

Question for written answer E-002090/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: USA - China talks

Last December a meeting took place in Chicago between the United States and China in the context of their negotiations on a mutual trade agreement.

With respect to geographical indications (GIs) China and the United States are laying the foundations for drawing up a list of generic brands within their countries so as to get round future GI registration and protection. While this list is so far confidential, it appears that both countries may be considering including some European GIs.

Is the Commission aware of the content of the negotiations between these two countries? Bearing in mind that the Commission is negotiating trade agreements with both of them, does it intend to mediate to prevent the bilateral agreement between the United States and China usurping European denominations?