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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Ribera
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission remains at all times committed to assuring an efficient functioning of the Single Market through enforcement of competition rules. Article 101 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union applies to agreements or concerted practices between operators. The situation referred to by the Honourable Members seems to be explained by individual decisions of market operators and the Commission is not aware of elements indicating coordination leading to price-fixing arrangements. Hence, the situation does not warrant a competition investigation into a possible breach of Article 101 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. Of course, the Commission remains open to receive any other relevant elements on the matter.

Regarding the checks to prevent origin fraud, all olive oils marketed in the EU must comply with a strict set of marketing standards¹, independently of their origin. Member States must carry out a number of conformity checks on olive oil in relation to its production and internal composition, and carry out these controls based on risk analysis that relies on various factors, including its price, storage facilities and country of origin.

Besides, EU imports of olive oil from Tunisia and Türkiye under a preferential tariff regime are subject to preferential rules of origin. Member States' customs authorities are competent as regards doubt as to the authenticity of the declared origin and may request a verification to confirm the origin of the products concerned.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R2104>.