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to the Commission**

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Subject: Tariff imposed by the USA on Spanish black table olives

Following our question to the European Commission of 18 July concerning commercial proceedings against Spanish exports of black table olives, the US Trade Department reached a preliminary conclusion that this product is sold at below market price as a result of the European support measures and considers, therefore, that this constitutes an unfair trading practice.

As a preventive measure, the US has imposed an anti-dumping import tariff ranging from 2.31% to 7.24% resulting in additional costs for Spanish companies. The final decision in these anti-dumping proceedings is scheduled for 4 April 2018.

In view of the importance of this sector in Spain, with exports worth USD 70.9 million in 2016, and given the risk that this measure may open the door to further disputes concerning subsidies received by other European producers within the framework of the CAP, thus challenging the European model of aid to farmers:

Does the Commission intend to bring action against the USA before the World Trade Organization?