# Protection against dumped imports from countries non members of the European Community, Uruguay Round

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The European Commission has presented its 22nd Annual Report on the Community's anti-dumping, anti-subsidy and safeguard activities (2003).

At the end of 2003, the Community had 156 antidumping measures and 17 countervailing measures in force. Of the measures, the large majority was in the form of duties; however, in a number of cases, undertakings were accepted. It should be noted that in 2003, only 0,3% of total imports into the Community was affected by anti-dumping or anti-subsidy measures.

Although the year 2003 distinguishes itself in comparison with the previous years by a decrease in the number of investigations initiated and measures imposed, it has been "eventful" in a number of other aspects, such as the safeguards on steel and citrus fruits, the proposal on changing of the decision-making process and the introduction of deadlines in reviews.

As in previous years also this year's report shows that the EC is a cautious user of trade defence instruments (TDI). When applied, TDI are subject to the highest level of discipline and restraint while providing effective guarantees against unfair trade practices. Transparency in the use of TDI is regarded as essential, and this high standard has been further increased through changes to the legislative framework in 2004. The Commission is determined to continue to pursue this line of policy in the future.