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Subject: The US customs measures for EU goods that are affecting Europe's engineering sector

Stakeholders in the EU's engineering sector have highlighted that EU-US trade negotiations have thrown up a number of issues linked to the status of Approved Economic Operator (AEO). Though the United States was, until 2024, the main target market for most EU engineering firms, its introduction of new customs procedures and its imposition of certain application requirements could exclude European companies from the international market. Because such a state of affairs would undermine the competitiveness of the Italian and European markets and have a knock-on effect on production and jobs, measures must be introduced to mitigate its effects and provide greater certainty to EU engineering firms.

We call on the Commission to answer the following questions:

1. How will it go about monitoring the implementation of the AEO-CTPAT MRA in conjunction with the US authorities, in order to detect any dysfunctions that are hampering European exports?
2. Is it planning to update or strengthen the EU-US mutual recognition framework in order to further simplify customs procedures for European operators?
3. Will it consider implementing measures to provide support or technical assistance to EU engineering companies, which are already struggling to access the US market?

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