

**Question for written answer E-004055/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Financial implications for European importers of provisional anti-dumping duties on imports of candles

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1732 imposing a provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of candles, tapers and the like originating in the People's Republic of China was adopted on 14 August 2025, slapping provisional import duties of up to 70.9% on imports of candles from China. The regulation entered into force on 15 August 2025, just one day after its publication in the Official Journal of the EU.

Austrian importers believe that this precipitous application of anti-dumping duties poses financial challenges that are jeopardising their livelihoods. Due to the lead times for deliveries from China, importers with open orders can neither react to sudden tariff increases in a timely manner nor pass on the resulting hefty price increases to their customers.

1. When imposing anti-dumping duties at short notice, does the Commission take into account the financial implications on European importers, which in some cases can jeopardise their very existence?
2. Is the Commission exploring the possibility of mitigating the financial impact on European importers by introducing longer transition periods for phasing in anti-dumping duties?

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