Priority question for written answer P-001823/2023 to the Commission

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Subject: Imports of adulterated honey

At a meeting of the AGRI Committee on 22 May, the Commission revealed that almost 50% of all honey that enters the EU is adulterated. In addition, China bans some European honey from entering the country citing questionable health reasons. This unfair competition is causing concern among EU honey producers, who are facing increasing difficulties.

- 1. What measures does the Commission plan on taking to remedy this situation?
- Would it be possible to require an analysis by accredited laboratories before honey is placed on the market?
- 3. Are talks under way with the Chinese authorities to lift the import restrictions?

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