

European Commission
President Ursula von der Leyen

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Dear President von der Leyen,

We would like to inform you about an anti-dumping case (R722) which is currently being decided by the responsible bodies in the European Commission. It concerns a so-called Expiry Review.

In a hearing on July 8, 2021, we pointed out to staff members of DG Trade that illegal changes were made in the Expiry Review by the responsible bodies within the EC. We also detailed this again in a written statement and it was published in Tron today.

In the hearing, we unfortunately had to take note of the disconcerting behavior and appearance of the DG Trade employees. This was not only perceived by us as fundamentally disrespectful, but DG Trade also tried to counter our presentation of the problem at hand with unobjective comments. We have made this clear in the statement mentioned above.

Out of concern that further mistakes are being made or played down at the expense of the steel-consuming European downstream industry, similar to the EU Safeguard Decision, we have also written to the current President of the Council of the EU, the Republic of Slovenia, representing Prime Minister Janez Janša. We expressed the same concern to Prime Minister Janša that we wish to express to you in this letter.

We would appreciate if the European Commission would fundamentally reconsider its position here and not to be used only as an extended arm of a few lobbyists.

Your sincerely

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