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Reinforcing steel supplier Van Merksteijn International in its three plants in France, Belgium and Holland is able again to serve its clients with prompt deliveries, the company's representative told Platts.

As previously reported the company had problems to fulfil some of the requests of its clients because of lack of raw materials to transform. "Thanks to our relentless efforts to find wire rod mesh grade, also outside of the EU, we now have found the tonnages the group needs. We are fully back in the market and as before we can deliver in 24H any clients requests, although for just some products we are still a bit slow," a company representative told Platts.

"We managed to find the way to have all the materials we need for the time being. We keep pushing the EC to not to put in place some duties for the rod as we don't want what happened in the last few months will be repeated and of course we believe that there is a lack of rod production now in EU", he added.

For this reason in fact Van Merksteijn International with other non-integrated processors of wire rod have established EUNIRPA, the European Non-Integrated Wire Rod Processors Association, as previously reported. At the 8 founding members of the association, that represent in total more than 3.2 million metric tons/year of rod processing capacity, also the Bulgarian based HUS has joined them.