

Question for written answer E-001396/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Unfair practices by the US regarding PDO products

According to a report by the Wall Street Journal, the Trump administration is pressuring non-EU countries—even if they have a trade agreement with the European Union that guarantees the protection of European Protected Designation of Origin (PDO) products, such as Greek feta cheese and other similar products—to allow the import of American products with the same name.

Although these American products have similar names to their European counterparts, they have neither the same raw materials nor the same manufacturing method, factors that give them their special character and taste. Consequently, the use of these names would lead to a complete violation of the regime to protect them, allowing unfair competition from cheaper and lower-quality non-authentic products, leading to consumers being misled.

Bearing in mind that PDO products constitute the export ‘flagship’ of the European and Greek agri-food sector:

1. What is the Commission doing to address these unfair US trade practices, particularly with regard to countries with which we have concluded trade agreements?
2. Is this practice consistent with the spirit and letter of the trade agreement signed by the Commission in Turnberry, Scotland?
3. What sanctions will the Commission take against countries found to be violating—following pressure from the US—the protection regime for European PDO products?

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