



EU Steel Regulation: Commission launches targeted consultation on first product scope review

Today, the European Commission launched a targeted consultation seeking stakeholders' feedback on the product scope as required under the EU Steel Regulation, which will assess which products should be included in the scope of the regulation.

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[EU Steel Regulation 2026/1384](#) addresses negative trade-related effects of global overcapacity on the EU steel market and entered into force on 1 July. Under Article 12.1, the Commission is required to assess the necessity of amending the Regulation's product scope to include products in the following categories:

- Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles, of cast iron;
- Non-alloy and other alloy wire;
- Stainless wire, and;
- Non-alloy and other alloy forged bars.

The public consultation seeks to gather information and views from steel producers, steel users, traders, importers, industry associations, and other stakeholders to identify the product groups that need to be addressed by EU measures. The consultation will run for eight weeks from 28 July to 28 September 2026.

Following the consultation, the Commission will analyse the responses as part of the product scope assessment, which the Commission should finalise by 31 December 2026.

Background

The EU Steel Regulation, in place since 1 July 2026, sets free-of-duty quotas to 18.3 million tons, with a 50% duty for out-of-quota imports and a melt-and-pour regime to enhance transparency. The distribution of tariff quotas is based on a set of clearly defined criteria in the Regulation. It ensures a predictable level of access to the EU market for third-country suppliers through a fair and objective methodology, ensuring diversity of supply for EU downstream users.

The Steel Regulation will ensure highly effective protection for the EU’s steel industry against the effects of global overcapacity, contributing to its long-term viability and sustainability. Such a measure was necessary in view of the unsustainable level of global overcapacity and the growing amount of trade restrictive measures in third countries, resulting in trade diversion into the EU market.

For more information

- Consultation
- [EU Steel Regulation enters into application – press release](#)
- [EU Steel Regulation](#)
- [Questions and answers on EU Steel Regulation](#)

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Introduction

EU Regulation 2026/1384 (hereafter, "**the Regulation**"), which entered into force on 24 June 2026, established measures to protect the EU steel market from the negative trade-related effects of global overcapacity.

Under Article 12 of the Regulation, the Commission must assess the necessity of amending the product scope to include the products covered by the following codes of the Combined Nomenclature (CN), as set out in Council Regulation (EEC) No 2658/87:

- (a) Tubes, pipes, and hollow profiles of cast iron {7303 00 10, 7303 00 90};
- (b) Non alloy and other alloy wire {7229 20 00, 7229 90 20, 7229 90 50, 7229 90 90};
- (c) Stainless wire {7223 00 11, 7223 00 19, 7223 00 91, 7223 00 99};
- (d) Non alloy and other alloy forged bars {7214 10 00, 7228 10 50, 7228 40 10, 7228 40 90}.

Hereafter, these products will be referred to as "**the products concerned**".

The objective of this questionnaire is to seek information from stakeholders in order to better assess the need to impose trade measures on the products concerned. The questionnaire is especially targeted at producers and users of the product categories mentioned in Article 12.1 of EU Regulation 2026/1384.

The questionnaire consists of seven sections (A to G), including this introduction. Sections **B** and **C** seek further information about respondents. Thereafter, precisely which questions are presented to the respondent will depend in part on the reponses given in sections B and C.

Section **D** asks for views and information on the possible extension of the Regulation to cover additional product categories. Section **E** is explicitly directed towards EU-based producers of the products concerned, while Section **F** is directed towards EU-based downstream users of the products concerned. Finally, some concluding questions are presented in Section **G**.

Respondents are kindly requested to answer **all** questions presented to them, even if they also intend to submit a position paper or other supporting documents. This will enable the Commission to process and compare the information received in the most accurate and efficient manner possible. Any position papers or other supporting documents submitted will, of course, also be taken into account.

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The deadline for submitting a response to this questionnaire is midnight on **30 September 2026** (ie, 00:00 CEST on 01 October 2026).

Thank you for taking the time to participate.

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