

**Question for written answer E-002165/2023  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** The Chinese Government's export restrictions on gallium and germanium

China has announced its plans to restrict the export of gallium and germanium. This step is being regarded as a retaliation to the US decision to limit the export of state-of-the-art chips to China. Both elements are used in computer chips, telecommunications, solar panels and electric vehicles. Several EU Member States, namely Germany, the Netherlands and France, are among the main purchasers of the metals.

1. Following the Chinese Government's move, how does the Commission think the situation could potentially escalate?
2. In the Commission's view, which other raw materials could also be threatened by supply issues in the context of this dispute?
3. Have any efforts been made to establish strategic partnerships with third countries – with which the Union does not yet have such agreements – to make up potential shortfalls in the supply of these metals from China with exports from other countries?

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