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Brussels, 28 September 2026 – On Friday, 18 September 2026, the European Commission published its 44th Annual Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the EU's Anti-Dumping, Anti-Subsidy and Safeguard activities and the Use of Trade Defence Instruments by Third Countries targeting the EU in 2025. As an active user of such instruments, the European ceramic industry welcomes the publication of this Report and the Commission's efforts to address unfair trade practices causing injury to EU producers.

According to the report, 2025 was "*another important year for the EU's trade defence activity*", with **32 new investigations**, slightly below the record 33 investigations launched in 2024. The number of trade defence measures in place increased from 199 at the beginning of the year to 232 by the end of 2025. Currently, **definitive measures** are applied against **imports of ceramic tiles originating in India, China and Turkey**, and of **ceramic tableware originating in China.**

The Staff Working Document recalls that, in June 2025, the General Court **dismissed two challenges brought by Turkish ceramic tile exporters against the anti-dumping measures on imports from India and Türkiye**, upholding the Commission's injury assessment and its sampling methodology. The Staff Working Document further notes that, in October 2025, the Commission **renewed the anti-dumping measures on Chinese ceramic tableware and kitchenware for a further five years**, with duties ranging from 24.1% to 35.8%. Following the conclusion of the related partial interim review requested by **FEPF** in **2024**, the Commission raised the **definitive anti-dumping duty to 79% in February 2026.** The document also mentions the **Indonesian safeguard investigation** on the import of **ceramic tiles**, which led to the imposition of *ad valorem* duties, extended for two years in August 2024.

Given the global increase of number of cases in recent years, Cerame-Unie supports the reinforcement of DG Trade's human resources, to ensure swift and effective investigations. Together with AEGIS Europe, Cerame-Unie moreover calls for a **more ambitious EU trade defence policy**, with timely provisional measures, stronger enforcement and systematic monitoring of circumvention. The EU toolbox should better address **production relocation and Chinese investments in third countries used to circumvent existing measures**, while ensuring that TDIs effectively tackle distortions affecting ceramic imports, notably from **India**. Usage of **the particular market situation** framework to further take into account **social and environmental distortions** should be increasingly considered. Cerame-Unie also reiterates that any future **EU overcapacity instrument must be available to ceramics and other sectors beyond steel**.

Free and fair international trade conditions are key to the competitiveness of the EU ceramic industry, which is historically exposed to strong competition both in global markets and in the EU. European ceramic producers remain committed to working together with the European Commission to ensure the single market's integrity and to implement an ambitious trade policy.

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