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to the Commission**

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Subject: US attack on the EU's CAP subsidies

Almost one year after the US antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) investigations on Spanish exports of ripe olives were initiated, we now know the final tariffs that the US Government has announced for Spanish companies. In some cases, contrary to the Commission's expectations, the CVD are even higher than the AD for some of these companies.

Since the entry into force of the first temporary tariffs imposed by the US Government, which are lower than the final ones announced on 12 June, Spanish exports to the US have been reduced by 42.4 % in the first quarter of the year compared to the same period of 2017.

Given that the CAP subsidies investigated fall within green box aid as they are decoupled from production and not trade-distorting, and are consequently not countervailable under Article 2 of the WTO agreement, the US action is an aggressive move against the EU's agricultural policy, and could be a precedent for other sectors.

What actions does the Commission now propose to deal with this situation?

Does the Commission intend to challenge the US at the WTO?

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