



European Decor Paper Producers welcome launch of EU Anti-Dumping Investigation into imports from China

Poznan 14 June 2024 – Malta-Decor together with other European decor paper producers welcome the European Commission's decision to launch an anti-dumping investigation into the imports of decor paper originating from China.

The investigation, initiated today, is a response to a complaint jointly lodged by Malta-Decor and three other major European decor paper producers. We firmly believe that this investigation is a pivotal step towards preventing further material harm to the European decor paper industry and the re-establishment of fair and healthy competition in the European market. Decor paper is a key ingredient for wood panels used by the furniture industry, supporting a substantial workforce with over 1 million employees.

Our initial complaint highlights the detrimental impact of market distortions within the Chinese economy, enabling Chinese manufacturers to flood the EU market with unfairly priced decor paper. These anti-competitive practices are causing significant damage to the EU industry. We have appealed for the introduction of anti-dumping duties in order to restore a level playing field for all industry players as soon as possible.

Decor paper is a type of specialty paper used to create quality finishes on wood materials. It is used for furniture surfaces, floors and panels, as well as other interior design, renovation and construction applications. Decor paper plays a crucial role in the production of affordable consumer goods with a service life of often more than 20 years. The European decor paper industry represents an estimated production of 390,000 tonnes per annum, with manufacturers in seven Member States. Moreover, the industry provides thousands of good jobs, very often in Europe's least developed regions.

Malta-Decor stands in support of targeted trade defence action, aimed at protecting the interests of European industries, while also ensuring supply stability and maintaining competitiveness among downstream users to the benefit of consumers. We will continue to collaborate closely with the European Commission and believe that this investigation is crucial for re-establishing a fair and competitive trade environment for the decor paper industry in Europe.

Malta-Decor Sp. z o.o. in Poznan is one of the largest manufacturers of decorative paper in Europe and the only one of its kind in this part of our continent.