



COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2025/531

of 24 March 2025

making imports of high-pressure seamless steel cylinders 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 6 December 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 high-pressure seamless steel cylinders originating in the People's Republic of China ('the PRC').
- (2) This initiation followed a complaint lodged on 24 October 2024 by five companies, Cylinders Holding a.s., Dalmine S.p.A. (Tenaris), Eurocylinder Systems AG (ECS), Faber Industrie S.p.A., and Worthington Cylinders GmbH representing more than 25 % of the total Union production of high-pressure seamless steel cylinders.

1. PRODUCT SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION

- (3) The product subject to registration ('the product concerned') is high-pressure seamless cylinders for compressed or liquefied gas, of steel, of all diameters and volume capacities, whether or not threaded, regardless of internal coating or plating, regardless of external finishing and shape, whether or not with a gas bladder inserted, regardless of the cylinders' fitting with a valve, neck ring, foot ring or piping, whether or not fastened together to form a bundle. Non-refillable cylinders of capacities up to and including 120 ml, covered by European standard EN 16509:2014 and/or UN-number 2037 assigned by the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, are excluded from the product scope.
- (4) The product concerned currently classified under CN codes ex 7311 00 11, ex 7311 00 13, ex 7311 00 19, ex 7311 00 30 and ex 8424 10 00 (TARIC codes 7311 00 11 15, 7311 00 11 80, 7311 00 13 15, 7311 00 13 80, 7311 00 19 15, 7311 00 19 80, 7311 00 30 15, 7311 00 30 80, 8424 10 00 11 and 8424 10 00 21). The CN and TARIC codes are given for information only and without prejudice to a subsequent change in the tariff classification.
- (5) The Commission clarified that empty fire extinguishers that meet the specifications set out in the product definition are part of the product scope of the investigation, regardless of whether or not they are classified under CN code 8424 10 00 (Taric codes 8424 10 00 11 and 8424 10 00 21).

2. REGISTRATION

- (6) 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.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 176, 30.6.2016, p. 21, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/1036/oj>.

⁽²⁾ OJ C, C/2024/7403, 6.12.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2024/7403/oj>.

- (7) 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.
- (8) Any future liability would emanate from the findings of the anti-dumping investigation.
- (9) The allegations in the complaint requesting the initiation of an anti-dumping investigation estimate dumping margins between 37,5 % and 204,8 % and an injury elimination level between 15,7 % and 68,6 % for the product concerned for the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. 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.
- (10) 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(2a) 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.
- (11) At this stage the Commission is not in a position to estimate the amount of possible future liability. Thus, the amounts mentioned in the complaint are only for information purposes and cannot create any expectations as to the actual level of liability which will be established as a result of the investigation.

3. PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA

- (12) 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 ^(⁹),

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 high-pressure seamless cylinders for compressed or liquefied gas, of steel, of all diameters and volume capacities, whether or not threaded, regardless of internal coating or plating, regardless of external finishing and shape, whether or not with a gas bladder inserted, regardless of the cylinders' fitting with a valve, neck ring, foot ring or piping, whether or not fastened together to form a bundle, currently classified under CN codes ex 7311 00 11, ex 7311 00 13, ex 7311 00 19, ex 7311 00 30 and ex 8424 10 00 (TARIC codes 7311 00 11 15, 7311 00 11 80, 7311 00 13 15, 7311 00 13 80, 7311 00 19 15, 7311 00 19 80, 7311 00 30 15, 7311 00 30 80, 8424 10 00 11 and 8424 10 00 21) and originating in the People's Republic of China.

Non-refillable cylinders of capacities up to and including 120 ml, covered by European standard EN 16509:2014 and/or UN-number 2037 assigned by the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, are excluded from the product scope.

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

⁽⁹⁾ 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>).

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 March 2025.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN