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Subject: Stopping unfair competition from Chinese agri-food products for regional businesses

In recent years, many EU businesses focusing on the agri-food sector, with products such as peach compote or honey, have faced fierce competition from imported products of Chinese origin, which are placed on the market at particularly low prices, sometimes below production costs.

The sale price of the products in Europe is artificially and gallingly low, and is not due to improved efficiency, but to state-directed dumping aimed at gaining market share at the expense of European producers.

This situation affects the entire supply chain of the products in question, from production and processing to sale.

The result is tragic: the closure of industrial units in the regions, with serious consequences for local employment and the desertion of the countryside. Businesses operating in rural areas are the lifeblood of local economies and enable the demographic regeneration of the regions.

The Commission has the institutional tools to address such market distortions.

Accordingly:

1. What measures does the Commission intend to put in place to support businesses in the primary and processing sectors operating in rural regions against unfair competition from non-EU countries?
2. Does the Commission plan to strengthen or extend existing trade defence measures against China on products where European producers are very active in export and production?

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