

**Question for written answer E-000954/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Market economy status for the People's Republic of China

China is to be granted market economy status (MES), which would make it much more difficult to impose punitive customs duties on Chinese goods. Nevertheless, Competition Commissioner Vestager has made it clear that she has no plans to do away with the anti-dumping and anti-subsidy measures currently in force.

1. What is the Commission's stance on the possible award of MES to the People's Republic of China?
2. How will the Commission continue imposing punitive duties if China is in fact granted MES?
3. What would the legal basis for such a decision be?