

Press Release

EU ProSun Glass, under the leadership of GMB Glasmanufaktur Brandenburg GmbH, has requested that the European Commission investigate dumped imports of solar glass from China.

While EU demand for solar glass increased less than 5% between 2010 and 2012, unfairly priced deliveries of solar glass from China more than tripled during the same time period. Feeding this flood of imports from China is the recent establishment of many solar glass factories in China with massive government support. With a total production capacity of more than 400 million m², Chinese solar glass producers have excess capacity which is more than eight times total EU consumption.

Ulrich Frei, President of EU ProSun Glass, which represents nearly 50% of EU solar glass production, observed : "To make some use of this incredible overcapacity, Chinese producers are dumping their solar glass on the EU market at prices which do not even cover the costs of the raw materials."

He continued, "Of course, this means that the Chinese producers are incurring heavy losses on their sales of solar glass, but these are apparently covered by the Chinese government. European solar glass factories, on the other hand, have to follow market economy rules and are being seriously injured by the unfair competition from business rivals in China who have the seemingly endless financial support of their government."

To maintain EU investment in solar glass technology and innovation, and to defend the jobs of the European solar glass industry, EU ProSun Glass has asked the European Commission to act immediately against this unallowable trade practices.

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