

**Question for written answer P-008332/2013
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Instigation by China of an anti-dumping investigation into European wines

As had already been reported in many sections of the international press, the People's Republic of China recently officially opened a formal anti-dumping and anti-subsidy investigation into European wines imported into China. This move, which is not backed by any documentary evidence, seems to be a political reprisal for the recent imposition by the EU of provisional duties on imports into Europe of solar panels from China.

In the light of this announcement, can the Commission state when it plans to initiate bilateral and international action and take all the necessary initiatives to stop violations of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) anti-dumping rules, and hence prevent measures that are detrimental to imports of European wines into the People's Republic of China? Can it indicate, in particular, whether it intends to resort to the WTO dispute settlement mechanism. If not, can it explain in detail why not?

Can the Commission also state what further initiatives it plans to take to ensure that the People's Republic of China, in the course of its investigation, complies with the whole body of WTO rules and case law, especially as regards the use of reliable data and transparent procedures that offer guarantees to the parties concerned, including that of having a genuine opportunity to express their own views and request detailed explanations at the various stages of the procedure.