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to the Commission**
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Subject: Implications of granting market economy status to China.

The debate over China's market economy status is highly sensitive, as it affects jobs at a time when Europe is still recovering from its economic crisis. The EU should speak with a single voice and define a common strategy as regards any decision taken on granting market economy status to China.

Granting market economy status to China would make it harder for Europe to impose antidumping duties on Chinese goods sold at low prices, as it would change the criteria for determining a 'fair price'.

It would specially affect the steel industry, as China produces half of the world's 1.6 billion tonnes of steel and has an overcapacity of 400 million tonnes – twice the EU's output. Exports to the EU have doubled over the last 18 months. At the moment 32 antidumping cases have been launched against China in respect of the steel industry.

What rules will the Commission put in place to protect European businesses from excessive dumping of cheap goods by China?

How will antidumping duties be calculated in this new context?