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amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/191 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain iron or steel fasteners, originating in the People's Republic of China following acceptance of a request for a new exporting producer treatment

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/1036 of the European Parliament and the Council of 8 June 2016 on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Union ([1]), and in particular Article 9 thereof,

Having regard to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/191 of 16 February 2022 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain iron or steel fasteners, originating in the People's Republic of China ([2]) ('the original Regulation'), and, in particular, Article 2 thereof,

Whereas:

1. MEASURES IN FORCE

(1) On 16 February 2022, the Commission imposed a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports into the Union of certain iron or steel fasteners ('the product concerned'), originating in the People's Republic of China ('China') by the original Regulation.

(2) In the investigation that led to the original Regulation ('the original investigation'), sampling was applied for investigating the exporting producers in China in accordance with Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036.

(3) The Commission imposed individual anti-dumping duty rates ranging from 22,1 % to 48,8 % on imports of certain iron or steel fasteners for the sampled exporting producers from China. For the cooperating exporting producers that were not included in the sample, a duty rate of 39,6 % was imposed. The cooperating exporting producers not included in the sample are listed in the Annex to the original Regulation. Furthermore, a country-wide duty rate of 86,5 % was imposed on the product concerned from companies in China which either did not make themselves known or did not cooperate with the investigation.

(4) Pursuant to Article 2 of the original Regulation, Article 1(2) of that Regulation can be amended by granting a new exporting producer the duty rate applicable to the cooperating companies not included in the sample, namely the duty rate of 39,6 %, where that new exporting producer in China provides sufficient evidence to the Commission of the following:

(a) it did not export to the Union the product concerned during the period of investigation on which the measures are based, that is from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 ('the original investigation period') ('the first NEPT condition');

(b) it is not related to any of the exporters or producers in China that are subject to the anti-dumping measures imposed by the original Regulation and that has or could have cooperated in the original investigation ('the second NEPT condition');

(c) it has actually exported to the Union the product concerned after the end of the original investigation period or has entered into an irrevocable contractual obligation to export a significant quantity of the product concerned to the Union ('the third NEPT condition').

([1]) OJ L 176, 30.6.2016, p. 21, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/1036/oj.
([2]) OJ L 36, 17.2.2022, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2022/191/oj.

2. **REQUEST FOR NEW EXPORTING PRODUCER TREATMENT**

(5) On 20 January 2026, Ningbo Orange Hardware Co., Ltd. ('the applicant') submitted a request to the Commission to be granted new exporting producer treatment ('NEPT') and hence be subject to the duty rate applicable to the cooperating companies in China not included in the sample, claiming that it met all three conditions set out in Article 2 of the original Regulation ('the request').

(6) To determine whether the applicant fulfilled the conditions for being granted NEPT, as set out in Article 2 of the original Regulation ('the NEPT conditions'), the Commission first sent a questionnaire to the applicant requesting evidence showing that it met the NEPT conditions. In parallel, the Commission informed the Union industry about the applicant's request and invited it to provide comments. The Union industry, represented by the European Industrial Fasteners Institute ('EIFI'), submitted comments which questioned the existence of the company, its address, industry memberships and ISO certification. The Commission concluded that those comments did not affect the conclusion that the NEPT conditions were fulfilled.

(7) Following the analysis of the applicant's reply to the questionnaire, the Commission requested additional information and supporting evidence, which was submitted by the applicant. Further to analysing the additional evidence, the Commission consulted the online database Orbis, as well as the Chinese databases Qichacha and Tianyancha for company information, cross-checking all the available information with publicly available information.

(8) The Commission carried out a remote cross-check to verify the information provided by the applicant on 22 April 2026. The Commission sought to verify all information it deemed necessary for the purpose of determining whether the applicant met the NEPT conditions.

3. **ANALYSIS OF THE REQUEST**

(9) With regard to the first NEPT condition, the Commission established that the applicant did not export the product concerned to the Union during the original investigation period. The Commission determined that the applicant started producing iron or steel fasteners only in late 2025. Prior to that, the company produced other products, which are different from fasteners. The Commission verified the relevant operating income to confirm the sales. The company started exporting the product concerned to the Union only in December 2025.

(10) With regard to the second NEPT condition, the Commission established that Ningbo Orange Hardware Co., Ltd. is owned by two shareholders who are not related to any of the exporting producers in China that are subject to the anti-dumping measures imposed by the original Regulation.

(11) With regard to the third NEPT condition, the Commission established that the applicant exported the product concerned to the Union after the original investigation period.

(12) The applicant provided supporting documents such as invoices, bills of lading, and bank records evidencing payment received from a Union customer for the product concerned.

(13) In addition, the applicant purchased several new machines to produce fasteners in 2025 and 2026, further demonstrating its intention to continue and potentially expand exports of the product concerned to the Union market in the future.

(14) The Commission verified the supporting documents of the applicant's export sales to the Union and concluded that the applicant fulfilled the third NEPT condition.

(15) Based on the above, the Commission concluded that the applicant fulfilled the NEPT conditions and the request should therefore be accepted. Consequently, the applicant should be subject to an anti-dumping duty of 39,6 % for cooperating companies not included in the sample of the original investigation.

(16) The original Regulation should therefore be amended accordingly.

4. **DISCLOSURE**

(17) The applicant and the Union industry were informed of the essential facts and considerations based on which it was considered appropriate to grant the anti-dumping duty rate applicable to the cooperating companies not included in the sample of the original investigation to the applicant.

(18) All interested parties, namely the Union industry and the applicant, were granted the possibility to submit comments. There were no comments received.

(19) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 15(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1036,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

In the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/191, the following entry is added to the list of cooperating companies not included in the sample:

Country	Company	TARIC additional code
People's Republic of China	Ningbo Orange Hardware Co., Ltd	88FE

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 7 August 2026.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN