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to the Commission**

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Subject: Protectionism in the food sector

The number of unjustified non-tariff barriers for food exporters in the internal market is worrying. Barriers are in contradiction with EU legislation, including the principle of free movement of goods and services. Protectionist activities affect food producers and all consumers who bear the costs of these barriers.

There have been public debates and measures have been presented to tackle non-tariff barriers to improve trade in the food sector.

1. What action is the Commission taking vis-à-vis Member States that discriminate against food products originating from other Member States?
2. When can we expect specific legal solutions that will eliminate protectionism in the European single market?