

DHL EXPRESS

EU MELT & POUR EVIDENCE

OVERVIEW

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EU STEEL IMPORT EVIDENCE REQUIREMENT OVERVIEW



From 1 October 2026, **importers of certain steel products into the European Union (EU¹)** must declare **the Country of Melt & Pour** and **provide the Heat Number**, supported by appropriate, verifiable evidence such as a **Mill Test Certificate (MTC)** or other accepted alternative documents where applicable.

1 EU (European Union): Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.

Failure to provide the required information and supporting evidence may result in the import being rejected by customs authorities.

This means that:

- Country of Melt & Pour identifies where steel was melted and first cast, not necessarily the country of export or origin.
- A Heat Number links the steel product to a specific production batch.
- DHL needs the information and evidence in shipment paperwork before customs clearance.
- A commercial invoice alone is not generally sufficient unless it contains all information required by the Regulation.

The following shows what can be used as evidence:

Situation	Accepted Evidence	Period	Customs Action
Mill Test Certificate contains both Country of Melt & Pour and Heat Number	Mill Test Certificate	From 1 October 2026 onwards	Normal risk-based controls
Mill Test Certificate available but missing Country of Melt & Pour and/or Heat Number	Mill Test Certificate plus one or more supporting documents containing the missing information	From 1 October 2026 onwards	Documentary checks
No Mill Test Certificate available	Alternative supporting documents containing both Country of Melt & Pour and Heat Number	1 October 2026 to 30 September 2027 only	Documentary checks

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

Shippers

For affected steel products, shippers must provide the Country of Melt & Pour, Heat Number, and appropriate supporting evidence before customs clearance can take place.

Receivers

Receivers in the EU should be aware that Melt & Pour regulated goods can only be imported if the shipper provides the required information and supporting evidence. Missing details may result in clearance delays, as DHL will not accept this information from the receiver, submitted along with the with the commercial invoice, as additional support documents / certificates



IMPORTANT

Missing required data or evidence may trigger document requests, clearance delays or refusal of importation.

HOW CAN YOU AVOID DELAYS?

➤ Shippers in the EU must:

- ✓ Review whether their steel products fall within the scope of the new EU Melt & Pour requirements.
- ✓ Confirm that suppliers can provide compliant Mill Test Certificates (MTC) for affected products.
- ✓ Engage with suppliers as early as possible to obtain the required, country of Melt & Pour and Heat Number information in case the MTC is missing.
- ✓ Verify that supporting documentation contains accurate and consistent information before shipping.
- ✓ Make documentation available to DHL before customs clearance to avoid delays caused by customs requests for additional information



For additional information, please consult the websites below:

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/1963– Click [here](#)
- Regulation (EU) 2026/1384 of the European Parliament– Click [here](#)

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