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**Question for written answer E-000346/26
to the Commission**

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Subject: Extending anti-dumping duties to Chinese hybrid vehicles

On 16 January 2026, a Commission spokesperson said that a possible extension of the anti-dumping duties currently applied to Chinese electric vehicles was not on the table ⁽¹⁾, and pointed out that the research behind the countervailing duties focused only on electric vehicles. ⁽²⁾ Stéphane Séjourné, meanwhile, has raised the issue of such an extension a number of times — demonstrating some disagreement among different Commission departments. ⁽³⁾

What is more, Chinese hybrid vehicles already account for 15% of hybrid vehicles currently on the European market.

Given the flexibility measures established in the Automotive Package, consumers' preference for this type of technology as part of decarbonisation, and trade dynamics between the EU and China, we can expect a significant increase in exports of Chinese hybrid vehicles to the EU.

Against this background, does the Commission intend to revise its position and launch a study to determine to what extent extending anti-dumping duties to Chinese hybrid vehicles would be appropriate and feasible?

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Answer given by Mr Šefčovič on behalf of the European Commission

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Countervailing measures were imposed in October 2024 on imports of battery electric vehicles from China following an investigation conducted in line with the EU's anti-subsidy legislation.

That investigation did not cover imports of hybrid vehicles. Trade defence measures are limited by the scope of the relevant investigation and cannot be imposed on or extended to imports of products which were not investigated.

The Commission takes action to defend EU industry from unfairly traded imports where it receives a complaint from industry with evidence supporting allegations of injurious dumping/subsidisation.

There is no ongoing investigation concerning imports of hybrid vehicles from China and the Commission cannot comment nor provide information as to potential complaints seeking the initiation of an investigation. The Complaints Office of Trade Defence Services can be contacted to discuss the procedure ⁽¹⁾.

¹ <https://audiovisual.ec.europa.eu/en/media/video/1-283457>

² https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-issues-guidance-document-submission-price-undertaking-offers-battery-electric-vehicles-2026-01-12_en

³ <https://euractiv.fr/news/exclusif-lue-envisage-dimposer-des-droits-de-douane-sur-les-voitures-hybrides-chinoises/>

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