



COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2025/664

of 31 March 2025

**amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2882 suspending commercial policy measures
concerning certain products originating in the United States of America imposed by Implementing
Regulations (EU) 2018/886 and (EU) 2020/502**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 654/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 concerning the exercise of the Union's rights for the application and enforcement of international trade rules and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 3286/94 laying down Community procedures in the field of common commercial policy in order to ensure the exercise of the Community's rights under international trade rules, in particular those established under the auspices of the World Trade Organization (WTO) (¹), and in particular Article 7(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) On 20 June 2018, the Commission adopted Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/886 (²) that provides for the application of additional customs duties on imports into the Union of specified products originating in the United States of America ('the United States').
- (2) On 7 April 2020, the Commission adopted Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/502 (³) that provides for the application of additional customs duties on imports into the Union of certain other products originating in the United States.
- (3) The additional customs duties imposed by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/886 and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/502 were aimed at counter-balancing the safeguard measures in the form of additional customs duties which the United States had introduced on the basis of section 232 of the United States' Trade Expansion Act of 1962 on imports of specified steel and aluminium products originating in the Union, with effect from 1 June 2018, and on imports of steel and aluminium derivative products originating in the Union, with effect from 8 February 2020.
- (4) On 18 December 2023, the Commission adopted Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2882 suspending, until 31 March 2025, the additional *ad valorem* duties imposed by Implementing Regulations (EU) 2018/886 and (EU) 2020/502 (⁴).
- (5) On 10 February 2025, the United States reintroduced its safeguard measures in the form of additional customs duties on imports of steel and aluminium products and of steel and aluminium derivative products originating, *inter alia*, in the Union, at the initial levels of 25 % and 10 % *ad valorem*, respectively, with effect from 12 March 2025 (⁵).

(¹) OJ L 189, 27.6.2014, p. 50, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2014/654/oj>.

(²) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/886 of 20 June 2018 on certain commercial policy measures concerning certain products originating in the United States of America and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/724 (OJ L 158, 21.6.2018, p. 5, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2018/886/oj).

(³) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/502 of 6 April 2020 on certain commercial policy measures concerning certain products originating in the United States of America (OJ L 109, 7.4.2020, p. 10, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/502/oj).

(⁴) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2882 of 18 December 2023 suspending commercial policy measures concerning certain products originating in the United States of America imposed by Implementing Regulations (EU) 2018/886 and (EU) 2020/502 (OJ L, 2023/2882, 19.12.2023, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2023/2882/oj).

(⁵) Proclamation no. 10896 of 10 February 2025, Adjusting Imports of Steel into the United States, and the Annexes to it; Proclamation no. 10895 of 10 February 2025, Adjusting Imports of Aluminium into the United States, and the Annexes to it.

- (6) The Union needs to calibrate the scope of its rebalancing rights under GATT 1994, so as to factor in past and announced developments of the trade relationship between the Union and the United States.
- (7) It is therefore necessary to prolong the ongoing suspension for a further short period in order to provide, *inter alia*, additional opportunities for cooperation with the United States, including with a view to resolving the controversy over the respective tariffs and before custom duties start to be applied again as from 15 April 2025.
- (8) Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2882 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (9) This Regulation is independent of and without prejudice to the Union's position that the safeguard measures of the United States remain incompatible with the WTO Agreement.
- (10) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Trade Barriers Committee, established by Regulation (EU) 2015/1843 of the European Parliament and of the Council (⁹),

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2882 is amended as follows:

- (1) in Article 1, '31 March 2025' is replaced by '14 April 2025';
- (2) in Article 2, '31 March 2025' is replaced by '14 April 2025'.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day 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, 31 March 2025.

*For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN*

⁹ 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 (codification) (OJ L 272, 16.10.2015, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2015/1843/oj>).