 1 July 2026, initiate a consultation process with stakeholders, including economic operators and Member States.

¹³ Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87 of 23 July 1987 on the tariff and statistical nomenclature and on the Common Customs Tariff (OJ L 256, 7.9.1987, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/1987/2658/oj>).

2. *By 30 June 2027, the Commission shall assess the necessity of amending the product scope, taking into account in particular whether it should cover additional products that are made of, or contain, a significant amount of steel, including as a matter of priority downstream iron and steel products not covered by Annex I. Where sufficient evidence is gathered in its assessment demonstrating that necessity, the Commission may without undue delay submit a legislative proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council.*
3. *By 30 June 2029 and every two years thereafter, the Commission shall assess the necessity of amending the product scope, taking into account the wider situation of Union competitiveness and of the Union steel industry, both upstream and downstream actors, in particular the situation for SMEs, as well as the Union's common security and defence policy. Where significant market disruptions or sudden changes in global trade patterns occur, the Commission shall conduct an earlier assessment.*
4. *For the purpose of the assessments referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3, the Commission shall initiate a timely consultation process with stakeholders, including economic operators and Member States.*

5. ***By 30 June 2028, the Commission shall, based on the information collected pursuant to Article 4, assess whether it is necessary to designate the country of “melt and pour” as the basis for benefiting from the tariff quotas provided for in this Regulation. Based on that assessment, the Commission may submit a legislative proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council.***

6. ***By 30 June 2029, and every three years thereafter, the Commission shall evaluate the effectiveness of this Regulation, after having carried out broad consultations with stakeholders throughout the steel value chain.***

Such evaluation shall have regard to:

- (a) the persistence of the circumstances that justified the adoption of this Regulation;
- (b) ***the Union interest;*** and
- (c) the situation of the Union steel **■** industry, ***including:***
 - (i) ***price levels and capacity utilisation;***
 - (ii) ***the impact on upstream and downstream industries as well as on final consumers in the Union; and***
 - (iii) ***the decarbonisation path of the steel sector in the Union.***

Based on that evaluation, the Commission may submit a legislative proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council to amend **■** this Regulation.

7. ***By 30 June 2028 and every two years thereafter, the Commission shall submit a report on the implementation of this Regulation to the European Parliament and to the Council. That report shall be made public.***

Article 13

Regulation (EU) 2020/2170 is amended as follows:

(1) in Article 1, the second paragraph is replaced by the following:

‘Goods listed in the Annex originating in the United Kingdom that fall within the scope of Regulation (EU) .../... of the European Parliament and of the Council** and that are brought into Northern Ireland by direct transport from other parts of the United Kingdom shall also be eligible for treatment pursuant to Union import tariff rate quotas if those goods are released for free circulation in the territory of Northern Ireland.

*** *Regulation (EU) .../... of the European Parliament and of the Council of ... addressing the negative trade-related effects of global overcapacity on the Union steel market and amending Regulation (EU) 2020/2170 (OJ ..., ELI:).’;***

⁺ OJ: Please insert in the text the number of the Regulation in document PE-CONS 23/26 (2025/0726(COD)) and in the corresponding footnote the number, date of adoption and publication reference of that Regulation, including its ELI number.

(2) *Article 1a is replaced by the following:*

'Article 1a

The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts, in accordance with Article 1b, amending this Regulation in order to add to the list set out in the Annex certain categories of goods originating in the United Kingdom that fall within the scope of Regulation (EU) .../...⁺ and that are brought into Northern Ireland by direct transport from other parts of the United Kingdom provided that the United Kingdom has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Union a need for those goods to be released for free circulation in Northern Ireland.'

⁺ OJ: Please insert in the text the number of the Regulation in document PE-CONS 23/26 (2025/0726(COD)).

Article 14

This Regulation shall enter into force on the **█** day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 July 2026.

However:

(a) Article 4(2), Article 5(1), points (a) to (i), Article 5(2) to (5), and Articles 6 and 7 shall apply from ... [the date of entry into force of this Regulation];

(b) Article 4(1) shall apply from 1 October 2026;

(c) Article 5(1), point (j), shall apply from 1 October 2027.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at ...,

For the European Parliament

For the Council

The President

The President

ANNEX I

Product categories covered by this Regulation

Product category number	Product category name	CN code
1A	Non Alloy and Other Alloy Hot Rolled Sheets and Strips	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, 7225 19 10, 7225 30 10, 7225 30 30, 7225 30 90, 7225 40 15, 7225 40 90, 7226 19 10, 7226 91 20, 7226 91 91, 7226 91 99
1B	Non Alloy and Other Alloy Hot Rolled Sheets and Strips	7212 60 00
2	Non Alloy and Other Alloy Cold Rolled Sheets	7209 15 00, 7209 16 90, 7209 17 90, 7209 18 91, 7209 25 00, 7209 26 90, 7209 27 90, 7209 28 90, 7209 90 20, 7209 90 80, 7211 23 20, 7211 23 30, 7211 23 80, 7211 29 00, 7211 90 20, 7211 90 80, 7225 50 20, 7225 50 80, 7226 20 00, 7226 92 00
3A	Electrical Sheets (other than GOES)	7209 16 10, 7209 17 10, 7209 18 10, 7209 26 10, 7209 27 10, 7209 28 10
3B		7225 19 90, 7226 19 80
4A	Metallic Coated Sheets	7212 50 20 TARIC codes: 7210 41 00 20, 7210 41 00 30, 7210 49 00 20, 7210 49 00 30, 7210 61 00 20, 7210 61 00 30, 7210 69 00 20, 7210 69 00 30, 7212 30 00

Product category number	Product category name	CN code
		<i>20, 7212 30 00 30, 7212 50 61 20, 7212 50 61 30, 7212 50 69 20, 7212 50 69 30, 7225 92 00 20, 7225 92 00 30, 7225 99 00 11, 7225 99 00 22, 7225 99 00 23, 7225 99 00 41, 7225 99 00 45, 7225 99 00 91, 7225 99 00 92, 7225 99 00 93, 7226 99 30 10, 7226 99 30 30, 7226 99 70 11, 7226 99 70 13, 7226 99 70 91, 7226 99 70 93, 7226 99 70 94</i>
4B	Metallic Coated Sheets	7210 20 00, 7210 30 00, 7210 90 80, 7212 20 00, 7212 50 30, 7212 50 40, 7212 50 90, 7225 91 00, 7226 99 10 TARIC codes: 7210 41 00 80, 7210 49 00 80, 7210 61 00 80, 7210 69 00 80, 7212 30 00 80, 7212 50 61 80, 7212 50 69 80, 7225 92 00 80, 7225 99 00 25, 7225 99 00 95, 7226 99 30 90, 7226 99 70 19, 7226 99 70 96
5	Organic Coated Sheets	7210 70 80, 7212 40 80,
6	Tin Mill products	7209 18 99, 7210 11 00, 7210 12 20, 7210 12 80, 7210 50 00, 7210 70 10, 7210 90 40, 7212 10 10, 7212 10 90, 7212 40 20
7	Non Alloy and Other Alloy Quarto Plates	7208 51 20, 7208 51 91, 7208 51 98, 7208 52 91, 7208 90 20, 7208 90 80, 7210 90 30, 7225 40 12, 7225 40 40, 7225 40 60
8	Stainless Hot Rolled Sheets and Strips	7219 11 00, 7219 12 10, 7219 12 90, 7219 13 10, 7219 13 90, 7219 14 10, 7219 14 90, 7219 22 10, 7219 22 90, 7219 23 00, 7219 24 00, 7220 11 00, 7220 12 00

Product category number	Product category name	CN code
9	Stainless Cold Rolled Sheets and Strips	7219 31 00, 7219 32 10, 7219 32 90, 7219 33 10, 7219 33 90, 7219 34 10, 7219 34 90, 7219 35 10, 7219 35 90, 7219 90 20, 7219 90 80, 7220 20 21, 7220 20 29, 7220 20 41, 7220 20 49, 7220 20 81, 7220 20 89, 7220 90 20, 7220 90 80
10	Stainless Hot Rolled Quarto Plates	7219 21 10, 7219 21 90
12	Non Alloy and Other Alloy Merchant Bars and Light Sections	7214 30 00, 7214 91 10, 7214 91 90, 7214 99 31, 7214 99 39, 7214 99 50, 7214 99 71, 7214 99 79, 7214 99 95, 7215 90 00, 7216 10 00, 7216 21 00, 7216 22 00, 7216 40 10, 7216 40 90, 7216 50 10, 7216 50 91, 7216 50 99, 7216 99 00, 7228 10 20, 7228 20 10, 7228 20 91, 7228 30 20, 7228 30 41, 7228 30 49, 7228 30 61, 7228 30 70, 7228 30 89, 7228 60 20, 7228 60 80, 7228 70 10, 7228 70 90, 7228 80 00 TARIC code: 7228 30 69 99
13	Rebars	7214 20 00, 7214 99 10 TARIC code: 7228 30 69 11
14	Stainless Bars and Light Sections	7222 11 11, 7222 11 19, 7222 11 81, 7222 11 89, 7222 19 10, 7222 19 90, 7222 20 11, 7222 20 19, 7222 20 21, 7222 20 29, 7222 20 31, 7222 20 39, 7222 20 81, 7222 20 89, 7222 30 51, 7222 30 91, 7222 30 97, 7222 40 10, 7222 40 50, 7222 40 90

Product category number	Product category name	CN code
15	Stainless Wire Rod	7221 00 10, 7221 00 90
16	Non Alloy and Other Alloy Wire Rod	7213 10 00, 7213 20 00, 7213 91 10, 7213 91 20, 7213 91 41, 7213 91 49, 7213 91 70, 7213 91 90, 7213 99 10, 7213 99 90, 7227 10 00, 7227 20 00, 7227 90 10, 7227 90 50, 7227 90 95
17	Angles, Shapes and Sections of Iron or Non Alloy Steel	7216 31 10, 7216 31 90, 7216 32 11, 7216 32 19, 7216 32 91, 7216 32 99, 7216 33 10, 7216 33 90
18	Sheet Piling	7301 10 00
19	Railway Material	7302 10 22, 7302 10 28, 7302 10 40, 7302 10 50, 7302 40 00
20	Gas pipes	7306 30 41, 7306 30 49, 7306 30 72, 7306 30 77
21	Hollow sections	7306 61 10, 7306 61 92, 7306 61 99
22	Seamless Stainless Tubes and Pipes	7304 11 00, 7304 22 00, 7304 24 00, 7304 41 00, 7304 49 83, 7304 49 85, 7304 49 89
24	Other Seamless Tubes	7304 19 10, 7304 19 30, 7304 19 90, 7304 23 00, 7304 29 10, 7304 29 30, 7304 29 90, 7304 31 20, 7304 31 80, 7304 39 50, 7304 39 82, 7304 39 83, 7304 39 88, 7304 51 81, 7304 51 89, 7304 59 30, 7304 59 82, 7304 59 83, 7304 59 89, 7304 90 00
25A	Large welded tubes	7305 11 00, 7305 12 00
25B		7305 19 00, 7305 20 00, 7305 31 00, 7305 39 00, 7305 90 00

Product category number	Product category name	CN code
26	Other Welded Pipes	7306 11 00, 7306 19 00, 7306 21 00, 7306 29 00, 7306 30 12, 7306 30 18, 7306 30 80, 7306 40 20, 7306 40 80, 7306 50 21, 7306 50 29, 7306 50 80, 7306 69 10, 7306 69 90, 7306 90 00
27	Non-alloy and other alloy cold finished bars	7215 10 00, 7215 50 11, 7215 50 19, 7215 50 80, 7228 10 90, 7228 20 99, 7228 50 20, 7228 50 40, 7228 50 61, 7228 50 69, 7228 50 80
28	Non Alloy Wire	7217 10 10, 7217 10 31, 7217 10 39, 7217 10 50, 7217 10 90, 7217 20 10, 7217 20 30, 7217 20 50, 7217 20 90, 7217 30 41, 7217 30 49, 7217 30 50, 7217 30 90, 7217 90 20, 7217 90 50, 7217 90 90

ANNEX II

Volume of tariff quotas per product category

The total annual volume of tariff quotas shall be 18 345 922 tonnes.

Product category number	Product category name	CN code	Volume of tariff quotas (in tonnes)	Out-of-quota duty level
1A	Non Alloy and Other Alloy Hot Rolled Sheets and Strips	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, 7225 19 10, 7225 30 10, 7225 30 30, 7225 30 90, 7225 40 15, 7225 40 90, 7226 19 10, 7226 91 20, 7226 91 91, 7226 91 99	5 198 712	50 %
1B	Non Alloy and Other Alloy Hot Rolled Sheets and Strips	7212 60 00	4 581	50 %
2	Non Alloy and Other Alloy Cold	7209 15 00, 7209 16 90, 7209 17 90, 7209 18 91, 7209 25 00, 7209 26 90,	1 544 759	50 %

Product category number	Product category name	CN code	Volume of tariff quotas (in tonnes)	Out-of-quota duty level
	Rolled Sheets	7209 27 90, 7209 28 90, 7209 90 20, 7209 90 80, 7211 23 20, 7211 23 30, 7211 23 80, 7211 29 00, 7211 90 20, 7211 90 80, 7225 50 20, 7225 50 80, 7226 20 00, 7226 92 00		
3A	Electrical Sheets (other than GOES)	7209 16 10, 7209 17 10, 7209 18 10, 7209 26 10, 7209 27 10, 7209 28 10	612	50 %
3B		7225 19 90, 7226 19 80	199 079	50 %
4A	Metallic Coated Sheets	7212 50 20 TARIC codes: 7210 41 00 20, 7210 41 00 30, 7210 49 00 20, 7210 49 00 30, 7210 61 00 20, 7210 61 00 30, 7210 69 00 20, 7210 69 00 30, 7212 30 00 20, 7212 30 00 30, 7212 50 61 20, 7212 50 61 30, 7212 50 69 20, 7212 50 69 30, 7225 92 00 20,	1 620 686	50 %

Product category number	Product category name	CN code	Volume of tariff quotas (in tonnes)	Out-of-quota duty level
		7225 92 00 30, 7225 99 00 11, 7225 99 00 22, 7225 99 00 23, 7225 99 00 41, 7225 99 00 45, 7225 99 00 91, 7225 99 00 92, 7225 99 00 93, 7226 99 30 10, 7226 99 30 30, 7226 99 70 11, 7226 99 70 13, 7226 99 70 91, 7226 99 70 93, 7226 99 70 94		
4B	Metallic Coated Sheets	7210 20 00, 7210 30 00, 7210 90 80, 7212 20 00, 7212 50 30, 7212 50 40, 7212 50 90, 7225 91 00, 7226 99 10 TARIC codes: 7210 41 00 80, 7210 49 00 80, 7210 61 00 80, 7210 69 00 80, 7212 30 00	1 238 995	50 %

Product category number	Product category name	CN code	Volume of tariff quotas (in tonnes)	Out-of-quota duty level
		80, 7212 50 61 80, 7212 50 69 80, 7225 92 00 80, 7225 99 00 25, 7225 99 00 95, 7226 99 30 90, 7226 99 70 19, 7226 99 70 96		
5	Organic Coated Sheets	7210 70 80, 7212 40 80,	627 871	50 %
6	Tin Mill products	7209 18 99, 7210 11 00, 7210 12 20, 7210 12 80, 7210 50 00, 7210 70 10, 7210 90 40, 7212 10 10, 7212 10 90, 7212 40 20	542 840	50 %
7	Non Alloy and Other Alloy Quarto Plates	7208 51 20, 7208 51 91, 7208 51 98, 7208 52 91, 7208 90 20, 7208 90 80, 7210 90 30, 7225 40 12, 7225 40 40, 7225 40 60	1 196 903	50 %
8	Stainless Hot Rolled Sheets and Strips	7219 11 00, 7219 12 10, 7219 12 90, 7219 13 10, 7219 13 90, 7219 14 10, 7219 14 90, 7219 22 10, 7219 22 90, 7219 23 00,	153 186	50 %

Product category number	Product category name	CN code	Volume of tariff quotas (in tonnes)	Out-of-quota duty level
		7219 24 00, 7220 11 00, 7220 12 00		
9	Stainless Cold Rolled Sheets and Strips	7219 31 00, 7219 32 10, 7219 32 90, 7219 33 10, 7219 33 90, 7219 34 10, 7219 34 90, 7219 35 10, 7219 35 90, 7219 90 20, 7219 90 80, 7220 20 21, 7220 20 29, 7220 20 41, 7220 20 49, 7220 20 81, 7220 20 89, 7220 90 20, 7220 90 80	496 342	50 %
10	Stainless Hot Rolled Quarto Plates	7219 21 10, 7219 21 90	17 025	50 %
12	Non Alloy and Other Alloy Merchant Bars and Light Sections	7214 30 00, 7214 91 10, 7214 91 90, 7214 99 31, 7214 99 39, 7214 99 50, 7214 99 71, 7214 99 79, 7214 99 95, 7215 90 00, 7216 10 00, 7216 21 00, 7216 22 00, 7216 40 10, 7216 40 90, 7216 50 10, 7216 50 91, 7216 50 99, 7216 99 00, 7228 10 20, 7228 20 10, 7228 20 91,	881 735	50 %

Product category number	Product category name	CN code	Volume of tariff quotas (in tonnes)	Out-of-quota duty level
		7228 30 20, 7228 30 41, 7228 30 49, 7228 30 61, 7228 30 70, 7228 30 89, 7228 60 20, 7228 60 80, 7228 70 10, 7228 70 90, 7228 80 00 TARIC code: 7228 30 69 99		
13	Rebars	7214 20 00, 7214 99 10 TARIC code: 7228 30 69 11	844 526	50 %
14	Stainless Bars and Light Sections	7222 11 11, 7222 11 19, 7222 11 81, 7222 11 89, 7222 19 10, 7222 19 90, 7222 20 11, 7222 20 19, 7222 20 21, 7222 20 29, 7222 20 31, 7222 20 39, 7222 20 81, 7222 20 89, 7222 30 51, 7222 30 91, 7222 30 97, 7222 40 10, 7222 40 50, 7222 40 90	133 595	50 %
15	Stainless Wire Rod	7221 00 10, 7221 00 90	40 462	50 %

Product category number	Product category name	CN code	Volume of tariff quotas (in tonnes)	Out-of-quota duty level
16	Non Alloy and Other Alloy Wire Rod	7213 10 00, 7213 20 00, 7213 91 10, 7213 91 20, 7213 91 41, 7213 91 49, 7213 91 70, 7213 91 90, 7213 99 10, 7213 99 90, 7227 10 00, 7227 20 00, 7227 90 10, 7227 90 50, 7227 90 95	1 569 532	50 %
17	Angles, Shapes and Sections of Iron or Non Alloy Steel	7216 31 10, 7216 31 90, 7216 32 11, 7216 32 19, 7216 32 91, 7216 32 99, 7216 33 10, 7216 33 90	184 607	50 %
18	Sheet Piling	7301 10 00	31 263	50%
19	Railway Material	7302 10 22, 7302 10 28, 7302 10 40, 7302 10 50, 7302 40 00	16 472	50 %
20	Gas pipes	7306 30 41, 7306 30 49, 7306 30 72, 7306 30 77	222 413	50 %
21	Hollow sections	7306 61 10, 7306 61 92, 7306 61 99	499 493	50 %
22	Seamless Stainless	7304 11 00, 7304 22 00, 7304 24 00, 7304 41 00,	32 967	50 %

Product category number	Product category name	CN code	Volume of tariff quotas (in tonnes)	Out-of-quota duty level
	Tubes and Pipes	7304 49 83, 7304 49 85, 7304 49 89		
24	Other Seamless Tubes	7304 19 10, 7304 19 30, 7304 19 90, 7304 23 00, 7304 29 10, 7304 29 30, 7304 29 90, 7304 31 20, 7304 31 80, 7304 39 50, 7304 39 82, 7304 39 83, 7304 39 88, 7304 51 81, 7304 51 89, 7304 59 30, 7304 59 82, 7304 59 83, 7304 59 89, 7304 90 00	268 901	50 %
25A	Large welded tubes	7305 11 00, 7305 12 00	28 749	50 %
25B		7305 19 00, 7305 20 00, 7305 31 00, 7305 39 00, 7305 90 00	83 616	50 %
26	Other Welded Pipes	7306 11 00, 7306 19 00, 7306 21 00, 7306 29 00, 7306 30 12, 7306 30 18, 7306 30 80, 7306 40 20, 7306 40 80, 7306 50 21, 7306 50 29, 7306 50 80, 7306 69 10, 7306 69 90, 7306 90 00	250 757	50 %
27	Non-alloy and other	7215 10 00, 7215 50 11, 7215 50 19, 7215 50 80,	97 315	50 %

Product category number	Product category name	CN code	Volume of tariff quotas (in tonnes)	Out-of-quota duty level
	alloy cold finished bars	7228 10 90, 7228 20 99, 7228 50 20, 7228 50 40, 7228 50 61, 7228 50 69, 7228 50 80		
28	Non Alloy Wire	7217 10 10, 7217 10 31, 7217 10 39, 7217 10 50, 7217 10 90, 7217 20 10, 7217 20 30, 7217 20 50, 7217 20 90, 7217 30 41, 7217 30 49, 7217 30 50, 7217 30 90, 7217 90 20, 7217 90 50, 7217 90 90	317 886	50 %

A statement has been made with regard to this Regulation and can be found in OJ C, ..., ELI: ...⁺.

⁺ OJ: Please insert the OJ reference of the statement, including the ELI.

Joint statement by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on import of steel products from Russia

Since the beginning of the war, the Union and its Member States have taken unprecedented measures to reduce economic dependencies on Russia and to work towards ensuring that the Union's economic activity does not contribute to sustaining Russia's war effort.

These measures have significantly reduced trade flows across a wide range of sectors, including steel, accelerated decoupling and contributed to the Union's resilience, while also demonstrating the Union's capacity to act in a united and decisive manner when its values and strategic interests are at stake.

At the same time, the Union must remain attentive to those areas where dependencies persist, in particular as regards certain steel products the import of which is not yet fully prohibited.

In particular, some limited imports originating from Russia continue in the steel sector until 30 September 2028, in accordance with the transitional arrangements laid down in the relevant restrictive measures adopted by the Council¹⁶. To ensure progressive and steady diversification, these imports are capped by quotas with volumes decreasing annually.

While recalling the institutional framework applicable to restrictive measures, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission highlight that the relevant restrictive measures adopted by the Council underpin a trajectory towards a complete phase-out of the remaining imports of Russian steel products, notably steel slabs, by 30 September 2028.

¹⁶ Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP of 31 July 2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine and Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine.