

**Question for written answer E-015523/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Provisional anti-dumping duties on imports into the EU of tubes and pipes of ductile cast iron originating in India

On 20 December 2014 the Commission opened an anti-dumping investigation with regard to imports into the Union of tubes and pipes of ductile cast iron originating in India.

By Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1559 the Commission imposed provisional duties on imports of the products in question, to the tune of 31.2%.

Some companies based in Europe, such as Sertubi Jindal Saw Italia S.p.A., already affected by competition from outside Europe, have been able to survive – ensuring the maintenance of jobs – only by using semi-finished products of non-European origin, to which they add significant value by processing them on EU territory.

This imposition of duties is badly timed, therefore, and is threatening once again to endanger the existence of European companies which had already addressed the problem of dumping in the manner described above.

The introduction of duties is bound to have a negative impact on the competitiveness, employment levels and financial stability of these companies and is likely to lead to a restriction of competition as a result of concentration in the hands of large European producers.

Can the Commission therefore say whether and how it intends to take action to protect European companies producing high-added-value goods on EU territory using semi-finished tubes and pipes from India, to avoid negative repercussions on production and employment as well as restrictions on competition?