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Subject: Embargo against transporting stone fruits through Russia

On 13 April 2016, the Spanish and Chinese governments signed a protocol which will make Spain the first country in the world to export peaches, Saturn peaches and nectarines to China. Spain is expected to export 6 000 tonnes of fruit to China under this deal.

The 13 052-km Yixin'ou line is an indispensable tool in transporting goods to China and Asia, and thus reducing the EU's trade deficit with that country.

Since it crosses the Russian Federation, however, products covered by the Russian embargo cannot be transported on it, even if Russia is not their final destination.

What steps will the Commission take to remedy this situation?