

**Question for written answer E-014607/2015  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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**Subject:** Measures to protect the European steel industry from Asian dumping

There is currently a crisis in steel prices, linked to declining consumption in China, which is exporting its surplus production en masse at prices 40% below the lowest levels seen during the 2009 crisis. Chinese steel products are thus being imported into Europe at prices between 20% and 30% below locally produced equivalents. The Chinese public sector controls most of the country's steel industry, and is therefore unlikely to cut its production capacity. The European steel industry has undertaken enormous efforts, which are reflected in its costs, to improve environmental and social standards. Overproduction in the Chinese industry, which knows nothing of these standards, is irrevocably jeopardising Europe's steel mills. The Commission has already taken various anti-dumping measures in 2015 for stainless steel and grain-oriented electrical steel, among others.

1. Does the Commission believe that, under the current anti-dumping regulation, the present circumstances permit new measures be taken to protect European industry, simplify the applicable legislation and prevent its demise?
2. Has the Commission received any complaints similar to that which led to the previous anti-dumping regulation? If so, in what timeframe does it expect them to be resolved?
3. What will be the effect on these measures if China receives market economy status in 2016?