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**DEFINITIVE IMPORT DUTIES OF 13.8% ON GLASS FIBRE ORIGINATING IN CHINA TO BE IMPOSED  
EUROPEAN USERS PARTIALLY SATISFIED WITH THE RESULT WHILE TRADE DEFENCE  
MECHANISMS NEED REVISION**

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On the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, the *Official Journal of the European Union* published Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 248/2011 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain continuous filament glass fibre products originating in China (AD549). The duty rate decided by the Council was set at **13.8%**, while yarns were excluded from the product scope.

The Council Regulation follows the vote of the EU27 Member States representatives on the European Commission proposal, which took place earlier this year (see [Press Release January 2011](#)). The definitive duties will be imposed from the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2011 and be applicable for the next 5 years.

**European users entitled to refunding**

Provisional duties of 43.6% in the AD549 case were imposed for a period of 6 months since the 17<sup>th</sup> of September (Commission Regulation 812/2010). While the definitive duties of 13.8% are significantly lower than the provisional duty rates, European users are entitled to request the refund of the excess duties. EuCIA encourages the users to get in contact with the EU national authorities concerning the procedure which needs to be followed to release the duties.

**Reduced final duties by 68% from the provisional phase – the EU legal trade mechanisms need to be addressed**

Commenting on the final outcome, Volker Fritz (EuCIA President) noted: “The European users are not fully satisfied with the final result and the negative effects such duties have on business, SMEs in particular. Moreover, this investigation raised several questions about the effectiveness of EU legal trade mechanisms and the investigations procedure attached to it”. These views were also shared by EuPC, the leading EU-level trade Association representing the interests of the European converters across Europe.

**EuCIA continues to safeguard the interests of the European Users towards a fair trade business environment and foster cooperation with related industries**

As the European body reuniting the composites industry under the same umbrella, EuCIA will continue to advocate the interests of its Members and highlight the significant input provided for the European competitiveness and innovation. An estimated 10.000 companies are actively involved in composites production across Europe and employing more than 150.000 people.

The composites industry is central to the European economy and to meeting demand from a wide range of major industrial sectors such as automotive & transport, building and construction, electrics & electronics, sport & leisure, wind energy and energy conservation.

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