

**Question for written answer E-5928/2010
to the Commission**

Rule 117

Daniel Caspary (PPE), Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl (PPE) and Peter Št'astný (PPE)

Subject: Anti-dumping duties on imports of aluminum road wheels (ARWs) from China

Through Regulation (EU) No 404/2010¹ of 10 May 2010, the Commission imposed provisional anti-dumping duties on imports of aluminum road wheels (ARWs) from China. According to recent press reports, China is exercising significant political pressure on the Commission and Member States in order to prevent the imposition of definitive duties. Specifically, it appears that China is threatening retaliatory measures concerning the activities of European car manufacturers on the Chinese market. It also appears that this is not an isolated incident and that China has used similar methods in other trade defence cases as well as in areas outside trade defence.

In light of the foregoing, would the Commission be prepared to answer the following questions:

1. How does the Commission intend to react to such threats of retaliation in trade defence investigations? Would the Commission agree that giving in to such threats could jeopardise the credibility of the Union's trade policy?
2. Would the Commission agree that a decision to refrain from imposing definitive measures in the ongoing investigation concerning imports of ARWs from China in order to protect the export interests of European car manufacturers could have far-reaching consequences for the European car parts industry, taking into account the fact that China considers the car parts industry as a strategic industry and that imports of many car parts from China have risen significantly during the past several years? Does the Commission have a policy in place to ensure fair competition and trade in the car parts industry?
3. What measures does the Commission intend to take to prevent China from leveraging its growing domestic car market in order to force car part suppliers to relocate their production and transfer their know-how to China?

¹ OJ L 117, 11.5.2010, p. 64.