

## Annex 2

**Definition of the steel industry pursuant to Commission Regulation (EC) No. 800/2008 of 6 August 2008, declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in the application of Articles 87 and 88 of the EC Treaty**

## Article 2 (29):

The “steel industry” is understood to be all activities connected with the production of one or more of the following products:

**a) pig iron and ferro-alloys:**

- pig iron for steelmaking and the foundry industry and other pig iron, spiegeleisen and high-carbon ferromanganese, among other ferro-alloys;

**b) crude or semi-finished products of iron, ordinary steel or special steel:**

- liquid steel or steel not cast into ingots, including ingots intended for forging: blooms, billets and slabs; sheet bars and tinplate bars; hot-rolled wide coils, with the exception of production of liquid steel for castings from small and medium-sized foundries;

**c) hot-finished products of iron, products of ordinary steel or special steel:**

- rails, sleepers, fishplates and soleplates, joists, heavy sections and bars of 80 mm and larger, sheet piling, bars and sections of less than 80 mm and flats of less than 150 mm, wire rod, tube rounds and squares, hot-rolled strips (including tube strips), hot-rolled sheets (coated or uncoated), plates and sheets of 3 mm thickness and over, universal plates with diameter of 150 mm and over, with the exception of wire and wire products, bright bars and iron castings;

**d) cold finished products:**

- tinplate, terneplate, blackplate, galvanised sheets, other coated sheets, cold-rolled sheets, electrical sheets, strips for production of tinplate, cold-rolled plate, in coils and in strips;

**e) tubes:**

- all seamless steel tubes, welded steel tubes with a diameter greater than 406.4 mm.