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The Dutch government's decision to impose certain restrictions in relation to the governance of Nexperia was taken to address concrete security risks stemming from serious and well-substantiated concerns over the mismanagement of this company. The Dutch authorities have clearly stated that the ministerial order is a national measure taken under the Goods Availability Act and is based on the Netherlands' own findings and assessment.

The Commission took note of this initial decision to intervene and has been following closely all further developments, including the response taken by the Chinese side. In parallel, the competent Dutch Court continues assessing alleged misconduct.

The Commission has been acting primarily as a facilitator in the ongoing bilateral negotiations, seeking to re-establish these critical supply chains and finding a long-term solution. As a result of these efforts, China has eased the restrictive export measures, allowing Nexperia products to be shipped. The situation remains however critical.

The Commission continues to closely monitor the situation and act in accordance with the situational need and applicable rules.