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**Question for written answer E-004072/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Anti-dumping measures and problems for Italian pasta makers

In recent months, several leading Italian companies manufacturing pasta, that symbol of Italy's agrifood excellence, have been the subject of an anti-dumping investigation by the US Department of Commerce, which has proposed provisional duties of over 91%, thereby seriously threatening exports to the US, a historically and strategically important market for the Italian pasta industry.

This move comes on top of the duties already being applied and is liable to undermine the competitiveness of Italian companies and the integrity of the 'Made in Italy' brand, which is already facing difficulties in competing on the US market owing to the proven existence of unfair 'Italian sounding' practices (which would themselves benefit from the anti-dumping measures).

Could the Commission therefore answer the following questions:

1. Will it harness every possible diplomatic and trade instrument at its disposal to support the Italian Government in its negotiations with the US authorities aimed at having the provisional duties reviewed and revoked?
2. Does it plan to adopt specific measures to protect the Italian agri-food sector at Community level in order to preserve the competitiveness and value of the 'Made in Italy' brand on the international markets, especially in the face of commercial practices held to be unfair and discriminatory?

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**Answer given by Mr Šefčovič on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is aware of the difficulties faced by Italian pasta producers and is actively engaged at every level to support them. In close coordination with Italy and the producers concerned, on 6 October 2025 the Commission filed comments with the Department of Commerce in the framework of the investigation to recall the World Trade Organisation criteria for correctly determining dumping margins for companies under investigation.

The issue has been raised consistently with the United States in all relevant fora. The Commission's concerns were raised with the United States at the Anti-dumping committee in Geneva on 28-29 October 2025 and the Commission continues to raise the matter in bilateral contacts at both technical and political level.

The Commission is also in regular and direct contact with Italian pasta producers. Senior Commission officials have recently held dedicated calls with the sector to ensure the sector's views and evidence are fully reflected in the Commission's engagement with the United States.

The Commission will continue to monitor the situation and supports the competitiveness of the EU agri-food sector, including Italian pasta producers.

The Commission continues to support the sector — and more broadly European agri-food — through existing EU instruments such as promotion programmes, protection of geographical indications, and ongoing trade dialogues.
