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EWA Position paper on unfair competition in Europe

In accordance with its statutes, EWA is a European professional association that brings together European manufacturers of electric arc welding equipment, flame welding and cutting equipment, welding consumables, and welder's protective equipment.

Members of the association must have one or more production facilities in Europe.

The association actively participates in the development of European directives and standards that apply to their products. Manufacturers also strictly comply with European directives, standards, and national directives for their manufactured products.

The Association considers imported products, some of which do not comply with these regulations, to constitute unfair competition and penalize users about the performance and safety of the equipment or products used. Furthermore, some of the products imported into Europe are subject to dumped prices and are launched on the market at prices below European production costs. This is also a competition that the members of the association consider unfair.

The Association supports actions that could be taken by its members to protect European manufacturing, compliance with regulations and fair competition.