

**Question for written answer E-006278/2018
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Anti-dumping duties on electric bicycles from China

On 18 July 2018, the Commission decided to impose provisional anti-dumping duties on electric bicycles imported from China. Further investigation is required to determine whether the duties should be imposed permanently.

The electric bicycle sector promotes eco-friendly travel, and a large number of European jobs depend on it, both directly and indirectly. At the same time, we are continuing to push for fair competition and a level playing field for our companies, especially our SMEs.

The decision to impose anti-dumping duties on electric bicycles from China is one of the first steps in the fight against unfair competition. However, some economic operators in the EU fear that there could be a way around this, because no anti-dumping duties are imposed on parts imported from China that are used to make electric bicycles.

How does the Commission intend to ensure that its policy is consistent and close up any loopholes in the anti-dumping rules imposed on electric bicycles from China, which could be exploited by people who import parts in bulk, thus jeopardising fair competition?

What support will the Commission offer to innovative centres of excellence and SMEs in the EU to help guard against the risk of unfair competition?