

**Priority question for written answer P-001105/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Comprehensive ban on aluminium in the 14th package of EU sanctions against Russia

Given Russia's ongoing unjustified military aggression against Ukraine, the EU's commitment to imposing effective sanctions and Parliament's call in its resolution of 9 November 2023 on the effectiveness of the EU sanctions on Russia¹ for the EU's sanctions against aluminium imports from Russia to be extended, we are writing to inquire about the possibility of enhancing the EU sanctions on Russian aluminium.

Despite European efforts to reduce dependency on Russian aluminium, with imports falling from 25 % before 2018 to the current 8 %, it is estimated that the EU still imports approximately EUR 2.3 billion worth of aluminium from Russia annually, which fuels Putin's war machine.

With the above in mind, we would like to inquire:

1. Why did the 12th package include only a few aluminium items (notably wires, foil, bars, rods, tubes and pipes), which account for a marginal share of Russian aluminium exports to the EU?
2. Considering the EU's effective functioning system to determine the rules of origin, are there any compelling economic/technical justifications for not fully banning Russian aluminium and stopping the related revenue inflow?
3. Is the Commission considering proposing a comprehensive ban on aluminium for the 14th package?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2023-0397_EN.html.