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China has initiated three investigations regarding agri-food products (brandy, pork and dairy) following the EU's legitimate anti-subsidy investigation and fully World Trade Organization (WTO) compliant countervailing measures on imports of electric vehicles from China. While the Commission seriously doubts these investigations to be well founded, it is important to assess each of them on its merits and challenge them via the appropriate legal avenues. Any course of action in response to China's investigations should ensure the continued effectiveness of the EU's trade defence instruments, a very important tool against unfair trading practices. Indeed, of the over 200 EU measures currently in place, around two thirds concern imports from China and together protect more than 600 000 jobs.

That said, the Commission has been following these investigations very closely from the start and intervened at technical level as well as in high-level meetings and through bilateral contacts. Definitive anti-dumping duties on imports of brandy, mostly in the form of price undertakings, were imposed in July 2025 and the Commission is currently analysing the next steps including a possible WTO challenge.

On pork, provisional measures are in force since September 2025 and the Commission continues to closely follow the investigation, including during the hearing on 31 October 2025 where the head of the EU Delegation in Beijing intervened on behalf of the stakeholders concerned.

As regards the anti-subsidy investigation concerning dairy products, the Commission has already challenged the initiation of the investigation at the WTO and will scrutinise any measures as to their WTO compatibility and challenge them as appropriate.