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Subject: Coffin imports from China and dumping practices

Italy's coffin production sector, historically one of the biggest in Europe, is now being profoundly undermined by imports from China, which account for some 60 % of the share of the national market.

According to available data, coffins cost around EUR 260 to produce in Italy and around EUR 80 in China, which makes it possible for Chinese coffins to be sold on the European market for between EUR 100 and EUR 110.

That difference cannot be chalked up to greater efficiency but rather to unfair production conditions and a failure to meet European standards, circumstances which effectively amount to a dumping practice that has already led to the closure of numerous Italian companies and the loss of jobs.

Another serious concern is the use in Chinese manufacturing of toxic paints banned in the EU, as those paints release carcinogenic micro-particles during cremation that cannot be filtered, which has repercussions for public health and the environment. Those products enter the market without effective customs controls or checks.

In the light of the above:

1. Will the Commission launch an anti-dumping investigation and introduce definitive and retroactive duties?
2. What steps will it take to ensure compliance with EU environmental and health standards?
3. To prevent evasive practices, does it consider it appropriate to step up customs controls?

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