

**Question for written answer E-014400/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: UK steel crisis - dumping of Chinese steel products

The steel industry is a crucial driver of jobs and growth in Britain, contributing an estimated GBP 45.5 billion to UK GDP annually. Regions where the sector is of crucial importance include the West Midlands, where the supply chain depending on the steel industry accounts for 260 000 jobs.

The industry, however, is currently facing a severe crisis jeopardising the livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of people. One of the main causes resides in the dumping of Chinese steel on the UK market.

1. When does the Commission expect to finalise investigations of anti-dumping complaints filed by the EU steel industry, in response to the recent surge of steel imports which could lead to the imposition of offsetting duties?
2. What measures is the Commission taking to introduce a higher degree of reciprocity with regard to import duties imposed on steel products by both sides?
3. Does the Commission agree that the adoption of a clear set of EU quality standards and CE marks is needed to address the issue of quality producers being priced out of the market by products that abide by lower standards than those enforced in this jurisdiction?