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to the Commission**

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Subject: Tariffs on corrugated paper products imposed by Türkiye since 2024

In June 2024, the Turkish Government introduced a tariff of USD 85-87 on each tonne of imported corrugated paper. For European companies that operate in Türkiye, this constitutes a 20-25 % increase in costs, making it impossible to compete. Meanwhile, the supply of Turkish paper far outweighs national demand. Local industry has funnelled large investments into new factories – a large part of their production is exported to the EU, where EU companies cannot compete on a level playing field.

According to Eurostat, in 2023 alone, Türkiye exported 71 000 tonnes of corrugated paper to the EU as well as 126 000 tonnes of paper made from recycled fibre, with Germany, Hungary and Poland being the main destination countries. Against a backdrop of increasing global trade tensions, the EU should protect its manufacturers in the face of practices that distort the market and undermine competitiveness.

In view of the above:

What action will the Commission take to ensure that Türkiye reduces or lifts the tariffs that are so damaging to European paper companies?

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