

**Priority question for written answer P-000139/2020  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Over-taxation of European agricultural products by the United States

For a number of weeks, the US Department of Commerce has been considering the taxes imposed on numerous European products, mostly from the agri-food sector, following the legal dispute between aircraft manufacturers Boeing and Airbus. On 6 December 2019, the US administration opened a public consultation in order to assess which products that were already being taxed should continue to be taxed and whether any additional taxes of up to 100 % should be imposed.

In the French agri-food and processed products sector, which includes wine and cheese, exports to the US market have been – and continue to be – vital for our producers.

1. What tangible measures will the Commission take to offset the losses and protect the wine sector and the entire agri-food sector in France and Europe? Do we have any estimates of the economic and market losses caused by these taxes?
2. Is the Commission working on a strategy to promote European agri-food products for export, in particular our high-quality origin-linked products such as wines and cheeses?
3. What strategy is the Commission thinking of adopting with a view to avoiding further taxes?