Press Release – Composite Input Materials safeguard

23 November 2026

The European Composite Input Materials Alliance welcomes the initiation of the EU safeguard investigation and calls for swift provisional measures

Brussels, *November 23rd 2026* - The European Composite Input Materials Alliance welcomes the European Commission's decision to initiate a safeguard investigation into imports of Composite Input Materials (CIM), following the request submitted by a coalition of supporting Member States. The Alliance thanks the governments concerned for their leadership and support and calls on the European Commission to conduct the investigation swiftly and rapidly impose provisional safeguard measures.

Composite Input Materials stand at the beginning of strategically important EU value chains. They include glass fibre reinforcements, epoxy resins, epoxy hardeners, unsaturated polyester and vinyl ester resins, as well as essential upstream materials and curing agents. These materials are vital to Europe's industrial resilience and strategic autonomy, supporting the production of a wide range of products and technologies, from renewable energy and electricity infrastructure to transport, aerospace, defence, electronics, batteries and hydrogen equipment.

"*The Commission's decision to launch this investigation confirms the seriousness of the situation facing Europe's Composite Input Materials industries*," said Ludovic Piraux, CEO of 3B and President of Glass Fibre Europe. "*Europe cannot aspire to strategic autonomy while becoming dependent on others for the materials that make it possible. This case is about safeguarding the industrial capabilities we need to reduce our energy dependencies, strengthen our defence, transform mobility and remain a force in advanced manufacturing.*".

The remaining EU production base is under acute pressure. Production capacity outside the EU has expanded far beyond the level global demand can absorb. Much of this capacity is concentrated in economies where producers benefit from state intervention, favourable financing, artificially low input costs or industrial policies designed to secure global market dominance.

At the same time, the United States and other major economies such as India, Türkiye and Brazil have introduced or strengthened trade measures that restrict access to their markets. As a result, excess production is redirected towards markets that remain comparatively open, with the EU among the most attractive destinations.

Europe is becoming the pressure relief valve for global overcapacity. This pressure will not disappear when demand recovers, or new trade agreements are concluded. The problem has become systemic and persistent, and it is likely to intensify.

"Europe cannot afford a situation where the safeguard investigation succeeds procedurally but arrives too late to prevent lasting industrial damage," said Dr. Florian Kohl, President, Epoxy and International,

Press Release – Composite Input Materials safeguard

Olin Corporation. *"Provisional measures exist precisely for circumstances where immediate action is needed. They can stabilize market conditions, prevent further erosion of European production capacity, and provide the industry with a fair opportunity to remain viable while the investigation is ongoing."*

The European Composite Input Materials Alliance calls the European Commission to:

- Conduct the investigation with the urgency warranted by the situation facing EU producers;
- Impose provisional safeguard measures at the earliest possible stage to prevent further injury while the investigation is ongoing;
- Follow up with definitive measures that effectively safeguard the EU's CIM production base.

About the European Composite Input Materials Alliance (ECIMA)
The European Composite Input Materials Alliance brings together producers of Composite Input Materials and some of their associations, including Glass Fibre Europe. Its members operate 61 production sites across 18 EU Member States, directly employing more than 5,500 people and supplying critical materials to Europe's composites industry, which supports around 200,000 jobs[1].

Press contacts

For Alta Performance Materials: Kevin MacKenzie, Head of Communications
kevin.mackenzie@altapm.com

For AOC: Thomas Wegman Marketing Manager AOC EMEA
Thomas.wegman@aocformulations.com

For Evonik: Jörg Wagner, Head of External Communications
joerg2.wagner@evonik.com

For Glass Fibre Europe: Cédric Janssens, Secretary General
cedric.janssens@glassfibreeurope.eu

For LERG and Sarzyna Chemical: Anna Andreasik, ESG Specialist Compliance&Ethics Officer,
anna.andreasik@lerggroup.pl

For Olin: Ingemar Buehler, Head of Government Affairs International
ingemarbuehler@olin.com

[1] JEC Observer 2024, Estin & Co analysis and estimates

Press Release – Composite Input Materials safeguard

For Polynt: Simona Grilli, Group Communication Manager
simona.grilli@polynt.com

For SIR Industriale: Riccardo Bettinardi, Sales Director SIR Industriale SPA,
r.bettinardi@sirindustriale.com

For Spolchemie: Jan Charvát – Press Spokesperson,
charvat@ccgpr.cz

***