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to the Commission**

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Subject: US tariffs on wine, oil and cheese

The US President has recently announced the imposition of new tariffs on products from the EU, including agricultural and food products such as wine, cheese and olive oil.

As a result, the agri-food sector is left to pick up the pieces of a trade war that it didn't start, not to mention the major consequences for businesses, workers and certain regions. In Spain alone, exports of wine, olive oil, olives and cheeses are worth EUR 970 million per year, with exports to the tune of EUR 350 million going to the US. The figures are equally significant in other EU countries.

The tariffs will be implemented on 18 October 2019. Therefore, given the gravity of the situation and the immediacy of its effects:

1. Does the Commission have precise figures for the amount of agri-food exports that may be affected, the types of businesses affected, and the impact on producer regions and employment? Could it provide us with that information?
2. Is the Commission planning to implement some form of contingency plan to compensate the producers and territories that will be affected? What steps will be taken in this regard?
3. Is the Commission reconsidering its long-term trade links with the United States?