



Position Statement regarding AS 603

Complaint concerning subsidised imports of certain filament glass fibre products originating in the People's Republic of China and interim review of the anti-dumping measures applicable to imports of certain filament glass fibre products originating in the People's Republic of China

About Glass Alliance Europe

Glass Alliance Europe is the European Alliance of Glass Industries. It has the unique feature of regrouping all the glass industries to work on common issues. It is composed of 19 national glass associations and of the main sectors of the glass industries. It represents a production of about 30 million tonnes of glass per year and the direct employment of some 180.000 people.

These sectors are very different, be it in terms of manufacturing process, products, markets, economics of the sectors and manufacturers, but they all have in common to transform raw materials into glass by a process of melting.

In addition, thanks to the unlimited opportunities offered by the glass substance, all sectors are characterized by heavy investments in research and development to make available glass products fit for a sustainable, resource-efficient, low-carbon, healthy and culturally vibrant European society.

Glass Alliance Europe and GRP – Glass Fibre Reinforced Plastic

GRPs are critical materials for Europe's future as they are key inputs for many innovative and environmentally-friendly applications such as lighter and fuel efficient vehicles and planes. GRP is an expanding European market which grew 1% to an estimated 1.02 million MT in 2013 despite the difficult economic backdrop.

Hence, Glass Alliance Europe is concerned that domestic European glass fibre manufacturers have been reducing capacity, and turning off furnaces in recent years, in the face of increasing competition from third countries notably China. Glass Alliance Europe believes that the existence of a competitive, viable and sustainable European glass fibre industry is a critical element of the GRP composite value chain. Glass Alliance Europe believes that European glass fibre manufacturers provide an important local source of glass fibre, customer choice and innovation.



Glass Alliance Europe and anti-dumping review of glass fibre imports from China

Glass Alliance Europe notes that the European Commission has received a request for a partial interim review pursuant to Article 11(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1225/2009 of the anti-dumping measures applicable to imports of certain filament glass fibre products originating in the People's Republic of China. We understand that the request for a review was lodged by GlassFibreEurope (APFE).

Glass Alliance Europe believes that GlassFibreEurope has a legitimate right to defend its industry's interests, especially since market conditions may have changed since the original European Commission investigation in 2011. Glass Alliance Europe supports a thorough independent investigation by the European Commission to ascertain if China is circumventing, dumping and unfairly subsidising its glass fibre production for export to the EU.

Glass Alliance Europe's core mission is to advocate for a balanced EU legislative environment for the glass industry. Glass Alliance Europe thus supports the existence of a viable and sustainable European glass fibre industry. Therefore, if the European Commission finds that Chinese importers are competing unfairly according to WTO and EU principles, then the EU must impose adequate and effective trade measures to create a level playing field for European producers.