

**Question for written answer E-003211/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Discriminatory treatment of the EU's trade protection measures

The European Union's system of trade protection, whose main instruments are antidumping measures and anti-subsidy measures, is intended to protect European production against anticompetitive practices by undertakings operating in countries outside the EU, in line with international regulations (WTO rules) and European law. As regards the application of these measures to the exclusive economic areas/continental shelves of the individual Member States, there is clearly a disparity of treatment between European industries whose products are used outside the EU's customs territory but within the economic area of the Union, and other industries whose products are sold inside the EU's customs territory.

1. Is the treatment received by European industries that produce products for offshore use, which therefore do not enjoy the benefits afforded by EU trade protection measures, discriminatory?
2. If so, what will the Commission do to remedy this unjustified breach of the principle of equal treatment and to ensure the uniform application of EU law in all areas subject to the sovereignty of the EU Member States?