

**Question for written answer E-003218/2019  
to the Commission**

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Subject: The trade war and its impact on the EU

Following the ruling by the World Trade Organization (WTO), the United States Government has announced that it will begin imposing tariffs on the European Union, and on four Member States in particular, including Spain, on 18 October 2019. The tariffs announced by President Donald Trump will affect over one thousand of the EU's food and agriculture products. The sector, the producers and consumers will be the losers in this trade war. Bearing all this in mind, could the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Will the European Union commit to external independence or will it yield in the face of Trump's trade war?
2. Will the Commission be working to achieve this independence, to ensure Trump abides by the rules, and on behalf of other fair and just trade treaties?
3. What strategy will she adopt to bring an end to this trade war?