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Subject: Support for EU battery producers

Commission President Ursula von der Leyen stated in the context of the strategic dialogue on the future of the automotive industry: ‘We need European car supply chains to be more robust and more resilient, especially when it comes to batteries [...]. We will explore direct support for EU battery producers. We will gradually introduce European content requirements for battery cells and components’.

Given the significant cost gap with China and increasingly with the United States, market uncertainties and the need for transitional production support:

1. Will the mentioned forms of direct production support for EU battery producers – aimed at bridging this competitiveness gap, especially in the critical 5 to 6-year scaling phase – include output-based support and will it be provided under the new multiannual financial framework for the 2028-2034 period or under the current multiannual financial framework?
2. What timeline and content requirements does the Commission envisage for the battery sector and how will these measures be coordinated with demand-side policies to ensure the long-term market certainty necessary for gigafactory investments and to mitigate further dependence on imported batteries?
3. The Commission recommended and adopted tariffs on electric vehicles from China. Is it also considering tariffs on batteries to counter the artificially low prices driven by production overcapacity in China?

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