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**Priority question for written answer P-001549/25
to the Commission
Pierre Juvet (S&D)
(16 April 2025)**

Subject: End of customs exemption for small packages worth less than EUR 150

Over the past three years, Europe has seen a massive influx of products imported from China via e-commerce platforms that do not comply with European safety standards. Sent directly to consumers, they are exempt from customs controls and are exempt from charges, as their value is less than EUR 150.

The volume of these products doubles each year. A US decree signed on 8 April 2025 provides for a tripling of tariffs on such parcels arriving in the US. This measure could induce China to redirect these export flows to the EU, further increasing the volume of imports.

1. What does the Commission plan to do to speed up the end of the customs exemption for such imports? Work on the reform of the Customs Union Code is progressing slowly. Will this reform be completed in time to be implemented in 2028, and is the Commission prepared to bring this exemption to an end more swiftly?
2. What certainty is there that China will honour the commitments it made during Commissioner Šefčovič's visit to the country?

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**Question for written answer E-001907/25
to the Commission
Tobiasz Bocheński (ECR)
(13 May 2025)**

Subject: Abolition of relief from customs duties for consignments from outside the EU with a value of less than EUR 150

The Commission plans to eliminate the current relief from customs duties for consignments from outside the EU with a value of less than EUR 150. Currently, such consignments are subject to VAT but not customs duties. The aim of the planned reform is to reduce the practice of under-declaring the value of goods in order to avoid customs duties and to strengthen fair competition in the EU market.

As part of its work on the reform of the Customs Union, the Commission foresees that all consignments from outside the EU will be subject to customs duties, regardless of their value. The current proposed date for the entry into force of these amendments is 1 March 2028.

Bearing in mind the interests of the European e-commerce industry and the need to tighten up the system for collecting customs duties and VAT on imports, I would ask you to answer the following question:

Is the Commission in a position to speed up the implementation of the proposed amendments, in particular the abolition of the EUR 150 customs threshold, so that they can be introduced as early as January 2026?

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**Joint answer given by Mr Šefčovič on behalf of the European Commission
(18 June 2025)**

1. The Commission stands ready to work with the co-legislators to bring forward the date of application of the e-commerce measures of the Customs Reform ahead of March 2028, which is the date initially foreseen in the proposal. However, this potential change in the date requires the introduction of the EU Customs Authority as of 2026, and the preparation of the first elements of the EU Customs Data Hub as soon as possible, to ensure efficient data processing and risk management.

During the ongoing negotiations on the Customs Reform proposal, the Council is making progress in getting to a common approach ahead of trilogue negotiations, with the view of an adoption in 2025.

2. During the visit of the Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security, Interinstitutional Relations and Transparency in March 2025, both the Commission and the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) agreed to continue to strengthen the customs cooperation, including specifically on e-commerce. As a follow-up to the visit, the EU and China agreed already to hold an EU-China Working Group on e-commerce in 2025, which is a first step in the right direction.
