



Press Release

EUNIRPA expresses concerns about USA anti-dumping case

Lisbon, June 8th 2017. – Today EUNIRPA, the European Non-Integrated wire Rod Processors Association, at its meeting in Lisbon, expressed concern about the recently initiated USA anti-dumping proceeding against imports of wire rod from 10 countries. EUNIRPA considers that USA non-integrated wire rod processors are threatened by this proceeding, because just like in Europe, the majority of USA producers are also vertically integrated.

EUNIRPA's monitoring of the European wire rod market shows that overall consumption in the EU is improving. Imports have stabilised in 2016. "Based on what the market tells us, we expect that imports will remain at similar levels for 2017," said Kris Van Ginderdeuren, President of EUNIRPA.

The European wire rod market continues to be dominated by a handful of integrated producers which are increasingly aiming at fully controlling the downstream market. As a result EUNIRPA members are frequently suffering margin squeezes which are exacerbated by ever increasing imports of finished products from non-European countries.

EUNIRPA's Technical Committee is actively positioning itself in the context of the discussions concerning European standards.

The Board of Directors of EUNIRPA has unanimously been re-elected under the presidency of Kris Van Ginderdeuren.

The official website of EUNIRPA has gone live: www.eunirpa.eu.