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Answer given by Mr Šefčovič
on behalf of the European Commission
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The provisional measures on imports of candles, tapers and the like were based on preliminary findings indicating the pressing need to address injury caused to the EU industry by Chinese imports, to safeguard its viability and to support fair competition within the internal market. The investigation is currently ongoing, with the Commission services continuing to gather and verify relevant data. All interested parties have been invited to submit comments and request hearings. As part of its assessment of the EU interest, the Commission examines closely the situation of all interested parties, including importers, and is considering all relevant information to ensure a balanced and proportionate final determination.

Regarding the possibility for importers to react to the introduction of measures, the Commission points out that a pre-disclosure of proposed provisional duties was issued four weeks before imposition, giving parties time to assess potential impacts.

Furthermore, at the provisional stage, the legal possibility exists in a number of Member States for duties to only be secured by a guarantee which will only be collected if confirmed at the definitive stage.