Priority question for written answer P-002118/2023 to the Commission

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Subject: Classification of air freight pallets as aircraft parts

The main customs office in Koblenz, in consultation with the General Customs Directorate in Hamburg, has refused to classify air freight pallets as aircraft parts. They argue that the air freight pallets in question cannot be considered aircraft parts for the purposes of Article 2(1), fourth indent of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1784. This decision means that an anti-dumping duty of 24.6 % will be levied on the aluminium sheets required for their production (sheets which must be between 2.5 mm–4.3 mm thick and alloyed, either as EN AW 7021, e.g. temper T6, or as EN AW 7075, e.g. temper T651, inter alia).

- 1. Can air freight pallets be classified as aircraft parts for the purposes of Article 2(1), fourth indent of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1784 (Article 2(1), third indent of provisional Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/582)?
- 2. How does the Commission define 'aircraft parts'?

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