

Commission Launches Import Surveillance Tool to Counter Trade Diversion



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At the beginning of June 2025, the European Commission [announced](#) that it launched a new [import surveillance tool](#) to protect the EU from harmful trade diversion and sudden surges in imports redirected from high-tariff markets. Building on customs data, the tool provides fact-based information to swiftly detect risks and allow early action to safeguard EU industries. The Commission invited manufacturers, industry associations, and Member States to review trends and contribute market intelligence in order to help identify vulnerable products.

The initiative builds on President *von der Leyen's* vision of an import surveillance task force, which has been monitoring imports since January 2025. The results are published online. The Commission has also opened a dialogue with China to track possible diversions. Commissioner *Maroš Šefčovič* stressed that the tool strengthens the EU's capacity to stop harmful import surges and protect its open market from unfair practices.

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