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to the Commission
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Subject: Anti-dumping duties on ripe olives

Following an investigation by the US Department of Agriculture, the US imposed anti-dumping duties on ripe olives from Spain. The McDermott Will & Emery dumping assessment concluded that the dumping margins for that product varied between 84 and 232%.

According to a number of experts, the above case may be a blow to the Common Agricultural Policy, as the argument used by the US to sanction Spanish olives can be applied systematically for all the other products for which farmers receive direct payments. Indeed, producers are considered to be dumping a product when that product's export price is lower than the price of a similar product on the domestic market of the export country under normal market conditions.

Does the Commission refute the McDermott Will & Emery calculations? What view does it take of this particular case in the light of the WTO's definition of dumping and its impact on the export-led productivist model currently being employed in the EU, to the detriment of sustainable small and medium-sized holdings?