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Answer given by Mr Wojciechowski
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. Regulation (EU) 2022/870¹ grants all Ukrainian goods duty-free and quota-free access to the EU until 5 June 2023 preventing a Member State from introducing a unilateral ban on imports of agricultural raw materials from Ukraine. Article 4 of this Regulation provides for safeguards should a product originating in Ukraine be imported on terms which cause, or threaten to cause, serious difficulties to Union producers of like or directly competing products. This Article also sets out the procedure for a safeguard investigation. The Commission has proposed the extension of the Autonomous Trade Measures for Ukraine².

2. The Union Customs Code does not require a security deposit. When a grain exporter is using a transit guarantee, this deposit will be released when the operation is ended/discharged correctly. Whether or not within or outside the EU does not matter. Even worse, introducing such an option would discourage traders to use transit procedures.

3. Regulation (EU) 2022/870 also provides for duty-free access to the EU for agricultural commodities for industrial purposes.

¹ OJ L 152, 3.6.22, p. 103.

² COM(2023)106 of 23 February 2023.