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The Commission is aware of the importance of the Chinese export market for EU exporters of certain pork products, and of the severe impact that recently imposed duties have on EU pork producers. The unfoundedness of this investigation is regularly raised in bilateral contacts at all levels, and the EU's concerns on trade issues were also raised by the Commission President in her meeting with China's Prime Minister end of September 2025.

Since the beginning of this investigation, the Commission services actively intervened as interested party to defend the interests of EU pork producers. Following the announcement of provisional measures, the Commission immediately submitted comments to the Chinese Ministry of Commerce, detailing the shortcomings of the investigation leading to these unwarranted measures, *inter alia* questioning the method for applying the excessive duty of 62.4% to most exporters and requesting the investigation to be terminated.

In addition, the Commission is carefully assessing all the information available, also in view of compliance by China with its obligations under the World Trade Organization and is looking into all options to protect the interests of the EU sector.

The Commission is also monitoring the economic impact of Chinese duties on the EU pork sector. If needed, steps may be taken to respond to market disturbances through EU measures financed under the agricultural reserve.