

**Question for written answer E-001413/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Investigations into imports of Chinese honey into the European market

Imports of Chinese honey into the European market (already around 40% in 2016) are continuing to significantly damage EU competitiveness and constitute genuine food fraud, as they can be labelled as European and thus sold on the EU's internal market.

According to a study carried out by the UNAAPI (National Union of Italian Beekeepers' Associations), Chinese honey blends do not comply with Directive 2001/110/EC on honey or the Codex Alimentarius (1981) because they are produced using a method that is authorised in China but not in Europe, whereby honey is harvested before it has matured, processed in a laboratory and extended with sugar syrup.

In view of the above:

1. What measures will the Commission take to control imports of Chinese honey into the European market?
2. What action will it take to combat this type of food fraud in the European market?

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