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Subject: US duties on table olives

As we have been warning for a year now (including through questions E-004952-17 of 18 July 2017 and E-000130-18 of 11 January 2018), Spanish black olives were always likely to be the first victim of the wider attack being mounted by the Trump administration on the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

If the imposition by the US Department of Commerce of provisional duties on black olives was concerning, its decision in mid-June 2018 to impose anti-dumping and anti-subsidy duties on all Spanish table olives was even more so.

Although the United States International Trade Commission has yet to publish its opinion on whether Spanish olive exports have caused American producers economic harm, that country's exports of black olives to the US fell by 42.4% in the first quarter of 2018 alone and its olive producers have had to spend considerable sums on legal advice.

Given that a final decision to impose those unfair duties could cause serious harm, not only for Spanish producers but also for the CAP in general, what measures is the Commission considering taking to put a stop to the Trump administration's actions?