

**Question for written answer E-002845/2023  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: The Commission's failure to act against illegal US tariffs on European black olives

1 August 2023 marked five years since the US introduced an illegal 35% tariff on Spanish black table olives. Since then, the sector is estimated to have lost more than EUR 230 million<sup>1</sup>.

In 2021, the WTO declared these US tariffs to be illegal. The resolution stated that the subsidies received by Spanish farmers through the CAP had not resulted in unfair competition. Nonetheless, the US has continued to keep these tariffs in place, violating international trade rules and the WTO ruling. In mid-July 2023, the EU again reported the US' incompliance with the ruling to the WTO.

In view of this situation, and bearing in mind that the Commission has not provided any support to the sector in these past five years:

1. Will the Commission finally offer some kind of support to Spanish farmers to compensate for these losses?
2. Will the Commission defend the rights of European producers if the US continues to violate WTO rulings?

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<sup>1</sup> Spanish Association of Exporters and Industrialists of Table Olives (ASEMESA).