



**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12.1(C)  
OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS (EXTENSION)**

**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 9, FOOTNOTE 2  
OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS**

EUROPEAN UNION

*Certain Steel Products*

*Corrigendum\**

The following notification, dated and received on 14 June 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of European Union.

Please note that Section 2 in document G/SG/N/8/EU/1/Suppl.2 - G/SG/N/10/EU/1/Suppl.11 - G/SG/N/11/EU/1/Suppl.8 should read as follows.

**2. Information on whether there is an absolute increase in imports or an increase in imports relative to domestic production.**

<b>Table 5 - Evolution of imports in tonnes</b>			
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Volume of imports	34.180.000	29.672.000	25.019.000
<i>index 2018 = 100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>73</i>

Source: EUROSTAT

The absolute level of imports decreased year-on-year during the period considered, by 13% in 2019 and by 27% in 2020 when compared to 2018. However, the presence of imports in the market remained at high levels. During the period considered, the level of imports increased its share significantly as compared to the production of the Union industry. In the years prior to the imposition of a safeguard measure, the maximum share reached by imports was 11,8% in 2017.

<b>Table 6 - Imports and production volume</b>								
Year	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Import volume (tonnes)	18.329,00	21.868,00	26.552,00	29.141,00	30.094,00	34.180,00	29.672,00	25.019,00
Production volume (tonnes)	243.945,00	249.855,00	248.763,00	249.204,00	254.925,00	200.416,00	189.459,00	168.675,00
Share of imports relative to domestic production	7,5%	8,8%	10,7%	11,7%	11,8%	17,1%	15,7%	14,8%

\* In English only.

Furthermore, the European Union found that the market share of imports remained, on average, higher during the period subject to the safeguard measure than in the period before the imposition of any safeguard measure (period 2013-2017)<sup>1</sup>, when compared to consumption.

<b>Table 7 - Import share evolution (over consumption)</b>			
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Consumption in 000 tonnes	167.140	157.120	139.955
<i>index 2018 = 100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>84</i>
Volume of imports in 000 tonnes	34.180	29.672	25.019
<i>index 2018 = 100</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>73</i>
Market share	20,4%	18,9%	17,9%

Source: EUROSTAT, Industry data

In addition, the investigation confirmed that during the period considered the main steel exporting countries exhausted a large number of the country-specific quotas allocated to them and, quite often, in a rather short time frame within the relevant periods of application of the safeguard. Therefore, the investigation concluded that import pressure remained high during the period considered.

<sup>1</sup> The maximum share of imports in the period 2013-2017 was 18,1% (in 2017).