



## **Commission moves to early and automatic registration of imports in trade defence investigations**

The basic anti-dumping and anti-subsidy regulations enable the Commission to direct the customs authorities to register imports of a product which is subject to a pending anti-dumping or anti-subsidy investigation, so that measures may subsequently be applied against those imports from the date of such registration. According to Article 14(5) of the basic anti-dumping regulation and Article 24(5) of the basic anti-subsidy regulation, imports shall be made subject to registration following a request from the Union industry, which contains sufficient evidence to justify such action. Imports may also be made subject to registration on the Commission's own initiative.

In the framework of calls for enhanced and more reactive trade defence policy, the Commission has decided that it , from now on, use the possibility of making imports subject to registration on its own initiative in all new investigations at an early stage of such investigations (if warranted this will also be possible already upon initiation of the investigation). This will facilitate the possible collection of duties also on registered imports (and not only as of imposition of provisional duties) should the conditions for such retroactive collection found to be met. The purpose of retroactive collection of duties is to prevent remedial effects of the definitive duty being undermined as a result of a further substantial rise in imports after the initiation. The conditions for retroactive collection of duties will be assessed at the stage of the imposition of the definitive duties.

Imports will also be registered in all ongoing anti-dumping and anti-subsidy investigations which have not yet reached the provisional determination stage. Regulations to that effect will be published in due course.

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