



FACE FINDS THE EU DECISION OF SUSPENDING THE ANTI-DUMPING DUTIES ON CHINA "ILLOGICAL AND HARMFUL".

FACE – the Federation of Aluminium Consumers in Europe - firmly opposes the Commission’s proposed 9-month suspension of the anti-dumping duties on Chinese aluminium flat-rolled products. "These anti-dumping duties are an important protection measure for European companies and represent a value that the EU must encourage, in spite of the current difficulties concerning aluminium, such as its availability and high prices," declared Mario Conserva, Secretary-General of FACE, referring to the prices aluminium recorded after the coup in Guinea. "Moreover, this suspension would contradict the sustainability-oriented policy that the European Union is pursuing, as this measure will certainly boost Chinese imports with a high carbon footprint. For these reasons," - Mr Conserva added - "a hypothetical suspension of anti-dumping duties on China would not be the solution but rather a negative signal for our companies."

Furthermore, according to Conserva: "apart from the suspension of anti-dumping duties on Chinese products, it is necessary to focus on the 6% import duty on unwrought aluminium, as this measure is wrong and it has been damaging the European industries for years." In conclusion, the Secretary General stated: "in Europe, the downstream industries have to face this already high premium also sustaining a second, 6% import tariff-driven extra cost extra-cost that averages more than €1 billion per year, almost 2% of the total turnover of European the sector, which is essentially made up of small and medium-sized companies."

In the triple context of huge EU metal deficit coupled with very high premiums, fierce and unfair international competition and the post-COVID sustainable policies of the Fit for 55 package, it is simply a suicide to keep EU the 6% import tariff structure on unwrought aluminium. The statu quo on this 6% tariff structure clearly contradicts the proclaimed goals of the EU industrial policy and special responsibility to support SMEs.

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FACE was founded in 1999 to specifically defend the interests of the EU independent downstream aluminium transformers, users and consumers.

Based in Brussels, FACE advocates for the liberalisation of raw materials, protecting the EU's manufacturing base, supporting a rules-based and fair international system with the WTO at its core, and for the global transformation towards a low-carbon economy with aluminium as the ideal material for attaining sustainability goals. (face-aluminium.com).

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