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**EuCIA CALLS ON USERS TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS VIA OPEN LETTER TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION ON ANTI-DUMPING MEASURES AGAINST CHINESE GLASS FIBER**

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On the 22 February 2010, the European Composites Industry Association (EuCIA) and the leading Brussels - based EU level Trade Association EuPC – representing European Plastics Converters, met with representatives of the European Commission in charge of the ongoing anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of certain continuous filament glass fibre products from China.

During the meeting, the Composites Industry expressed its concerns regarding potential import duties on the Community users of the product concerned. With an European membership of ca. 10.000 companies, mostly small and medium sized (SMEs) and with an estimated employment force of over 100.000, provisional measures are doomed to distort a free competitive business environment and damage the workforce.

The meeting took place after the recent deadline (25 January 2010) for user companies to express their views via a questionnaire to the European Commission. For more information refer to [EuCIA Press Release, January 2010](#).

**Many companies react to the ongoing investigation**

COMPOSITES Companies across Europe including Denmark, Germany, France and Italy provided the European Commission with concrete facts based on their business. The active role of users and their cooperation in this investigation underlines the potential treats of damaging effects anti-dumping measures could have on European companies and consumers.

Some of the negative effects of potential import duties highlighted by the user companies include distortion of global business market competition, rise in unemployment within the composites sector and linked industries, availability of high performance products in Europe and relocation of production plants outside Europe.

**EuCIA encourages user companies across Europe to provide additional information via open letter**

In order to support the ongoing investigation by providing the European officials with a full and accurate picture of the existing practices within the composites industry and estimate the potential effects of anti-dumping effects, EuCIA is offering support to user companies across Europe. [An open letter \(template\) to the European Commission was developed](#) in this respect.

This letter is intended for national composite associations and companies across Europe to be used by providing the European Commission with their view on the ongoing investigation. EuCIA calls on users companies across Europe to express their opinions on this very significant issue for our industry.

Regarding the ongoing investigation and dependant on the outcome, provisional measures at Community level could be in place as from the **16<sup>th</sup> of September 2010**. Consequently, if the investigation will conclude that provisional measures are not to be imposed, the investigation will continue or the case could potentially be closed.

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