

Question for written answer E-002348/2024

to the Commission

Rule 144

Leire Pajín (S&D), Sandra Gómez López (S&D)

Subject: Situation of the European ceramics industry

With manufacturers in 25 EU Member States, and particularly high concentrations in Spain – in areas such as the Autonomous Community of Valencia – Italy, Poland and Portugal, the European ceramics industry is a sector that drives jobs in our economy.

Following the COVID-19 pandemic and the recovery of the construction market, production by the EU's industry rose slightly. That was offset, however, by unfair competition from countries such as India and Türkiye, which, on 10 February 2023 were sanctioned by way of anti-dumping measures on imports of their tiles. The industry continues to point out, nevertheless, that its exports are still vulnerable on the global market outside the EU, which accounts for 30 % of its production.

In view of this:

1. In addition to tariffs on tile imports from countries involved in dumping, is the Commission looking at other measures to support internal trade in the European ceramics industry?
2. How will the Commission make this sector more competitive on the global market, while maintaining European innovation standards and ensuring social and environmental responsibility?

Submitted: 30.10.2024