

Global Trade News Alert

EU imports of e-bikes originating in China become subject to customs registration

On 3 May 2018, the European Commission published a regulation making imports of electric bicycles originating in China subject to registration.

Registration has been requested by European e-bike manufacturers in the context of the dual anti-dumping and anti-subsidy investigations initiated on 20 October 2017 and 21 December 2017, respectively.

Beginning on 4 May 2018, import transactions involving the product under investigation must be registered with the competent customs authorities. At the moment, there is no direct impact other than this additional administrative requirement. However, depending on the outcome of the investigations, registration ultimately could lead to the retroactive collection of anti-dumping duties on registered imports.

Provisional anti-dumping and anti-subsidy measures are expected in July and September 2018, respectively.

The allegations of the complainant requesting the imposition of anti-dumping measures estimate that dumping margins on e-bikes will range from 193% to 430%, although it is not yet possible to estimate the amount of subsidization.

If your company regularly imports e-bikes from China, an additional registration form will be required by the competent customs authorities. Interested parties have the opportunity to make their views known to the European Commission until 28 May 2018.

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