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The Commission is closely monitoring developments concerning the possible extension of United States Section 232 measures to canned food products. The Commission maintains regular communication with the United States authorities at both technical and political levels to ensure that the EU's interests are fully taken into account.

In this context, the Commission is requesting that the United States exempt EU exports from any further extension of Section 232 measures on steel and aluminium derivatives. This would preserve the spirit of the political deal agreed by the President of the Commission and the President of the United States, as reflected in the Joint Statement¹. This would ensure that EU exports of canned goods and fruit compotes are only subject to the single, all-inclusive 15% tariff rate, and do not face any other duties or further administrative requirements. The Commission will continue to advocate for EU consumers, producers and exporters.

The Commission is fully committed to protecting EU industries from unfair competition from imports. The EU has over 220 trade defence measures in place, including – since 2008 – anti-dumping measures on imports of prepared or preserved citrus fruits from China², under expiry review since 21 October 2025.

The Commission conducts investigations where it receives evidence from any affected EU industry of injury suffered from dumped and/or subsidised imports and that action is warranted. The peach compote industry is invited to contact the Commission's trade defence services³ to discuss the issues of concern.

¹ https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/news/joint-statement-united-states-european-union-framework-agreement-reciprocal-fair-and-balanced-trade-2025-08-21_en.

² http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/1534/2021-09-07.

³ https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/contacts/trade-defence-enquiries_en.