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Commission responds to unjustified US steel and aluminum tariffs with countermeasures

In response to the imposition of new and unjustified US tariffs on EU steel and aluminum imports, the Commission has launched swift and proportionate countermeasures on US imports into the EU.

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The Commission regrets the US decision to impose such tariffs, considering them unjustified, disruptive to transatlantic trade, and harmful to businesses and consumers which often results in higher prices.

The Commission's response is based on a **two-step approach**:

First, the Commission will allow the suspension of existing 2018 and 2020 countermeasures against the US to lapse on 1 April. These countermeasures target a range of US products that respond to the economic harm done on €8 billion of EU steel and aluminum exports.

Second, in response to new US tariffs affecting more than €18 billion of EU exports, the Commission is putting forward a package of new countermeasures on US exports. They will come into force by mid-April, following consultation of Member States and stakeholders.

More details to be found **here**.

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