

ORAL QUESTION H-1044/06
for Question Time at the part-session in December 2006
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Proposed weakening of the TDI anti-dumping and anti-subsidy rules

The Commission is planning to carry out a review of the anti-dumping and anti-subsidy principles (TDI = Trade-Defence Instruments) which are mainly intended to counter the impact which increasing globalisation has on traditional corrective mechanisms in the business world, with adequate monitoring of "consumers' interests".

At the same time, TDIs play an essential role in the protection of open trade. However, most of the proposals put forward could lead to a marked weakening of EU disciplinary measures against unfair foreign trade and would paralyse the EU's manufacturing sector. Amongst other things the proposals would shackle the aims, the operation and the achievements of trade-defence instruments.

I should like to know why the Commission is thinking of recommending that the existing TDIs be weakened, since that would distort the competitive environment and would go against the principles of an open market and free trade.

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