

## EU slaps large tariffs on Chinese fibre optic cables

As a result of the investigation initiated on September 24, 2020 the European Commission imposes **definitive measures to prevent further injury** being caused to the Union industry by the dumped imports of Chinese cables. **Effective on Thursday, November 18, 2021**, the day after the decision was published, fibre optic cables imported from China face up to 44% import duty.

The European Commission (EC) has assessed anti-dumping duties of between 19.7% and 44% on imports of single-mode fibre optic cables, including OPGW, originating in the People's Republic of China. The amount of duty an importing Chinese company<sup>1</sup> will have to pay will depend on how egregiously the investigation determined a company or group of companies lowered the prices and whether they cooperated in the investigation.

Unreasonably low rates due to the significant subsidization and other benefits from the Chinese government — as much as 44% lower according to the investigation — would have resulted in the absence of competition among the Union producers and would inevitably have driven them out of the Union market. According to the complaint brought up on behalf of the EU producers, Chinese imports rose from 14.8% in 2017 to 28.3% in 2020. In addition, the average price of cable originating in China decreased by 24% in October 2020 — January 2021 compared to the same period the year earlier.

The European Commission believes that the imposition of anti-dumping measures would enable the Union industry **to invest in their Union production sites** and new technologies which in the long run would benefit the user industry. At the same time, measures **would not prevent imports** from third countries (including China) from competing fairly on the Union market. Even if the demand for fibre optic cables increases in the coming years as expected by market players, importers and users of the product concerned would not run any noticeable risks of shortage of supply and the rollout of the optical fibre broadband network to homes and businesses would thus not be delayed.

Based on the conclusions reached by the Commission, we appreciate this EC decision as an important milestone for European manufacturers and **EU's digital sovereignty**. Emcab produce cables locally and want every customer to rest assured that Emcab cables and solutions are consistently good in quality and performance. The production sites of Emcab are located in Germany, UK, Russia and USA so there is no need to worry that the new EC regulation will affect any of our customer's orders.

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<sup>1</sup> Find the list of all Chinese suppliers on p. 97 of the Regulation