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***Ex officio* initiation of a partial interim review of the anti-dumping and countervailing measures applicable to imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in the People's Republic of China and Egypt, as extended to imports consigned from Türkiye, whether declared as originating in Türkiye or not**

I. Product

1. The product under review is fabrics of woven, and/or stitched continuous filament glass fibre rovings and/or yarns with or without other elements, excluding products which are impregnated or pre-impregnated (pre-preg), and excluding open mesh fabrics with cells with a size of more than 1,8 mm in both length and width and weighing more than 35 g/m², currently classified under CN codes ex 7019 61 00, ex 7019 62 00, ex 7019 63 00, ex 7019 64 00, ex 7019 65 00, ex 7019 66 00, ex 7019 69 10, ex 7019 69 90 and ex 7019 90 00 (TARIC codes 7019 61 00 81, 7019 61 00 84, 7019 62 00 81, 7019 62 00 84, 7019 63 00 81, 7019 63 00 84, 7019 64 00 81, 7019 64 00 84, 7019 65 00 81, 7019 65 00 84, 7019 66 00 81, 7019 66 00 84, 7019 69 10 81, 7019 69 10 84, 7019 69 90 81, 7019 69 90 84, 7019 90 00 81 and 7019 90 00 84) consigned from Turkey, whether declared as originating in Turkey or not (TARIC codes 7019 61 00 83, 7019 62 00 83, 7019 63 00 83, 7019 64 00 83, 7019 65 00 83, 7019 66 00 83, 7019 69 10 83, 7019 69 90 83 and 7019 90 00 83).
2. The product under review is used to reinforce thermoplastic and thermoset resins in the composites industry.

II. Existing measures

3. By Regulation (EU) 2020/492¹ and (EU) 2020/776², the Commission imposed a definitive anti-dumping and countervailing duty, respectively, on imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics ('GFF') originating in the PRC and Egypt.
4. These measures were extended by Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) 2022/1477³ and (EU) 2022/1478⁴ to imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics consigned from Türkiye, whether declared as originating in Türkiye or not.

¹ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/492 of 1 April 2020 imposing definitive anti-dumping duties on imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in the People's Republic of China and Egypt (OJ L 108, 6.4.2020, p. 1).

² Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/776 of 12 June 2020 imposing definitive countervailing duties on imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in the People's Republic of China and Egypt and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/492 imposing definitive anti-dumping duties on imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in the People's Republic of China and Egypt (OJ L 189, 15.6.2020, p. 1).

³ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1477 of 6 September 2022 extending the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/492, as amended by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/776, on imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in the People's Republic of China and Egypt to imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics consigned from Turkey, whether declared as originating in Turkey or not (OJ L 233, 8.9.2022, p. 1).

⁴ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1478 of 6 September 2022 extending the definitive countervailing duty imposed by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/776, on imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in the People's Republic of China and Egypt to imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics consigned from Turkey, whether declared as originating in Turkey or not (OJ L 233, 8.9.2022, p. 18).

5. The extended duties amount to an anti-dumping duty of 69%⁵ and a countervailing duty of 30,7 %⁶.

III. Background information

6. Fibroteks Dokuma Sanayi Ve Ticaret AS ('Fibroteks') was not included in the list of exempted companies in Article 1(1) of Regulations (EU) 2022/1477 and (EU) 2022/1478 and thus, it is subject to the extended anti-dumping and countervailing measures. In November 2022, after the publication of the extension of the measures, the Turkish producer Fibroteks contacted the Commission to request an exemption of the measures imposed by Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) 2022/1477 and (EU) 2022/1478, alleging it was a genuine producer of GFF in Türkiye.

IV. Grounds for initiation

7. To show that it is a genuine Turkish producer indeed, Fibroteks provided *prima facie* evidence about its establishment in Türkiye, since 1978, its absence of links with Chinese or Egyptian exporting producers, its production capacity, its volume of production, the type of the products produced and sold to the EU, certificates of analysis of the products produced, sourcing of raw materials, as well as a sample of certificates of origin and ATR certificates for sales in the EU.

3. Conclusion

Given the above, the Commission considers that there is sufficient *prima facie* evidence to justify the initiation of a partial interim review limited to the examination of the possibility of granting an exemption, as far as Fibroteks is concerned, from the anti-dumping and countervailing measures applicable to imports of GFF originating in the PRC and Egypt, as extended to imports consigned from Türkiye, whether declared as originating in Türkiye or not.

Since a review based on a request from an exporting producer can only be initiated one year after the extension of the measures to Turkey, i.e. in September 2023, it is considered that an *ex officio* interim review is warranted based on Article 11(3) of the Basic Anti-Dumping Regulation.

⁵ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1477 of 6 September 2022 extending the definitive anti-dumping duty imposed by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/492, as amended by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/776, on imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in the People's Republic of China and Egypt to imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics consigned from Turkey, whether declared as originating in Turkey or not (OJ L 233, 8.9.2022, p. 1).

⁶ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1478 of 6 September 2022 extending the definitive countervailing duty imposed by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/776, on imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics originating in the People's Republic of China and Egypt to imports of certain woven and/or stitched glass fibre fabrics consigned from Turkey, whether declared as originating in Turkey or not (OJ L 233, 8.9.2022, p. 18).