

Mr. Miguel Arias Cañete
EU Commissioner for Energy and
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European Commission
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Belgium

Re: Grain-oriented flat-rolled products of electrical steel (GOES) originating in Russia, the United States, Japan, Korea and China (AD 608)

Estimado Miguel:

The Commission is to decide on final anti-dumping measures in the above-mentioned case. After a long and thorough investigation, DG Trade has proposed to replace the provisional *ad valorem* duties with minimum import prices.

This proposal balances the interests of both EU GOES producers and the EU transformer industry using GOES by preventing the recurrence of injurious dumping and, at the same time, allowing duty-free access to imports at prices which are well below current prices in the EU and international markets thereby avoiding any competitive disadvantage for the EU transformer producers.

ArcelorMittal fully supports this proposal which establishes a win-win situation for the good of the entire EU power distribution system of which GOES are a critical component. The general framework of minimum import prices and the coverage of all products have also been supported by two large European users.

Failing to support this proposal or weakening it through the exclusion of high-end GOES qualities from the scope of measures would cripple the European GOES industry, which has invested millions of Euros in further developing these products. Through its production of high-tech products critical to the power grid and its compliance with EU environmental and emission standards, the European GOES industry plays an important role in the EU ambition towards the two-degree target and

the upcoming COP 21 conference in Paris. These efforts should not be undermined by dumped imports.

Accordingly, I ask you to support the Commission's proposal for minimum import prices without any product exclusions. Support of this proposal is vital for the long-term health of the entire power distribution supply chain in Europe and the integrity of the EU anti-dumping system.

We would like to arrange a meeting with you and your staff to discuss this crucial matter at your earliest possible convenience.

Gracias y un saludo,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gonzalo Urquijo', with a horizontal line drawn underneath the name.

Gonzalo Urquijo