



CRRC’s Withdrawal of Bulgarian Railcar Tender Confirms Need for Strong Oversight of State-Owned Entities

The action shows CRRC’s intent on anti-competitive tactics that skirt oversight and transparency

WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 27, 2024) — [Rail Security Alliance Executive](#) Director Erik Olson applauded the European Commission on its effective use of its new Foreign Subsidies Regulation (FSR) to combat anti-competitive, foreign entities from taking over domestic manufacturing and industries and undercutting market competitors.

Just a month after the EC announced its intent to investigate Chinese rail equipment manufacturer CRRC under FSR for a railcar tender around half the cost of the next lowest European bid, the Chinese state-owned enterprise withdrew its bid.

“The fact that CRRC won’t subject itself to a public and transparent investigation should be alarming to anyone thinking of awarding CRRC a contract,” Olson said. “The good news is that rules like the FSR in Europe, and those we have here in the United States, do what they’re intended to: Protect domestic manufacturers and critical industries from foreign threat.”

In a report from the [South China Morning Post](#), Thierry Breton, the commissioner for internal market of the European Union, said, “Our single market is open for firms that are truly competitive and play fair.” Referring to Breton’s statement, Olson added, *“That’s not CRRC, and CRRC knows it.”*

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