

**Question for written answer E-002683/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Air freight pallets as cargo aircraft parts and the collection of anti-dumping duties on aluminium sheets

This question refers to the Commission's reply to question P-002118/2023<sup>1</sup>, addressed to the Commission.

The Commission bases its argument that air freight pallets should not be classified as aircraft parts on the grounds that they are neither components of aircraft nor indispensable to the function of aircraft. Therefore, air freight pallets are to be classified according to their constituent material.

1. Does the Commission agree with the assessment that a cargo aircraft cannot fulfil its operational and commercial purpose – the safe transport of cargo – without the use of air freight pallets, especially as air freight pallets intended exclusively for air transport are indispensable to the function of cargo aircraft and should therefore be classified as aircraft parts, in accordance with the Commission's previous definition?
2. If, under this reasoning, air freight pallets are to be classed as aircraft parts, do they not need to be classified under the tariff code for aircraft parts rather than on the basis of their constituent material?
3. To what extent is the fact that there is currently no EU source of supply of aluminium sheets in the thickness range (2.5-3.7 mm) and alloy (7021 T6 and 7075 T651) required for the manufacture of air freight pallets taken into account in the levying of anti-dumping duties?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-9-2023-002118-ASW\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-9-2023-002118-ASW_EN.html)