



European
Commission

Trade Defence

THIRD COUNTRY ACTIONS

Eva-Maria Sanchez, DG TRADE, G5

THIRD COUNTRY ACTIONS

- 1. Objectives**
- 2. Problems**
- 3. What do we do?**
- 4. Statistics**
- 5. Achievements**
- 6. Conclusion**



1. Objectives

- *Ensure that third countries respect WTO and bilateral rules*
- *Assist and defend interests of EU industries/Member States targeted, to reduce economic impact of third country measures*
- *Coordinate actions taken by industries/MS and ensure consistency with EU TDI policy (EU defensive/offensive interests)*



2. Main problems

- **Weak initiation standards**
- **Weak injury/causality analysis**
- **Rights of defense: insufficient disclosure/confidentiality**
- **Questionable use of safeguard**
- **Adverse facts available (USA)**
- **CVD investigations**



3. What do we do?

(a) Investigations:

- *Inform MS/industry of new cases*
- *Intervene as interested party at technical level (submissions, hearings, ..)*
- *Reply questionnaires (CVD)*
- *Political intervention (delegation, hierarchy)*
- *WTO intervention*

(b) General approach:

- *Technical meetings (China, Korea)*
- *Bi-lateral ad-hoc meetings*
- *Training*



3. Role of Delegations

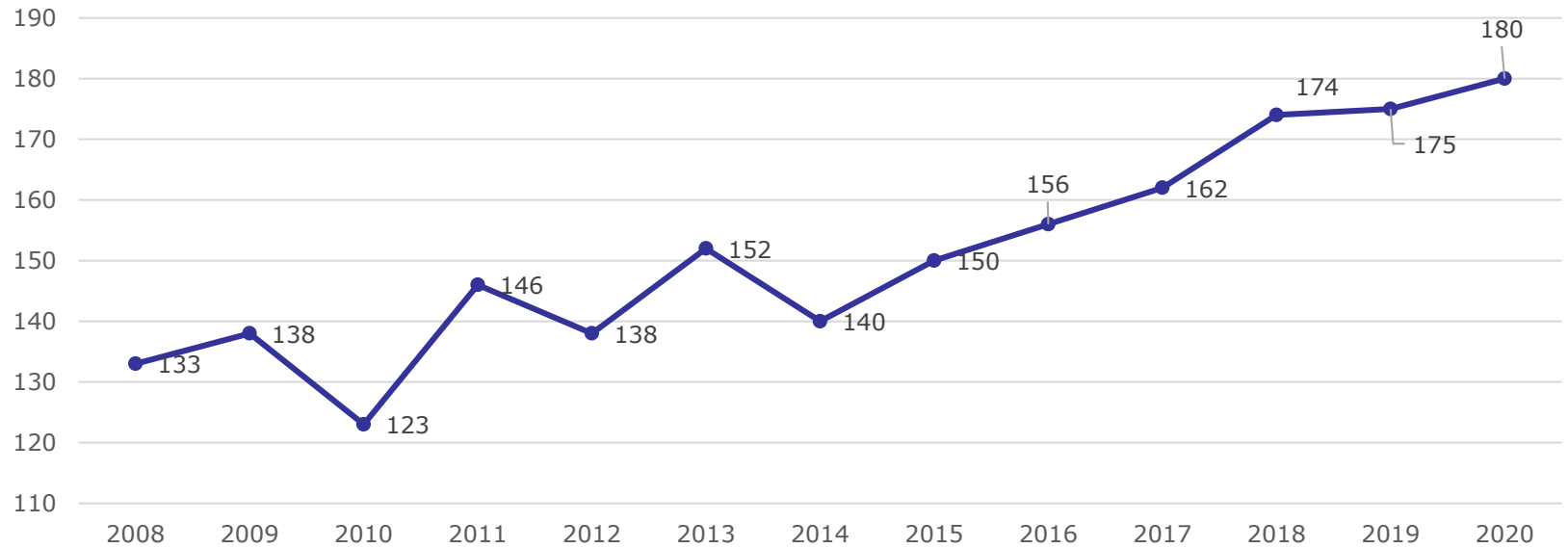
- *Represent EU interests in third country*
- *Contact point with investigating authority in third country*
- *Transmission of submissions, letters etc to third country authorities*
- *Participate in public hearings, individual demarches*
- *Act as coordinator for MS (in particular in SFG and AS cases)*
- *Collect non confidential information from investigating authorities*
- *Gather background information on the case to support EU defence*
- *Report back to TRADE G.5*





4.1 Statistics

Number of measures in force 2008 -2020





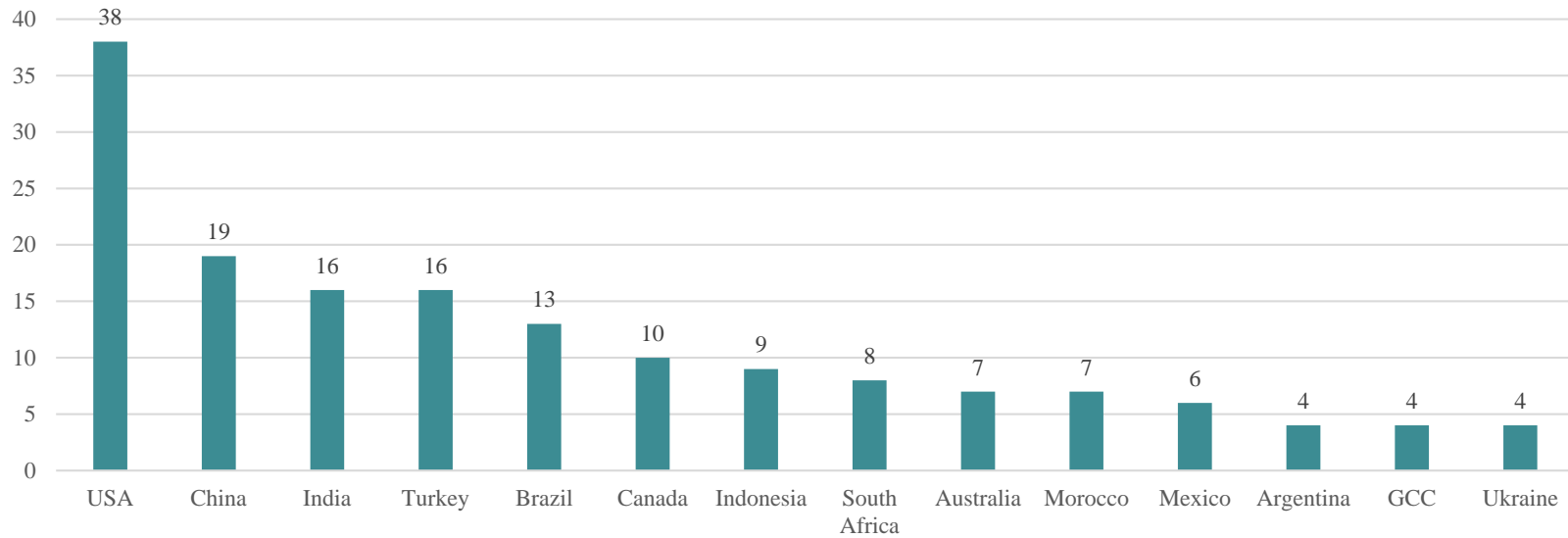
4.2 Statistics

Measures in force at the end of 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020															
AD				CVD				SFG				TOTAL			
2017	2018	2019	2020	2017	2018	2019	2020	2017	2018	2019	2020	2017	2018	2019	2020
125	133	132	133	7	6	6	7	30	35	37	40	162	174	175	180

New investigations initiated in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020															
AD				CVD				SFG				TOTAL			
2017	2018	2019	2020	2017	2018	2019	2020	2017	2018	2019	2020	2017	2018	2019	2020
22	22	7	17	2	0	0	1	7	15	30	22	31	37	37	40

4.3 Statistics

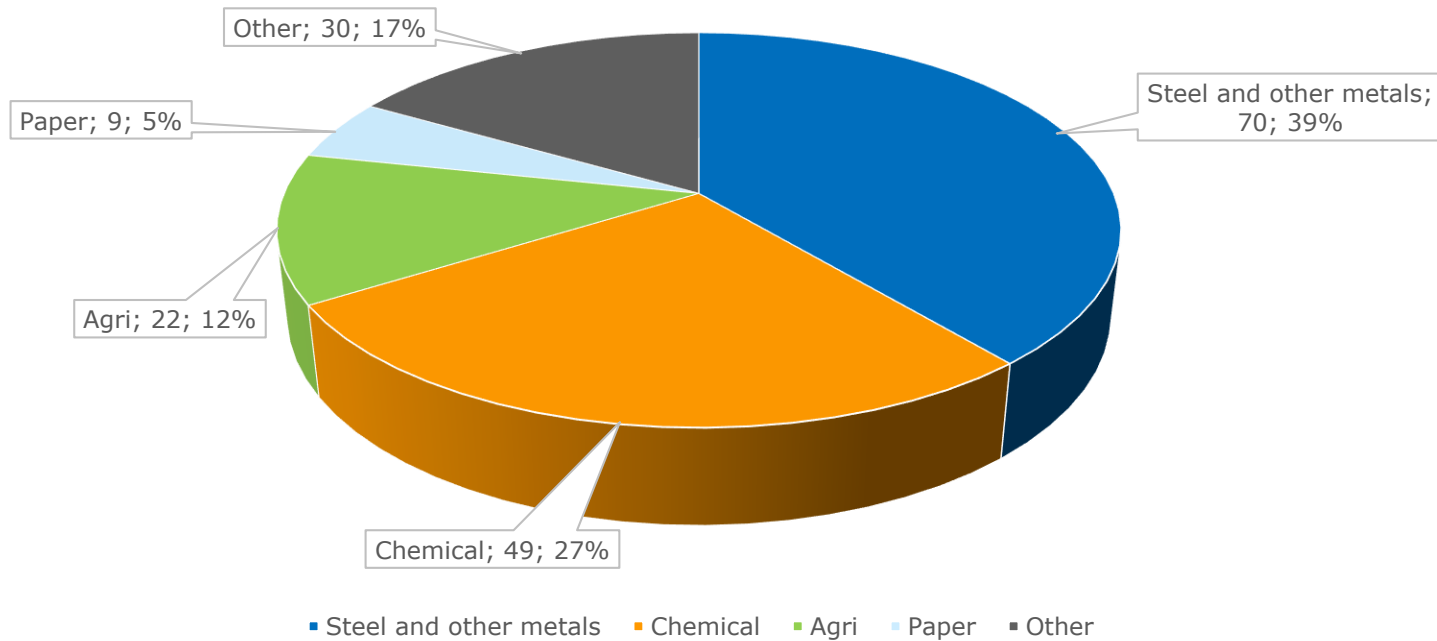
Number of measures in force by end 2020 per country



Source: WTO and EU statistics

4.5 Statistics

Measures in force by the end of 2020 by sector



Source: WTO and EU statistics

5. Achievements

- *Assist EU industries*
- *Avoid unjustified measures*
- *Reduce negative economic impact*



5.1 Achievements

➤ **SFG – Ukraine – fertilisers**

Termination of the investigation without measures
(export value of complex and certain fertilisers ~ 190 mill €)

➤ **SFG – Ukraine – syringes, caustic soda**

Termination of the investigations without measures
(export value ~ 4 mill € each)

➤ **SFG – Ukraine - polymeric materials**

Reduction of the duty from 18% to 12,5%
(export value ~ 66 mill €)



5.2 Achievements

➤ ***AD – Brazil – frozen fries***

A review in order to include also seasoned fries was terminated without enlarging the scope of the measures.

➤ ***SFG – Malaysia – ceramic tiles***

Termination of investigation without measures.

6. Conclusion

- *Growing activity (180 in force, 40 new initiations)*
- *Added value for industries / MS*
- *SMEs*
- *US*
- *EU response: more WTO action? Advantages/disadvantages*





European Commission

