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**COVER NOTE**

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From:	Mr Denis REDONNET, Deputy-Director General for Trade, European Commission
date of receipt:	14 June 2021
To:	President of the EU-Turkey Association Council
Subject:	Anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of certain corrosion-resistant steels originating in Turkey

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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 corrosion resistant steels originating *inter alia* 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 corrosion resistant steels originating in Turkey 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.

Yours sincerely,

Denis REDONNET  
Deputy Director General

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Encl.: Note Verbale



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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 corrosion resistant steels ('the product concerned') originating *inter alia* in Turkey.

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

The product concerned is defined as flat-rolled products of iron or alloy steel or non-alloy steel; plated or coated by hot dip galvanisation with zinc and/or aluminium and/or magnesium, whether or not alloyed with silicon; chemically passivated; with or without any additional surface treatment such as oiling or sealing; containing by weight: not more than 0,5 % of carbon, not more than 1,1 % of aluminium, not more than 0,12 % of niobium, not more than 0,17 % of titanium and not more than 0,15 % of vanadium; presented in coils, cut-to-length sheets and narrow strips originating in Turkey and Russia. The following products are excluded: (i) of stainless steel, of silicon-electrical steel, and of high-speed steel, and (ii) not further worked than hot-rolled or cold-rolled (cold-reduced).

The product concerned is currently falling within CN codes ex 7210 41 00, ex 7210 49 00, ex 7210 61 00, ex 7210 69 00, ex 7210 90 80, ex 7212 30 00, ex 7212 50 61, ex 7212 50 69, ex 7212 50 90, ex 7225 92 00, ex 7225 99 00, ex 7226 99 30, ex 7226 99 70 (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, 7210 90 80 92, 7212 30 00 20, 7212 30 00 30, 7212 50 61 20, 7212 50 61 30, 7212 50 69 20, 7212 50 69 30, 7212 50 90 14, 7212 50 90 92, 7225 92 00 20, 7225 92 00 30, 7225 99 00 22, 7225 99 00 23, 7225 99 00 41, 7225 99 00 92, 7225 99 00 93, 7226 99 30 10, 7226 99 30 30, 7226 99 70 13, 7226 99 70 93, 7226 99 70 94).

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With regard to dumping, it is claimed by Eurofer that Turkish export prices based on the Eurostat COMEXT prices (with the necessary freight adjustments to calculate ex-works prices) are considerably lower than the normal value based on Turkish domestic market prices, as collected by Steel Business Briefing ('SBB') of the pricing agency Platts, MEPS International and Metal Bulletin. On this basis, it is alleged that a dumping margin of around 18% for exports from Turkey exists. The exporting producers identified in the complaint are listed in the attached document.

The injury caused by the allegedly dumped imports from Turkey allegedly consists of a combination of a surge in subject import volumes from *inter alia* Turkey at low import prices, which undercut Union producers. According to Eurofer, the pressure by these imports left Union producers no choice but to also decrease their prices so as not to have plants idle and try to stay competitive, which drove the industry into losses in recent financial quarters. Despite decrease in prices, Union producers still lost their market share in 2019 and 2020 as comparing with previous years.

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 **17 June 2021** 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.

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Encl.: List of exporting producers identified in the complaint

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**Annex: List of exporting producers identified in the complaint**

Company	Location
Ereğli Demir ve Çelik Fabrikaları T.A.Ş. (Erdemir)	Istanbul
Tosyali	Istanbul
MMK Metalurji	DÖRTYOL / HATAY
Tatmetal	Ereğli / Zonguldak
Borçelik Çelik	Nilüfer/Bursa
Atakaş	Payas
Yıldız Demir Çelik	İzmit / Kocaeli
Tezcan A.Ş.	Kocaeli
Assan Demir AS	Istanbul

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