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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2024/2720

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making imports of certain seamless pipes and tubes of iron or steel originating in the People's Republic of China subject to registration

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Union [1] ('the basic Regulation') and in particular Article 14(5) thereof,

After informing the Member States,

Whereas:

(1) On 17 May 2024, the European Commission ('the Commission') announced, by a notice published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* [2], the initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding with regard to imports into the Union of certain seamless pipes and tubes of iron or steel originating in the People's Republic of China.

(2) This initiated followed a complaint lodged on 2 April 2024 by the European Steel Tube Association on behalf of producers representing more than 25 % of the total Union production of seamless pipes and tubes of iron or steel.

1. PRODUCT SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION

(3) The product subject to registration ('the product concerned') is certain seamless pipes and tubes of iron or steel, including precision tubes, of circular cross-section, of an external diameter not exceeding 406,4 mm with a Carbon Equivalent Value (CEV) not exceeding 0,86 according to the International Institute of Welding (IIW) formula and chemical analysis.

(4) The product concerned is currently classified under CN codes ex 7304 19 10, ex 7304 19 30, ex 7304 23 00, ex 7304 29 10, ex 7304 29 30, ex 7304 31 20, ex 7304 31 80, ex 7304 39 50, ex 7304 39 82, ex 7304 39 83, ex 7304 51 89, ex 7304 59 82 and ex 7304 59 83 (TARIC codes: 7304 19 10 20, 7304 19 30 20, 7304 23 00 20, 7304 29 10 20, 7304 29 30 20, 7304 31 20 30, 7304 31 80 30, 7304 39 50 30, 7304 39 82 30, 7304 39 83 20, 7304 51 89 30, 7304 59 82 30 and 7304 59 83 20). The CN and TARIC codes are given for information only and without prejudice to a subsequent change in the tariff classification.

2. REGISTRATION

(5) Under Article 14(5) of the basic Regulation, imports of the product concerned may be made subject to registration for the purpose of ensuring that, if the investigation results in findings leading to the imposition of anti-dumping duties, those duties can, if the necessary conditions are fulfilled, be levied retroactively on the registered imports in accordance with the applicable legal provisions.

(6) The Commission has decided to make imports of the product concerned subject to registration on its own initiative under Article 14(5) of the basic Regulation. The conditions for retroactive collection of duties will be assessed in the regulation imposing definitive duties, if any.

(7) Any future liability would emanate from the findings of the investigation.

(8) The allegations in the complaint requesting the initiation of an anti-dumping investigation estimate dumping margins from 10 % to 132 % and an average injury elimination level of 42 % for the product concerned from October 2022 to September 2023.

[1] OJ L 176, 30.6.2016, p. 21, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/1036/oj.
[2] OJ C, C/2024/3225, 17.5.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2024/3225/oj.

(9) The amount of possible future liability would normally be set at the lower of those two levels according to Article 7(2) of the basic Regulation. If, during the investigation, the Commission finds evidence of raw material distortions pursuant to Article 7(2a) of the basic Regulation, the amount of possible future liability would be set at the level of the dumping margin as provided for in Article 7(2b) of the basic Regulation if it is concluded that a duty lower than the margin of dumping would not be sufficient to remove the injury suffered by the Union industry.

3. **PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA**

(10) Any personal data collected in the context of this registration will be treated in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([3]),

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

1. The customs authorities are hereby directed, under Article 14(5) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036, to take the appropriate steps to register imports into the Union of certain seamless pipes and tubes of iron or steel, including precision tubes, of circular cross-section, of an external diameter not exceeding 406,4 mm with a Carbon Equivalent Value (CEV) not exceeding 0,86 according to the International Institute of Welding (IIW) formula and chemical analysis, currently classified under CN codes ex 7304 19 10, ex 7304 19 30, ex 7304 23 00, ex 7304 29 10, ex 7304 29 30, ex 7304 31 20, ex 7304 31 80, ex 7304 39 50, ex 7304 39 82, ex 7304 39 83, ex 7304 51 89, ex 7304 59 82 and ex 7304 59 83 (TARIC codes: 7304 19 10 20, 7304 19 30 20, 7304 23 00 20, 7304 29 10 20, 7304 29 30 20, 7304 31 20 30, 7304 31 80 30, 7304 39 50 30, 7304 39 82 30, 7304 39 83 20, 7304 51 89 30, 7304 59 82 30 and 7304 59 83 20), and originating in the People's Republic of China.

2. Registration shall expire nine months following the date of entry into force of this Regulation.

Article 2

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

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

Done at Brussels, 24 October 2024.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

([3]) Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1725/oj).