

Question for written answer E-004792/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: European Commission's steps to exempt olive oil from US import duties

The European Union – and specifically the Mediterranean countries, such as Greece, Spain and Italy – is the leading producer and exporter of olive oil, responsible for around 67 % of global production.

The trade agreement between the EU and the US includes the application of tariffs of 15 % also on exports of olive oil to the US.

These tariffs severely affect the competitiveness and sustainability of the European agri-food sector, and come on top of a number of challenges that olive oil producers have to manage, such as the impact of the climate crisis on harvests, production fluctuations and price volatility.

Exempting olive oil would benefit European producers as well as American consumers and their health, given the EU's high safety standards, thus contributing to healthier diets. At the same time, such an exemption would not be harmful to US producers, as olive oil constitutes an 'unavailable natural resource' for the US for reasons of geology or climate¹.

In light of the above, can the Commission say:

1. Is it considering submitting a request to exempt olive oil from import duties in the US?
2. If so, what steps has it taken or will it take in this regard?

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¹ On the basis of the Annex on potential tariff adjustments for aligned partners (PTAAP).