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making imports of copper tubes originating in in the People's Republic of China, Mexico, Vietnam and Uzbekistan subject to registration with a view to allowing the levy of anti-dumping duties on the imports 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 12 March 2026, 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 copper tubes originating in the People's Republic of China, Mexico, Vietnam and Uzbekistan.

(2) This initiation followed a complaint lodged on 26 January 2026 by the EU Copper Tubes Defence Committee on behalf of producers representing more than 25 % of the total Union production of copper tubes.

1. PRODUCT SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION

(3) The product subject to registration ('the product concerned') is pipes and tubes, of refined copper, in level wound coils, whether smooth or with inner grooves, not further processed originating in the People's Republic of China, Mexico, Vietnam and Uzbekistan.

(4) The product is currently classified under CN code ex 7411 10 90 (TARIC code 7411 10 90 10). The CN and TARIC code 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.

(6) The purpose of registration is to ensure that anti-dumping duties, if any, can be levied retroactively on the imports subject to registration in accordance with the applicable legal provisions, if the necessary conditions are met.

(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 calculations provided in the complaint requesting the initiation of an anti-dumping investigation estimate dumping margins between 5 % and 35 % and an injury elimination level between 8 % and 20 % for the product concerned for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025. The amount of possible future liability would normally be set at the lower of the dumping or injury level according to Article 9(4) of the basic Regulation.

[1] OJ L 176, 30.6.2016, p. 21, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/1036/oj.
[2] OJ C, C/2026/1506, 12.3.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2026/1506/oj.

(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(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.

(11) However, 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 ([3]) 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,

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 pipes and tubes, of refined copper, in level wound coils, whether smooth or with inner grooves, not further processed, currently classified under CN code ex 7411 10 90 (TARIC code 7411 10 90 10) and originating in the People's Republic of China, Mexico, Vietnam and Uzbekistan.

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, 22 May 2026.

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).