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to the Commission**

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Subject: Repercussions in the raw materials sector should China be granted market economy status

Production of raw materials in the EU costs more than in China on account of compliance with EU rules concerning labour issues, safety, consumer protection, the food chain and the environment.

As China is a significant producer of raw materials, removing anti-dumping measures targeting China would leave EU raw material producers exposed. The result would be an end to production of these raw materials in the EU, which would in turn mean fewer sources of supply, less security of supply and fewer guarantees for the consumer that EU legislation has been complied with during production, which is fundamental to food safety and environmental issues.

Does the Commission believe there is a risk that raw material production in the EU could be dismantled if China is granted market economy status? Similarly, would EU dependency in regard to these critical raw materials increase?

Would granting China market economy status be compatible with implementing measures to protect from dumping sectors that are or have been protected by EU anti-dumping legislation?