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**ANTI-DUMPING PROCEDURES**  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

**1) Anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of certain iron and steel fasteners originating in the People's Republic of China (PRC) – OJEU dated 9/11/2007.**

On 6<sup>th</sup> January 2009, the European Commission presented to the Council a proposal for a Regulation (see enclosed) aimed at establishing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain iron or steel fasteners originating in the PRC. This proposal comes further to the results of the investigation initiated on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2007 concluding that there is dumping that is harmful to the Community industry.

**2) Anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of wire rod – amongst which reinforcement bars – originating in the People's Republic of China (PRC), the Republic of Moldova and Turkey – OJEU dated 8/05/2008.**

During a meeting with EU national representatives scheduled for **15<sup>th</sup> January 2009**, European Commission trade officials will table provisional anti-dumping duties worth up to 24.6% against Chinese wire rod and up to 3.7% against Moldovan wire rod, but let Turkey off without any duties.

If approved by Member States, dumping duties are understood to affect more than a dozen product categories, including products used in the construction industry.

Such a measure may have an important negative impact on the users of wire rod, and namely on the construction industry. There is however little room to influence this decision given that the 27 EU Member States can express their views on it during the meeting which

will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> January. The only way to influence this decision would be to put pressure to the Commission through reactions from the Member States.

**Should your Federation consider that this issue is an important one because of the negative impact it could have on the construction industry, we warmly invite you to undertake a lobbying action at your national level to convince your national authorities to take a stand against the Commission's proposal.**

**3) Anti-dumping proceeding concerning imports of certain hot-dipped metallic-coated (galvanised) iron or steel flat-rolled products originating in the People's Republic of China (PRC) – OJEU dated 14/12/2007.**

Trade officials will also discuss on 15<sup>th</sup> January a decision by European Steel Association EUROFER to withdraw an anti-dumping complaint on imports of galvanised steel from China. The Commission's investigation is understood to have turned up insufficient evidence of damage to European industry caused by Chinese export pricing and EUROFER consequently withdrew its complaint on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

The Commission will propose to terminate its investigation without imposing measures.

*Note: For more information about the background of these procedures, please refer to circular Mr. E 2008/216 dated 05/06/2008.*

**Enclosure:**

- article from "MLex", 05/01/2008
- EC proposal for a Regulation establishing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain iron or steel fasteners originating in the PRC