

ORAL QUESTION H-0776/08
for Question Time at the part-session in October 2008
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Shoes

In the last week of September, Italy's *Guardia di Finanza* (police whose duties include customs and excise enforcement) confiscated 1,700,000 pairs of shoes. The shoes seized bore counterfeit trademarks and 84,000 of them were wrongly labelled 'made in Italy'. Many of them were found to contain alarming levels of hexavalent chromium, a carcinogenic substance.

What is the Commission's opinion of the above incident? What measures does the Commission intend to take to prevent any further such incidents, which benefit certain kinds of commercial operators to the detriment of consumers?

What anti-dumping proceedings have the Commission opened against China with regard to textiles and shoes in the last two years?

Does the Commission consider that it should submit proposals to amend the existing legal framework to strengthen quality standards for textiles, shoes, cosmetics and similar goods imported from third countries and require them to be traceable?

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