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Subject: Chinese tomato concentrate imports: protecting EU producers and food security

In recent years, China's industrial tomato production has increased significantly, reaching over 10 million tonnes in 2024, well above its long-term average. EU producers are increasingly concerned about price pressure, possible dumping practices, market distortion and insufficient transparency regarding the origin of tomato-based products placed on the EU market.

EU producers must comply with strict EU standards on food safety, pesticides, environmental protection and labour conditions. They should not be placed at a competitive disadvantage against imports that are either produced under weaker or less transparent requirements or potentially benefiting from unfair state subsidies. This is also a matter of food security: excessive dependence on non-EU suppliers for a basic food ingredient would create a strategic vulnerability.

1. Will the Commission establish immediate market monitoring of tomato concentrate imports from China, including detailed data on import volumes, prices and origin, and assess whether these imports are causing injury to EU producers and processors?

2. Where evidence points to unfair competition, dumping practices, subsidised imports or serious market disturbance, is the Commission ready to initiate, without delay, appropriate trade defence proceedings, including anti-dumping, anti-subsidy or safeguard measures, while also strengthening origin labelling and traceability?

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