

**Question for written answer E-002053/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
Carlo Fidanza (ECR)

Subject: EU measures on customs controls and duties for online purchases of low-cost and low-quality products from China

The growth in online purchases of cheap and very low-quality products from China is seriously harming the economy and the safety of European consumers.

Those products, which are often sold at derisory prices, not only undermine the competitiveness of European businesses, but also pose serious risks to consumers' health and safety. Many of them do not meet the quality and safety standards imposed by the European Union and, as a result, numerous cases of defective or dangerous products have been reported.

In the light of the above:

1. What steps will the Commission take to scale up customs controls on products imported from China by means of e-commerce platforms?
2. Is it considering introducing specific import duties for products that do not meet European quality and safety standards?
3. What initiatives are being planned that will help European companies to compete with Chinese companies' low-cost, low-quality products?

Submitted: 14.10.2024