

**Question for written answer E-003035/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Chinese companies using Türkiye to circumvent European tariffs

According to a Reuters article, it seems that the Chinese carmaker BYD is using Türkiye to circumvent European tariffs on Chinese electric cars.

Specifically, Chinese cars are subject to tariffs of 27 % in the European Union to address the anti-competitive practices of Chinese companies. However, according to the article, BYD will import the necessary parts into Türkiye with zero tariffs. It is predicted that final assembly will be carried out in Türkiye and that the cars will then be exported into the EU, again under favourable conditions, effectively circumventing the European institutional framework.

In view of the need to strengthen production within the EU and protect European industry against the practices of Chinese companies, can the Commission say:

Is it aware of this practice of Chinese companies using Türkiye to circumvent European tariffs, and how does it intend to address it? How will it create favourable production conditions within the EU, reducing energy costs for European industry, which is one of the most significant problems?

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