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to the Commission
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Subject: Impact of imports of Chinese peach compote in the European Union

In recent years, China's exports of peach compote to the European Union have increased exponentially. In the period from 2020 to 2023 alone, the EU's imports from China increased by around 44 %.

Chinese compotes are available at prices 20-30 % lower than the production costs of the Greek factories. This is not due to efficiency gains, nor is it attributable to cyclical cost reductions, but is the result of a deliberate strategy of aggressive pricing (dumping), reinforced through state subsidies, VAT refunds and low energy and labour costs.

The selling price on the European market has been artificially lowered to secure a larger share in the market – to the detriment of European producers.

The European Commission has the institutional tools to address such market distortions, but it has not so far implemented any trade defence measure in relation to peach compote. Such Chinese imports are subject only to the basic Common Customs Tariff duties (CN code 2008.70), and not to any anti-dumping or anti-subsidy measures.

By contrast, the EU has imposed high anti-dumping duties for related products to protect European businesses.

In view of the above, can the Commission say:

1. Will it take immediate action to initiate a preliminary anti-dumping investigation into imports of Chinese peach compote (CN 2008.70)?
2. What measures will it take to protect European producers?

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